

TOWN OF MADISON - PUBLIC NOTICE

The Inhabitants of the Town of Madison are hereby notified of a public meeting,
The time, place and purpose of which are as follows:

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
OLD POINT AVENUE FACILITY, 108 OLD POINT AVENUE, MADISON
Tuesday June 2, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag. Done.
- B. Roll Call. Present were Albert Veneziano, Jack Ducharme, Cyp Johnson, Paul Fortin, Mike Edgerly.
- C. Consent Agenda.
 - 1. Warrants dated: #37 (05/11/15 - \$111,138.31), #38 (05/11/15 - \$1,413.19) - Library; Payroll Registers dated: Week #20 (05/14/15 - \$16,711.51); Week #21 (05/17/15) and #22 (05/24/15). Selectman Ducharme made a motion to approve. Selectman Fortin seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Discuss meeting minutes of May 11, 2015. Selectman Fortin made a motion to accept the minutes. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting). Selectmen Edgerly, Fortin, Ducharme and Veneziano had none. Selectman Johnson wanted to address a need for dredging the boat landing at Wesserunsett Lake. It was stated that it isn't a problem during Spring but as the water level drops in Summer, passage on to the Lake is poor. The Town Manager will look into what can be done. It was suggested that we contact DEP.
- F. Items of Communication.
 - 1. Legislation update – we originally put in two bills LD 281 and 282. LD 281 made it out of Taxation Committee with divided support (8-5). There is little support from the Senate - not sure this bill will pass. School funding – the impact to the rest of the state is less than 1% but the impact to Madison, Skowhegan, Jay and Millinocket is huge according to MMA. The approach now is to reach out to Representative McCabe and Senator Thibodeau and ask that they take this bill to the appropriations committee to put it in the budget. MMA is recommending the Town sign a resolution. Selectman Johnson made a motion to approve the resolution. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
 - 2. Regarding the purchase of the old reservoir site from the Water District, Town Manager Curtis spoke with Lori Blaisdell and the cost will be about \$200 in title and attorney fees.
 - 3. Concerning the site of the Old Mill Store in East Madison, property abutters – the Quirion's would like access to their backyard, coming in about 5' on the Town's property. The cost to have a deed prepared would be about \$200 – cost to be shared with the Quirions'.
 - 4. Phone and internet hookups at the Highway Garage are done. Selectman Fortin asked for the total amount we've paid to Somerset County over the past two years as well as the costs to convert the Highway Garage.
 - 5. Town Manager spoke with Sheriff Lancaster about sitting in on union negotiations (Fraternal Order of Police) who stated there was nothing to talk about until after Town Meeting.
 - 6. Summit is done on Pine Street.
 - 7. Somerset County's proposed budget is available. A public hearing is scheduled for June 11th. The Town of Madison's proposed increase to the budget is about \$60,630.
- G. New Business.
 - 1. Conduct a Public Hearing to discuss the Floodplain Management Ordinance for the Town of Madison. Chairman Veneziano opened the public hearing. Town Manager Curtis said that our current ordinance

dates back to 1995. There are several recommendations for changes which would expand the language in the ordinance; however there will be no changes to the floodplain maps. There were no public comments. Chairman Veneziano closed the public hearing.

2. Discuss Cemetery mowing contracts. The cemeteries were not mowed for Memorial Day. Town Manager sent a letter to Mr. Dwayne Holmes, Maine Property Services of Oakland, who is the contractor for the cemetery mowing. We issued him a check on April 29th for \$1,793 and another check on May 11th for \$1,793. He's cashed our checks. Dan McKenney mowed the cemeteries this week. He expressed some interest in bidding on a mowing contract. Bob Bishop is willing to mow the other 10 cemeteries. Ray Tuscan offered to mow town properties. The Board agreed to authorize the Town Manager to pursue collecting the funds paid to Mr Holmes. Selectman Fortin suggested assigning the duty of inspecting the cemeteries to the Road Commissioner to ensure that they are being mowed. Town owned property contract was with Kris Theborge – he is no longer in that business. Town Manager contacted Fraz Landscaping to mow. Manager Curtis would like permission to hire out mowing of cemeteries and town owned properties for this growing season. The Board agreed and suggested the Town revive the Cemetery Committee to look after the cemeteries.
 3. Discuss cemetery plot request. Bob and Meredith Ward would like to utilize a single grave for their one child who's already buried there and their two cremated remains. This is not currently allowed in our Cemetery Ordinance. Selectman Fortin made a motion to provide for the cremated remains of the Ward's to be buried in the same plot with their child. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
 4. Update Tax Acquired Property. The two remaining properties are currently occupied. The heirs of 170 Old Point Avenue will be in this week to pay their 2012 tax payment and set up a payment plan. The owner at 400 Main Street will be vacating the property. The Town will change the locks on June 15th.
 5. Discuss Property Maintenance Ordinance enforcement process. Town Manager Curtis spoke with Lori Blaisdell about the Ordinance; he reviewed the procedure with the Board. One recommendation was to list out the items that need to be cleaned up in our citations giving clear instructions as to what needs to be done. The Board agreed to incorporate the list in our citations.
 6. Review Sign Usage Policy. The Town Office is receiving a number of requests for the electronic sign at the playground for short-term or one time fundraisers. The Town Manager asked the Board to enact the policy as amended to include fundraisers. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to adopt this as the official policy removing the 60 day pilot and adding the word fundraisers under the no personal requests line. Selectman Fortin seconded. Motion carried.
 7. Discuss approved TIF usage and cash flow. Town Manager Curtis said the safest way to utilize TIF money in our shortages of cash flow is to transfer the funds all at once instead of quarterly. Our current checkbook balance is down to \$1.57 million. Tammy Murray will be putting out 30 day lien notices on June 12th. This will generate \$250,000 to \$300,000 of tax revenue. Selectman Fortin made a motion to pay for the repairs to Engine #71 from TIF funds (\$16,030.87). Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
 8. Final preparations for Town Meeting. Town Manager gave copy of press release to the board for review.
- H. Selectmen's Concerns. Selectman Edgerly had none. Selectman Fortin asked if we would have a handout by position of salary and benefits at Town Meeting. Selectman Johnson thanked the Town Manager for preparing handouts for the Board stating that it was helpful. Selectman Ducharme asked what we were doing with Weston Avenue regarding the cleanup. Town Manager Curtis stated that Highway is running at half-staff during May and June and projects that have taken priority are Spring Cleanup and grading roads. The next priority is to do some work up to the ice rink. Selectman Fortin asked the Board to consider beach volleyball and a few horseshoe pits at that site. The Board agreed. Selectman Veneziano had none.

- I. Citizen's Concerns. None.
- J. Executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(A). Selectman Johnson made a motion to go into executive session. Selectman Ducharme seconded. The Board went into executive session at 7:44 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 8:24 p.m. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to agree to the contract with Shirley Bartlett Assessing Services for 3 years at a rate of \$25,000/year for our assessing services. Selectman Fortin seconded. Motion carried.
- K. Executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(A). Selectman Ducharme made a motion to go into executive session. Motion was seconded. The Board went into executive session at 8:26 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 9:55 p.m. Selectman Fortin made a motion to give the non-union employees of the Town of Madison a raise of 2% effective July 1st. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
- L. Adjournment. Selectman Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Ducharme seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.