

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 Ave School Meeting Room (108 Old Point Ave) Monday March 28, 2016

- A. Salute to the flag.
- B. Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. All Selectmen were in attendance: Chairman Al Veneziano, Vice Chair Jack Ducharme, Mike Edgerly, Paul Fortin and Cyp Johnson.
- C. Consent Agenda: Warrants dated: #25 (3/14/16 - \$357,170.00); #27 (3/21/16 - \$1,500.00); Payroll Registers: #11 (3/17/16 - \$10,672.22); #12 (3/24/16 - \$12,729.90): Motion to approve by Selectman Ducharme, seconded by Selectman Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of March 21, 2016: Motion to approve by Selectman Fortin, seconded by Selectman Edgerly. Motion carries 5-0.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting): Mr. Ducharme wanted to continue the discussion regarding fees associated with disposal of municipal solid waste from the last meeting. He suggested that the Town consider raising the permit fee for commercial haulers to do business in Madison from the current \$50 per year. Mr. Veneziano asked the Town Manager if he thought the fee should be raised. Town Manager Tim Curtis said it has been discussed within the office for several years especially since the neighboring town of Skowhegan charges \$350 for their commercial hauler permit fee. Motion from Mr. Fortin to raise the fee from \$50 to \$250 effective July 1, 2016, seconded by Mr. Ducharme. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Fortin also asked the Town Manager to check with Skowhegan about how their transfer station handles cardboard collection from local businesses.

F. Items of Communication:

The Town Manager updated the Board on the progress of LD281, legislation to allow town's affected by a loss in valuation to receive school funding without being subject to the three year rolling average. The Governor's office was reviewing the changes and Senator Whitemore hoped to have the bill before the Senate this week. Mr. Veneziano asked if the town needed to send people to speak on behalf of the bill. The Town Manager says there are no further public hearings, that the bill will be debated on the floor of the House and Senate.

Bee Line Cable has giving the town notice that they will raise basic cable rates to just over \$88 per month.

The Town Manager shared a memo that outlines rationale for the Board's decision to eliminate curbside recycling from the proposed budget. The board recommended adding language to state that the MSW & Recycling Committee will remain in place to work to find other ways to encourage recycling, the back gate in Norridgewock will remain open to accept recycling and that the town will continue to participate in Hazardous Waste Take Back Days in the fall.

The MSAD59 school superintendent has given notice that members of the public advisory team will begin looking at the school budget later this month.

The Governor will conduct a Town Hall Meeting in Madison on Wednesday March 30 at 6pm. The Budget Advisory Board meeting with the Selectmen has been moved from that night to Wednesday April 6.

Sheriff Lancaster told the Town Manager that he confirmed from the state that the County was not responsible for reimbursing the town for training when Deputy Dyer moved to the rural division of the County Sheriff's Office since the Madison Police Department was absorbed into the Sheriff's Office. Going forward however, there will be language in the contract between the Town and the County to ensure that Madison is compensated for the training they pay for if and when deputies move out of the Madison Division to another job within the Sheriff's Office.

Current checkbook balance is at \$2.1M and the town is back to the regular payment schedule with the school district. The Town Manager noted that uncollected taxes are approximately \$500,000 which is in line with the same time last year.

G. New Business

1. Discuss Tax Acquired Property: The Town Manager asked the board for direction on several pieces of property to be sold at public auction. The family that owned 53 acres at the end of Adams Road has not responded to efforts to contact them. This property has no buildings and is located about 1200 feet beyond the Town right of way. If sold it should be noted that the owner would be responsible for developing the road to town standards if needed. The board recommended a minimum bid of at least \$300 per acre or \$15,000.

29 Jones Street is a lot with a pad for a mobile home and utilities. The board recommended a minimum of at least \$5,000.

2.3 acres off of Business Park drive has been in bankruptcy for several years. The title is now clear to sell. The board recommended a minimum of \$5,000.

There is property off Ward Hill Road that the Town Manager is waiting to hear back from the owner who thought it was sold after his ex-wife received it in the divorce settlement. Board wants to wait to get more information.

Three house lots on Sugarloaf Lane have been for sale for about \$23,000. The board recommended to set a minimum of \$15,000 per lot.

The Town Manager updated the board on the status of other properties including 204 White Schoolhouse Road, 51 John St, 84 Pine Street, 888 Lakewood Road, 32 Naomi Ave and 160 Whittier Farm Road.

2. Discuss Property Maintenance Ordinance: The Town Manager asked the board for direction on using the 2014 Land Use Plan Map from the Comprehensive Plan as a reference for use in the updates to the Property Maintenance Ordinance. The board agreed that the priority for enforcement should be in the three identified village areas: Madison Village, East Madison Village, and Lakewood Village. The Town Manager will take the recommendation to the Property Maintenance Committee and report back with a date for the final public hearing before Town Meeting.

The Town Manager wanted to know if the Board was going to pursue any ordinance changes for Farm Animals or Fireworks this year. The consensus of the board was to not pursue any for this year. The Town Manager mentioned that perhaps it would be best to ask the Planning Board to work on these ideas throughout the coming fiscal year.

H. Selectmen's Concerns: None

I. Citizen's Concerns: One resident asked about the need to purchase a police cruiser. The Town has money set aside for the Sheriff's Office to purchase a new cruiser for the Madison Division. The Town Manager explained that the contract with the Sheriff's Office does not include cruisers which are purchased separately through capital expenditures. The previous police department purchased one new cruiser every year and the Sheriff has curtailed that to one every other year.

J. Executive Session to discuss an economic development matter pursuant to 1MRSA 405 (6) (c): Motion to enter executive session by Mr. Fortin, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carries 5-0. Board entered into executive session at 7:20pm.

Board exited executive session at 8:10pm. No action taken.

K. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.