

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
Monday, November 10, 2014
6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag. Done.
- B. Roll Call. Present were Albert Veneziano, Jack Ducharme, Mike Edgerly, Cyp Johnson. Selectman Fortin was absent.
- C. Consent Agenda.
 - 1. Warrants dated: #13 (10/27/14), #14 (10/27/14). Payroll Registers dated: Week #44 (10/30/14), #45 (11/06/14). Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the warrants. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Discuss meeting minutes of October 27, 2014. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to approve. Selectman Edgerly seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting). Selectman Ducharme stated that the Board had voted to advertise for a Town Manager for two consecutive weekends. The cost was prohibitive - the total to advertise for one weekend and 30-day online service was \$2,790. Selectman Johnson made a motion to rescind the advertising for November 15th (2nd weekend) due to cost. Selectman Edgerly seconded. Motion carried.
- F. Items of Communication.
 - 1. The People Who Care Food Cupboard wrote a thank you for the donation received from the Town.
 - 2. Jack Ducharme reported that Seacoast Security's contact list has been updated.
 - 3. We received some insurance money from the flooding of the Police Department. The total received so far is \$36,204. There is still an outstanding bill for utility hookup and from Waste Management.
 - 4. FairPoint Communication will hopefully finish the internet piece this week. They expect the new telephone system to be operational within two-three weeks.
 - 5. We received a cancellation notice from one of our mowing contractors. Contract calls for insurance year round. The direction of the Board is to get them to reinstate the insurance or contractor has breached his contract.
- G. New Business.
 - 1. Discuss bank proposals for Line-of-Credit. We had representatives from Skowhegan Savings Bank – David Cyr, Vicky Alward and Will Hat. Bangor Savings Bank was not represented at the meeting. Selectman Ducharme recused himself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest. The bank proposed to put a line of credit in place up to \$300,000 in that 1st year, 2nd year up to \$1,750,000, 3rd and 4th years up to \$2,500,000 and then in 2019 repaying that back at a rate of \$1,000,000 per year, with payoff being in 2021. They also offered to give the Town a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for up to \$700,000 to cover seasonal needs at a 1% interest rate. The line of credit (term loan) is proposed at 3.5% interest rate on amounts borrowed. Part of this agreement would be to transfer our accounts to Skowhegan Savings Bank by July 1, 2015; otherwise an increased interest rate of 1% would be imposed. They would need to look at the past 12 months of bank statements. The Line-of-Credit can

be set up within a week or two. The Board agreed to allow Skowhegan Savings Bank to look at the financial statements. The Treasurer will ask Bangor Savings Bank to come to the meeting of November 24th. Skowhegan Savings Bank will be represented at the next meeting as well.

2. Department head reports: Police, Recreation, Code Enforcement. Chief Moores reported that there was a total of 565 calls for the month, 231 building checks, 24 motor vehicle accidents, etc. Mileage on cruisers is coming down – Chief has assigned cars to two officers at a time, one officer is in one car and reserve officers will use the other one. Recreation Director not present – written report stated that fall sports are coming to an end, basketball getting ready to go. He has concerns with the ice skating rink. Bob Dunphy gave the Board a list of what he's been working on. He reported on item #5. Attorney advised to take him back to court to pay the \$25/day fine or ask the Town to hire someone or do the cleanup ourselves and put a lien on the property for it. The Board agreed to move forward. Item #6 has to go back to court – waiting on a court date. Item #8. That's going to be a court judgment within two weeks. The Town did visit the Naomi Avenue property – they have a violation notice that is due 12/6/14 to clean it up or go to court. The side of the Blackwell building is being worked on.
3. Discuss items for joint meeting with Skowhegan Board of Selectmen. The meeting is scheduled for the 24th of November. Fire, valuation legislation, purchasing opportunities, and sewer connection up Route 201 were items noted for discussion.
4. Update on Weston Avenue/Mill Pond demo projects. Selectman Edgerly said that there were questions on the manner in which they did some backfilling and the quality of material used. He met with Dirigo on site. They removed the loam (took it down about 5 inches) and removed the debris. They assured them that the area was compacted (Dirigo was not on site that day to confirm). If it settles, they'll come back and fix it. They found styrofoam underneath the asphalt around the building. They had left that in there and that's why the grade was up a little bit higher. He didn't want to take it out because he didn't think it was in his specs to do so. Dirigo told him to remove it and will consult with Trask on what is considered "demo". The styrofoam and pavement have been removed. A question was raised about putting in an ice rink this year. They've hydroseeded it but obviously grass will not grow until next year. Anything that we disturb ourselves will not be repairable by the contractor. Dirigo is satisfied with the work. Mike discussed liquidated damages (completion date was October 27 and they missed it). They're penalized \$500/day. The Board will review the bills before releasing any more funds.

Regarding the Mill Pond Store, Mike doesn't think the well head has been cut off, filled and buried. Mike will check with Dirigo.

5. Discuss legislative tax relief. Bill VanTuinen talked with the Board about 1) whether or not the Town might want to engage the services of a lobbyist firm to assist with advocating our position. He recommends using Mitchell & Tardy. Bill suggested we team up with Skowhegan on proposed legislation. We should focus on our own needs as well, TIF and Education funding independently of other communities. Regarding the education funding, he suggested that we not try to change the formula but rather try to have a Resolve passed by the Legislature that directs the Department of Education to substitute something else for the next three years. This would be a singular occurrence for the Town of Madison, not a "wholesale change" to the formula. The Board asked Bill to meet with Mitchell & Tardy. Selectman Ducharme will join the meeting if possible. Working together with Skowhegan is the next step.

Concerning our tax appeal, the hearing date is December 19th at 9 a.m. Board members invited to attend.

6. Discuss Madison/Anson Days committee. Jack Ducharme said the need for a chairperson/coordinator has been put out to several groups. At this point no one has responded. To receive funds from the Town of Anson, a budget request needs to be made by November 21st. We received \$5,000 last year. Chairman Veneziano will submit request.

7. Discuss checkbook balance. The Finance Officer will provide an expense summary to the Board at the end of every month. The current checkbook balance is roughly \$2,500,000. The Board needs to determine the minimum checkbook balance amount to trigger action on borrowing from the Line-of-Credit. They determined that amount to be \$800,000.
- H. Selectmen's Comments. **Selectman Edgerly** discussed his communications with Dirigo. Additional unresolved issues remain. Chairman Veneziano said that Road Commission Mantor met with them today. **Selectman Johnson** said he was approached by the American Legion about the Joe Quirion Monument in East Madison – will it be moved to the store lot by Memorial Day. Selectman Ducharme and Veneziano had none.
- I. Citizen's Comments. Tammy Carrier mentioned payroll (bringing it in house or outsourcing it). She is looking for some direction from the Board and to schedule training. Selectman Ducharme suggested we leave things the way they are until a new manager is hired. Board was in agreement.
- 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 to discuss a personnel matter. Selectman Ducharme seconded. The Board went into executive session at 8:02 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 8:17 p.m. No action taken.
- K. Executive Session to discuss a labor negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(D). Selectman Ducharme made a motion to go into executive session. Selectman Edgerly seconded. The Board went into executive session at 8:18 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 8:29 p.m. No action taken
- L. Adjournment. Selectman Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Ducharme seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.