

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
EAST MADISON FIRE STATION, 1110 EAST MADISON ROAD
Monday, February 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

- A. Salute to the flag. Done.
- B. Roll Call. Present were Jack Ducharme, Bruce Bristow, Paul Fortin and Cyp Johnson. Albert Veneziano was absent.
- C. Consent Agenda.
 - 1. Warrants dated: #63 (2/10/14), Payroll Registers: Week #7 (2/13/14), Week #8 (2/20/14). Selectman Bristow made a motion to accept. Selectman Fortin seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Discuss meeting minutes of February 10, 2014. Selectman Bristow made a motion to accept. Selectman Fortin seconded. Item K - The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. with no action taken. Adjourned at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting). None.
- F. Items of Communication.
 - 1. Town Manager attended the first SAD budget committee meeting.
 - 2. Town Manager will be meeting with the Superintendent of SAD #59 to talk about combined surplus revenues for SAD #59 and the Town.
 - 3. Town Manager attended a Superior Court hearing on the dispute between the County and Bureau of Corrections over the use of Federal Prisoner revenue to help pay off debt to the jail which would reduce taxes. The judge ruled in the county's favor.
 - 4. Town Manager conducted a couple interviews for the Bookkeeper position - no decision to date.
 - 5. Town Manager has a discussion with Joan Fortin about the TIF amendment. DECD had questions about Selectmen control. She is working on a response to that question.
 - 6. Town Manager will be starting the budget process with Departments this week.
 - 7. Summit Informational meeting drew about 60 residents. The greater the interest the quicker the pipe will be in the ground.
 - 8. Recycling met last week to gather information so we can determine cost savings if the Town had its' own transfer station. They plan to meet in the next couple weeks to review facilities and determine the cost associated with each facility.
- G. New Business.
 - 1. Review bid for bucket loader. Last summer, we opened the bids for a new bucket loader. The winning bid was from Frank Martin & Sons. We decided to hold off on the purchase. There are only 3 or 4 units available before we may be forced to go to a tier 4 emissions machine, which will increase the purchase price and adds to the overall operating costs. The Town set aside \$45,000 in both 2012 and 2013 and \$40,000 in 2014, a total of \$130,000. The bid came in at \$138,000. Town Manager recommends purchasing this machine now. There may be enough in the operating budget to make up the difference. Selectman Fortin made a motion to purchase the loader at a bid price of \$137,800. Selectman Bristow seconded. Town Manager Berry added that we will be putting the old loader out for bid. Motion carried.
 - 2. Discuss working with SAD 59 on mowing and snow removal. Town Manager had a brief discussion with Chris LeBlanc. They would like to explore the idea of highway plow the parking lots for the

SAD (elementary, Jr high and at high school), in exchange the school district would mow town owned properties and ball fields. It may add a part time person for a few hours. The Board was in favor of this.

3. Tim Curtis asked to discuss the current website – Town has been looking into replacing the website. The cost would be \$4,000. Funds are available in the current TIF agreement to do this update. The number of hits on the site is of interest to the Board. Town Manager to gather this information. This new site would be easy to manage, easy to add pictures, videos, etc. Utilizing the SAD to update our website was mentioned. The board agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.
4. Discuss tourism grant. Tim has joined the Kennebec Valley Regional Tourism Board of Directors. Each year to offer small mini grants for municipalities and agencies who try to promote their regions or town. It provides 2/3rds of the cost of the project up to a maximum of \$2,500 but it must be tied to advertising. Tim thought about producing short videos promoting recreation in Madison. The cost to create a video is about \$1,200. Tim would like to apply for a grant for 3 videos at a cost of \$3,600. With a grant covering \$2,400 of the cost, he would like permission to use \$1,200 from the TIF account to pay for the remaining balance. The application is due Friday of this week. The Town will submit the application and come back to the Board if granted.

Assistance to firefighters grant - a \$180,000 equipment grant. We scored very high in the second phase of this grant's approval process. We should know by mid-March, funds to come from FEMA. This grant would purchase SCBA equipment, new compressor and new tank filling station. This grant has a 5% local match requirement or \$9,000. That's a major grant.

5. Discuss Grant Reimbursement Program. This is the matching grant program. We have two complete applications that have been submitted. There are three others who have expressed some interest but we don't know where they stand. The applications have a March 3rd deadline. Tim asked the Board to extend the deadline to March 14th. One of the possible reasons for extending the deadline is the conversion to natural gas – rebates are available to residential customers but not for businesses. Selectman Fortin made a motion to extend the deadline to March 14th. Selectman Bristow seconded. Motion carried.
 6. Tim passed out a summary of the revolving loan account with the Town. Yonder Hills loan has been paid off. We have \$43,500 to loan as of today.
- H. Selectmen's Concerns. Selectman Bristow asked about the police cruiser. Town Manager said it is back on the road. The damage was \$6,000 which was reimbursed by MMA. Selectman Johnson had no concerns. Selectman Fortin noticed that Kniffin's Meat is for sale. Town Manager's understanding is that they want to move into a bigger building within the area. Selectman Fortin mentioned recycling – knows of someone in southern Maine who picks up white goods and steel – he pays \$50/ton. He also picks up tires for \$200/ton. Chris takes white goods to facility in Skowhegan. Selectman Ducharme congratulated the girls' basketball team for a good season.
- I. Citizen's Concerns. There were none.
- J. Executive Session to update the Board on labor negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(D). Selectman Bristow made a motion to go into executive session. Selectman Fortin seconded. The Board went into executive session at 7:14 pm. The Board came out of executive session at 7:48 pm. No action taken.
- K. Executive Session to discuss Town Manager Performance Review pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A). This item was postponed until Chairman Veneziano can be here.
- L. Adjournment. Selectman Bristow made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Fortin seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.