

## TOWN OF MADISON - PUBLIC NOTICE

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

### MINUTES

MADISON SELECT BOARD  
OLD POINT SCHOOL MEETING ROOM 104  
108 OLD POINT AVENUE  
Monday January 8, 2024  
6:30 p.m.

A. Called to order at 6:30pm. All saluted to the flag.

B. Roll Call:

Chairman Veneziano absent, all other select board members present.

C. Consent Agenda

A/P Warrants:

#17 – 12-26-23 - \$107,709.25 and

#18 – 12-26-23 (Library) - \$1,723.57.

Payroll Registers:

#51 – 12-21-23 - \$15,043.77,

#52 – 12-28-23 - \$16,546.20,

# 1 – 01-04-24 - \$17,498.09.

Motion by Ms. Estes, second by Mr. Bean to approve the warrants as read. No discussion.  
Motion carried 4-0.

D. Acceptance of the minutes of the Select Board meeting on December 21, 2023.

Motion by Mr. Bean, second by Ms. Estes to approve the minutes as written. No discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Old Business:

1. Appointment of Tax Collector

The Town Manager requested this be tabled until the next meeting. Vice-chairman Dwyer approved.

2. Follow-up on Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting (if any):

Ms. Estes asked about setting up a public hearing for Madison policing concerns.

***Ms. Estes read the minutes from the 10/16/23 meeting as follows:***

*“Ms. Estes doesn’t have any specific concerns to report on. However, during the budget process and the town meeting last year, the Select Board promised the public the opportunity to ask questions and have a discussion before the next budget season.*

*The Town Manager suggested a meeting first with Sheriff Lancaster and then a public hearing (before budget prep and Town Meeting) to allow for public feedback.”*

**Ms. Estes reiterated that we’ve had the meeting with Sheriff Lancaster and now we need to follow through on the public hearing. The Town Manager will reach out to Sheriff Lancaster about his availability in late January, early February.**

F. Items of Communication:

1. Department Head Reports for December

a. Highway

Recap of Road Commissioner’s report on pending storm activity, equipment failures/repairs, and staffing.

b. Library

c. Code Enforcement

**VIOLATION – 5 Ingalls St – need enforcement action authorization** – the Select Board authorized Code Enforcement officer to take next steps if situation is not resolved immediately. (Situation was resolved as of 1/9/2024)

d. Fire

SCBA equipment – Fire Chief is preparing a grant for replacement of SCBA equipment, but the budget needs to include cost if grant is not accepted. Also, Madison Fire has had a very high number of calls so far this year.

e. Sheriff

f. Recreation – no report – still waiting on recreation meeting (next meeting scheduled for 1/31/24).

2. Living Well in Madison reports weeks ending 12/24/23, 12/31/23 and 1/7/24

3. Town Manager’s report on expenses and budget – currently at 46% (week 27 = 52%)

4. Notification of judgment against Dwayne Holmes by Deutsche Bank with Town of Madison as an interested party to be paid in the event there are excess funds from foreclosure sale.

Information only – unlikely to see any proceeds from foreclosure.

G. New Business

1. Maine Emergency Management Agency – Form 7 – Damage and Injury Assessment for December 18<sup>th</sup> storm.

2. ACO Compensation – request to change from hourly to annual stipend payment.

We share the current ACO with the Town of Solon, and she is asking for a stipend instead of hourly pay. Solon pays her annually by stipend. The Town Manager recommended paying her by stipend quarterly. Ms. Estes asked if the stipend would include mileage and expenses. The Town Manager responded that mileage and expenses would be separate from the stipend. The Select Board requested that the Town Manager reach out to the Town of Solon and ask how they are handling it. The Town Manager will also check with the previous Town Manager and previous ACO as to why the pay was shifted from stipend to hourly. Item tabled until further research has been completed.

3. Proposed Vendor Code of Conduct (see attached)

Select Board recommended running the proposed document by the Town’s attorney. Additional discussion included questions about how many vendors this would impact that currently have contracts with the Town. The Town Manager will research and advise the Board at a later date.

H. Citizen Concerns:

Randy Bliss asked via Zoom: “How does a citizen get his concern heard by the Select Board if said citizen doesn’t attend the twice-monthly Select Board meetings?”

Mr. Moody commented that if the concern is important enough to the citizen, they should make time to appear before the Board. Ms. Dwyer and Ms. Estes agreed and suggested the citizen could use other means of communication like calling or emailing the Town Manager.

Mr. Bliss will continue to monitor concerns he sees on social media and advise the citizens and the Town Manager accordingly.

I. Select Board Concerns:

No Board member had any concerns at this time.

J. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Estes, second by Mr. Bean. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

NEXT REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING IS JANUARY 22, 2024  
OLD POINT SCHOOL  
6:30 pm