

MINUTES

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

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:57pm. All saluted to the flag.
- B. Roll Call: Present – Vice Chair Dwyer, Ms. Estes, and Mr. Bean. Absent were Chairman Veneziano and Mr. Moody.

C. Consent Agenda

A/P Warrants:

#26 – 03-26-2024 DELETED and CORRECTED as #27 and #28 below

#27 – 03-26-2024 = \$1,667.78 (Library)

#28 – 03-26-2024 = \$243,366.35

#29 – 03-27-2024 = \$644.00

Payroll Registers:

#13 – 03-28-2024 = \$26,712.69 and

#14 – 04-04-2024 = \$17,578.68.

Motion by Ms. Estes, second by Mr. Bean to approve the consent agenda items. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

- D. Acceptance of the minutes of the Select Board meeting on March 25, 2024.

Motion by Ms. Estes, second by Mr. Bean to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

E. Old Business:

- 1. Fee schedule for solar arrays (residential and commercial)

CEO Jeff Drew presented a revision to the fee schedule that would include language for solar array construction. Mr. Richard Bartlett expresses concerns that the cost would be extreme for commercial solar arrays at \$0.20 per square foot without having a maximum cost. Ms. Estes asked the CEO what the Town has done in the past. The CEO will research and report back to the Select Board on whether maximums have ever been applied.

- 2. Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee

The Town Manager reported that according to our local ordinance, the committee is made up of 7 members. Local haulers can be ex officio members. Robin Turek suggested assigning a member from the Select Board to the committee. Two volunteers appeared before the Board – Bill and Beth Vivian. They will work with the Town Manager to fill the remaining seats. Motion by Ms. Estes, second by Mr. Bean to appoint the Vivians to the Solid Waste and Recycling Advisory Committee. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Distribution of Somerset County Disaster Funds to applicants (total of \$5,461.83)

1.	01/23/2023	Josiah Reed	\$3,711.83
2.	03/07/2024	Naomi Knights	\$ 750.00
3.	03/20/2024	Brandi Smith	\$1,000.00

Motion by Mr. Bean, second by Ms. Estes to approve the distribution of funds as recommended by the Town Manager. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

4. RFP for Structural Engineering Study of town-owned buildings received by 3/22/2024

Tabled until full Select Board is available (4/22/24 meeting)

F. Items of Communication:

1. Department Head Reports for March

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| a. ACO | e. Library |
| b. Code Enforcement | f. Recreation (Feb) |
| c. Fire | g. Sheriff |
| d. Highway | |

2. American Legion – liquor license

Motion by Ms. Estes, second by Mr. Bean to approve the liquor license. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Living Well in Madison reports

4. Town Manager's report on expenses and budget – currently at 69% overall (week 40 = 77%)

G. New Business

1. 3 Foreclosures on properties from 2021 tax liens.

Account 1650 – 32 Hayden St

Account 2822 – 11 Mountain view Road

Account 1759 – Naomi Avenue

Ms. Estes requested that the Town Manager reach back out to the pre-foreclosed owners one last time and give them one last chance to pay **all** taxes owed.

Mr. Bean asked that this be tabled until the full Select Board was present.

2. Memorandum of Agreement with Highway Union on Backup Road Foreman

Motion by Mr. Bean, second by Ms. Estes to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the highway union regarding the backup foreman position. The Town Manager explained that this was a result of the January injury to the foreman who was out on workers comp for about a month and another highway worker filled in. The union asked that the agreement be recognized in writing so that the backup foreman's pay will be automatically adjusted going forward. Motion passed 3-0.

3. Medical Marijuana retail stores (Chapter 180 of Madison Ordinances)

The Town Manager explained that only one retail medical marijuana store in Madison is currently legal – all others were granted a license from the Town without the Town having proper authority to grant the license. The current ordinance expressly prohibits all retail marijuana shops and makes no express exception for medical retail shops. The State of Maine Office of Cannabis Policy is giving the Town an opportunity to put a warrant article together for the Town Meeting in June to ask the voters whether the Town should opt-in for medical retail sales or not. No unauthorized shop will be closed during this process.

If the Town votes to allow medical retail by opting-in, then the Planning Board and the Select Board will need to write a new section of the ordinance (Chap 180, Article II?).

4. Preliminary review of FY 2025 budget

Several members of the Budget Advisory Committee were in attendance. The Town Manager introduced the preliminary proposed budget and answered questions.

5. Set date for 2024 Town Meeting

Ms. Estes acknowledged that the meeting had to take place the night before the June election, which is scheduled for June 11, 2024. Therefore the Town Meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024.

H. Citizen Concerns:

1. 11 Mountain View – Cheyenne Stevens asked what the process was on this property because there are people living in the building. Ms. Estes responded that since the property was foreclosed upon, it is out of the Treasurer's hands and into the hands of the Select Board and their agent, the Town Manager.

I. Select Board Concerns:

Ms. Dwyer - none

Ms. Estes asked about the status of the fiscal 2023 audit. The Town Manager is working with the auditor to wrap up the final questions they had.

Mr. Bean - none

J. Executive Session to consider:

Personnel matters pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405-6(A).

Motion by Ms. Estes, second by Mr. Bean to enter executive session at 8:55pm. Motion carried 3-0.

Exited executive session at 9:08pm.

Motion by Mr. Bean, second by Ms. Estes to adjust the Equipment Operator wage range under the FY 2025 budget from \$23.04 - \$24.64 to \$25.00 - \$26.50. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

K. Adjournment:

Motion by Ms. Estes, second by Mr. Bean to adjourn. No discussion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

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