

MINUTES

**MADISON SELECT BOARD
OLD POINT SCHOOL MEETING ROOM 104
108 OLD POINT AVENUE
Monday April 22, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

A. Chairman Veneziano called the meeting to order at 6:36pm and all saluted to the flag.

B. Roll Call: All Selectmen but Mr. Bean were present.

C. Consent Agenda

A/P Warrants:

#30 – 04-08-2024 - \$130,590.59

Payroll Registers:

#15 – 04-11-2024 - \$22,630.72

#16 – 04-18-2024 - \$18,773.75

Motion by Ms. Estes, second by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Acceptance of the minutes of the Select Board meeting on April 8, 2024.

Motion by Ms. Estes, second by Ms. Dwyer. Discussion included Chairman Veneziano and Mr. Moody abstaining because they were not present at the meeting on the 22nd of April. Motion failed. Tabled until next regular meeting on May 13, 2024.

E. Old Business:

1. Review proposals for structural engineering study of town-owned properties.

Calderwood Engineering

Plymouth Engineering

Chairman Veneziano asked that this issue be tabled so the select board members could review and evaluate the proposals received. Tabled until May 13, 2024.

2. FY 2023 audit update – missing one piece of information – the collateralization letter from Bangor Savings identifying how the excess funds (cash over \$250,000) was invested overnight on 6/30/2023.

F. Items of Communication:

1. Living Well reports

2. Town Manager's report on expenses and budget – currently at 76% (week 42 = 81%)

3. Bangor Savings Bank – authorize the Treasurer to discontinue use of overnight repurchase agreements for bank account funds in excess of \$250,000 (FDIC limit) and institute the use of "Insured Cash Sweep – DDA" product over the IntraFi Network.

Motion by Ms. Estes to authorize the Treasurer to switch to “Insured Cash Sweep” accounts, second by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Chairman Veneziano reminded the Select Board of an ambulance meeting on the following Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

G. **New Business**

1. Public Forum on Acadia Health acquisition of 2 Old Point Avenue property

Adrienne Sass of Acadia Health was present at the public forum. Ms. Sass addressed the Select Board and the citizens in the audience, stating the intent of Acadia Health to open an outpatient treatment center in Madison. Of the patients/clients in the Waterville clinic, 250 of them are Somerset County residents, and of those, 150 are from Madison. She explained that there is a great need for this service in our community.

Members of the board and the audience asked many questions of Ms. Sass, including what method of treatment was planned to be used. Several concerns were raised that the people using the clinic would simply take the drugs home with them, possibly use them to exchange for other drugs or sell them. Ms. Sass responded that the method of treatment was a two-fold plan: each person would be required to participate in counseling in addition to receiving a daily dose of suboxone or methadone; and that the dosage would be in liquid form, not tablet or capsule, so the chance of spitting it back out was eliminated.

One citizen raised the issue of client/patient confidentiality – with the proposed location being right in the middle of town, there would be no confidentiality or anonymity. Everyone would be seen and recognized.

Another citizen asked if Acadia Health would be paying property taxes to the Town. The parent company is a “for profit” organization and would not be tax-exempt.

Selectman Moody summarized the undercurrent in the room as “the majority of people here don’t want this clinic in the center of town. The Town would support Acadia if the clinic were located elsewhere...”

The consensus of the people present was that the old Taylor’s Drug Store was too close to the school, the playground, the library and the church. It was mentioned several times that this was not a good location for the safety and protection of the children in particular who have to walk by that location to get to school.

Chairman Veneziano thanked Ms. Sass and suggested the Town Manager Ducharme should continue a conversation with her after the meeting, to try and work something out with Acadia to find a different location.

2. Approval of requests to use Old Point Avenue meeting rooms (Kennebec Valley Quilters, MAATV Club)

No motion needed per Chairman Veneziano.

3. Somerset Community TV 11 request for pass-through of franchise fees

Motion by Mr. Moody, second by Ms. Estes. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Update Chapter 742 Treasurer's Disbursement Warrants (signatures) §742-4 Individual Board members authorized to act.

Motion by Ms. Dwyer, second by Ms. Estes. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

H. Citizen Concerns:

A resident of Old Point Avenue asked that the Town put up signs limiting the use of engine brakes, especially in the evening and early morning. The Town Manager will speak with the Road Commissioner to follow-up with Maine DOT to erect the signs where needed.

MAATV – 2 part request: 1) item for Town Meeting warrant article to allow resident access on streets to the Kennebec Valley Trail (railbed) and the proposed MDOT Access Route; and 2) a letter of support from the Select Board for ATV access on state roads (Main St, Old Point Avenue, Weston Avenue to Park St).

I. Select Board Concerns:

None

J. Executive Session to consider:

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

Motion by Mr. Moody, second by Ms. Dwyer to enter into executive session. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0. Executive session started at 7:45pm, ended at 7:59pm.

Motion by Ms. Estes, second by Ms. Dwyer to adjust the wage range for the Administrative Assistant position from \$19.10-\$21.30 to \$21.10-\$23.30 due to the increased duties and responsibilities. This would take effect in the next fiscal year. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

K. Adjournment:

Motion by Ms. Dwyer, second by Ms. Estes to adjourn. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

NEXT REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING IS MAY 13, 2024
OLD POINT SCHOOL
6:30 pm