

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

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. All saluted to the flag.
- B. Roll Call: ALL Select Board members present.
- C. **Consent Agenda:**

- 1. A/P Warrants:

- #43 – 06-25-2024 - \$172,091.48

- #44 – 06-25-2024 - \$1,417.53 (library)

- 2. Payroll Registers:

- #26 – 06-27-2024 - \$14,873.37

- #27 – 07-03-2024 - \$ 22,717.70

Motion by Ms. Estes to approve the AP warrants and PR registers as stated, second by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 3. Liquor license for Curtain Up Enterprises, dba Lakewood Theater

- 4. Liquor license for Curtain Up Enterprises, dba Lakewood Inn and Restaurant

Motion by Mr. Bean to approve the liquor licenses for both Curtain Up Enterprises operations (Lakewood Theater and Lakewood Inn and Restaurant, second by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

Non-agenda item:

Introduction of new full-time Recreation Director Danny Moreshead.

- D. **Acceptance of the minutes** of the Select Board meeting on June 24, 2024.

Motion by Ms. Dwyer to accept the minutes of the meeting on June 24, 2024, second by Mr. Bean. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business item taken out of order:

- 6. Paving bids

The Town received two paving bids, one from Pike Industries at \$191,711.65 and one from Fine Line Paving at \$209,700. Chairman Veneziano asked what the price per ton was for each. Pike was \$125.55 and \$115.85 with 1,621 ton total, and Fine Line was \$145 with 1,631 ton total (not broken out between base and shim). Fine Line can start early August and will

take 5-7 business days to complete. Pike is unsure when they can start and will take 3-4 business days to complete. Mr. Bean and Mr. Moody expressed concern that Pike could not give us a start date. Additionally, the Town Manager mentioned that ARPA funds are still available for the Bean Street portion, as well as the \$91,000 from capital roads budget, and a remaining balance of \$105,000 TIF capital roads funds.

Motion by Ms. Estes to award the paving contract to Fine Line Paving for \$209,700, second by Mr. Moody. No further discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Old Business:

1. Review progress of planning board on new ordinance (proposed Chapter 170) for controlled substance facilities in safe zones

The Town Manager reported that the Planning Board was moving forward with the new ordinance and would be meeting again on July 9th to finalize the language before submitting it for public hearing. The new language changes the ordinance name from “Controlled Substance Facility” to “Outpatient Addiction Treatment Clinic” and also includes the buffer area between buildings for the 201 corridor, but not for the east side of the business park.

2. Recall election for Road Commissioner – set date for election and public hearing

Chairman Veneziano reiterated the timeline for the recall process, starting with setting the recall election date, making nomination papers available for interested parties, explaining the deadline for returning the nomination papers, and having the Town Clerk prepare the ballots for absentee voting. If the road commissioner desires a public hearing, it will be on August 26th at the regular Select Board meeting.

Motion by Mr. Bean to set the recall election date of September 5th, second by Ms. Estes. Chairman Veneziano stated it should be very clear as to what a “Yes” vote and what a “No” vote would represent. Motion passed 5-0.

F. Items of Communication:

1. Department Head Reports for March
 - a. ACO
 - b. Code Enforcement
 - c. Finance
 - d. Fire
 - e. Highway – hiring new driver (will be conducting interviews week of 7/15/24)
 - f. Library
 - g. Recreation – new rec director
 - h. Sheriff
2. Living Well reports
3. Town Manager’s report on expenses and budget – currently at 2.5% (week 1 = 2%)

Madison Business Alliance wants to use fencing around the Main Street Park for banners to advertise the sponsors of events for Madison-Anson Days. Without a policy, the Town Manager asked for guidance from the Select Board. Chairman Veneziano stated that as long as it is Town business, it is not an issue.

Request to put banners at Main Street Playground fencing

4. FOAA requests – responses for:

- a. Island Justice (tax acquired properties that were sold since 2018) – Town Manager reached one prior owner (Cindy Young - 1162 Lakewood Road) and is verifying ownership before authorizing payment.
- b. Chris Roy (police cruisers and contracts since 2015) – handout – the Town Manager emailed Mr. Roy with details of the cruisers and copies of the contracts with the Somerset County Sheriff's Office.

G. **New Business:**

1. Peter Sirois – grant opportunity

Mr. Sirois presented an idea to write a grant for electric buses through Tesla, and to use those buses for local transportation running on regular schedules. He wants to work with the Town Clerk, Cheyenne Stevens, to write the grant and refine it for the best success results. Mr. Sirois mentioned that Madison has been on the cutting edge of progress since the 1800s. Chairman Veneziano stated there was no vote necessary for this request.

~~2. 55 Weston Ave LLC – Lot 1 south end of property (corner Weston Ave and John St)~~
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3. Appointment of Richard Cormier to Planning Board as Associate Member

Motion by Ms. Estes to appoint Mr. Cormier to a 3-year term as an Associate Member of the Planning Board, second by Mr. Bean. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Request from TimberHP/Go Labs Inc. for interest and principal repayment deferral

The Town Manager recommended granting the deferral contingent upon TimberHP / Go Labs Inc. bringing their interest payments current, including May and June of 2024. Discussion ensued describing the need and reasons for requesting the deferral. Ms. Estes asked if they would be asking for another deferral when this one ended. The Town Manager stated they have not mentioned anything about extending the deferral. Citizen Chris Roy asked where the money came from and how much was involved. The grant came from Northern Borders Regional Commission for \$400,000. Chairman Veneziano explained this was a loan from the Town to TimberHP, and that the collateral held by the Town is the blueprints for the heating system. The Town Manager explained that the interest would continue to accrue for the months of deferred payments.

Motion by Mr. Bean to grant the deferral of payments for six months, second by Ms. Dwyer. Chairman Veneziano stated the deferral would be contingent upon payment of outstanding May and June 2024 interest payments. Motion passed 4-1 (Ms. Estes).

5. Anticipated delivery of Single Axle Plow Truck which was approved March 6, 2023

Truck will be arriving the week of July 8th. Money was carried forward from FY 2024 capital budget to pay for it.

H. **Citizen Concerns:** None

- I. **Select Board Concerns:** Chairman Veneziano reminded the Select Board that there is a full board ambulance meeting on July 24th at 6pm in Anson. Need at least three board members present. Also, on July 22nd at 5:30pm there is an Assessors meeting. *(UPDATE: The Assessors meeting has been postponed until August 19th at 5:30pm.)*

J. **Executive Session:**

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

Motion by Ms. Estes to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters, second by Ms. Dwyer. Motion passed 5-0. Entered executive session at 7:10pm.

Resumed from executive session at 7:50pm.

Motion by Ms. Estes to approve a wage increase for the temp employee from \$18.90 to \$20 per hour, second by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

K. **Adjournment:**

Motion by Ms. Dwyer to adjourn, second by Ms. Estes. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

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