

MINUTES

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

A. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm and all saluted the flag.

B. Roll Call: All Select Board members were present.

C. Consent Agenda

1. A/P Warrants:

#45 – 07-11-2024 - \$3,287.84 (FY 24)

#46 – 07-11-2024 - \$46,862.24 (FY24)

1 – 07-11-2024 - \$545,648.50 (FY 25)

2. Payroll Registers:

#28 – 07-11-2024 - \$16,177.49

#29 – 07-18-2024 - \$16,371.30

Motion by Ms. Estes to approve the AP Warrants and PR Registers as presented, second by Mr. Bean. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Motion by Mr. Bean to accept the minutes from July 8, 2024, as written, second by Ms. Estes. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Old Business:

1. East Madison Fire Station roofing project

The Town Manager stated that there were a few bids received and they were being reviewed by the Fire Department, Finance Director and the Town Manager. No decision has been made yet.

F. Items of Communication:

1. Living Well reports

2. Town Manager's report on expenses and budget – currently at 6.2% (week 3 = 5.8%)

Ms. Estes asked the Town Manager to include revenue reports as well as expenses.

3. Plymouth Engineering – proposal to add air quality and asbestos testing

Motion by Ms. Estes to add \$6,870.00 to the Plymouth Engineering award for air quality and asbestos testing, second by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Somerset County assessment – notification only – no action required

The Town Manager mentioned that the county assessment would be paid in two installments before the interest begins accruing on November 1st. Additionally, she stated that the County Administrator, Mr. Tim Curtis, would present a request to the County Commissioners to consider allowing municipalities to split their payments based on when the second half of their tax revenue comes in.

5. TextMyGov citizen communication tool - in setup and testing phase

The Town Manager presented the new communication platform to the Select Board and members of the public in attendance at the meeting. She explained that this was a text-based platform to quickly and easily notify participants (Madison residents and other interested parties) of upcoming events or reminders of tax payments due or safety alerts. Several people immediately took out their cell phones and texted “MadisonME” to 91896 to enroll in the text alerts that the Town will be able to send out as needed. This is still in the testing phase and being developed for best utilization.

The Town Manager brought up the current electronic sign that has been not working intermittently and has several issues. She requested permission to look into getting the sign updated or replaced.

G. New Business

1. American Legion Post #39 update – storage container

Information only – no action needed.

2. Request for matching grant funds

Jay Saulter of 3 OPA requesting assistance for his driveway (see photo)

Chairman Veneziano pointed out that the Select Board has not authorized any funding for matching grants yet. Funding will be decided after the taxes have been committed.

3. Appointments of:

a. Board of Appeals for July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027

Motion by Ms. Estes to reappoint Brian Hale to the Board of Appeals for the term ending June 2027, second by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

b. Ethics Board for July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027

Motion by Ms. Estes to reappoint Stacy Jordan to the Ethics Board for the term ending June 2027, second by Ms. Bean. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

- c. Recreation Board for July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025

Motion by Ms. Estes to appoint Jason Furbush and Amber Noyes to the Recreation Committee for a term ending June 2025, second by Mr. Bean. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

- d. Recreation Board for July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027 (JH, KL)

Motion by Ms. Estes to reappoint Joseph Hayden and Kristie LeBlance to the Recreation Committee for a term ending June 2027, second by Mr. Bean. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

- e. Recreation Board for July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026, currently vacant

The Town Manager presented four (4) candidates who expressed interest in serving on the Recreation Committee. The Select Board voted by secret ballot to appoint Whitney Davis 4-1.

Motion by Ms. Estes to appoint Whitney Davis to the Recreation Committee for the term ending June 2026, second by Mr. Bean. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 4. Letter of support for Bingham trail system

The Town Manager read the letter of support to be sent to the Town of Bingham on the Select Board's approval.

Motion by Ms. Estes to approve sending the letter of support, second by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

- 5. Amendment to Franchise Agreement with Bee Line's successor-in-interest

The Town Manager presented the amendment for changing the due date of the annual fee to the Town from January 1st to "within forty-five (45) days of the close of each calendar year."

Motion by Mr. Bean to approve the amendment with the change in due date from January 1st to within 45 days of the end of each calendar year, second by Ms. Estes. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

- H. Citizen Concerns:

Chairman Veneziano shared that he had received an email from Steve Austin regarding the complaint of people walking their dogs around town and not picking up their messes left on other people's property. It was requested that the Town Manager and the Code Enforcement Officer look into acquiring more doggie waste disposal bags and dispensers for the Town's main roads.

- I. Select Board Concerns:

Mr. Bean was concerned that the flashing speed sign on outer Main Street was not registered for the correct speed. It would flash at vehicles going the speed limit of 40mph down to anything moving faster than 15mph. The sign is not in a school zone. The Town Manager said she would report it to the Sheriff's Office to get it corrected.

Chairman Veneziano reminded the Select Board members of the Ambulance Board meeting coming up on July 24th at 6pm in Anson.

J. Executive Session:

Real estate matters pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405-6(C).

Motion to enter Executive Session by Ms. Estes, second by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0. The Select Board entered Executive Session at 7:01 pm.

Resumed from Executive Session at 7:25pm. No action taken.

G-1. **Return to New Business**

Request for Town to buy back unused cemetery plots

The Town Manager brought a request to the Select Board from Sandra Chadbourne to sell two of her cemetery plots (Lot 1343, plots 3 and 4) back to the Town at the price she paid as she no longer needed them or would be using them. She paid \$400 for each plot.

Motion by Ms. Estes to buy back the Lot 1343 plots 3 and 4 for \$400 apiece, second by Mr. Bean. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

K. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Estes, second by Mr. Bean. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

NEXT ASSESSORS MEETING IS
MONDAY AUGUST 19, 2024
OLD POINT SCHOOL
5:30 pm

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