

MINUTES

**MADISON SELECT BOARD MEETING and PUBLIC HEARING
OLD POINT SCHOOL MEETING ROOM 104
108 OLD POINT AVENUE
Monday September 9, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

- A. Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. All saluted to the flag.
- B. Roll Call: Mr. Moody was absent, all other members were present.
- C. **Consent Agenda**

1. A/P Warrants:

#6 – 08-27-2024 - \$2,507.75 (Library)

#7 – 08-27-2024 - \$302,382.84

2. Payroll Registers:

#34 – 08-22-2024 - \$18,068.75

#35 – 08-29-2024 - \$15,732.39

#36 (not #32) – 09-05-2024 - \$19,737.01

Motion by Ms. Estes to approve the AP Warrants and Payroll Registers as stated, seconded by Mr. Bean. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

- D. **Acceptance of the minutes** of the Select Board meeting on August 19, 2024.

Motion by Mr. Bean to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0-1 (Ms. Estes abstained as she was absent 8/19/2024).

- E. **Public Hearing:**

Chairman Veneziano opened the Public Hearing at 6:32pm on proposed ordinance Chapter 170 for Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs.

No public comments. Public hearing closed at 6:34pm.

Motion to send Chapter 170 to Town Meeting on October 22nd by Mr. Bean, seconded by Ms. Estes. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0.

- F. **Old Business:**

1. Educating the public on commercial signs in the island at the intersection of Route 148 and US Route 201 (Town Manager's Facebook post PSA 9/6/24)
2. Paving the trenches created by the water district project on Main Street (Manter Construction stated paving will begin from Shusta Rd week of 9/16/24)

3. Joint meeting for Select Board and Planning Board to set 2025 priorities (need to change from 10/19/24)

Polled the board and set the planning session date for 10/9/24 6-9pm.

G. Items of Communication:

1. Department Head Reports for August (✓ = received and included)
 - a. ACO ✓
 - b. Code Enforcement (CEO) ✓
 - c. Finance ✓
 - d. Fire ✓
 - e. Highway ✓
 - f. Library ✓
 - g. Recreation
 - h. Sheriff ✓

Mr. Joseph Hayden, Chairman of the Recreation Committee made a presentation to the Select Board about the future of the ice rink and its current situation. He shared a letter from him and Recreation Director, Danny Moreshead, to local businesses asking for donations to help raise money (above the budgeted amount) for the project. He outlined potential costs and locations, as well as solutions, for placement, maintenance, and storage.

The Town Manager will reach out to the principals of 55 Weston Ave LLC for permission to use the north side of the lot off John Street (same as last year).

Ms. Estes had questions about the CEO report. Who is responsible for road openings and permits? How does the CEO get code violation complaints?

The Road Commissioner, Jeff Wright explained that both he (as road commissioner) and Jeff Drew (as Code Enforcement Officer) are responsible for granting road opening permits collaboratively.

The Town Manager explained that the CEO gets complaints from residents about possible violations to various and numerous ordinances, almost daily. It is his job to evaluate those complaints, and follow-up by issuing letters or summonses as necessary.

2. Living Well reports (8/25/24, 8/31/24, and 9/8/24)
3. Town Manager's report on expenses and revenues – currently at 25.8% (week 10 = 19.2%) The Town Manager added that projected revenues have been estimated but not loaded into Trio accounting yet, therefore the revenues do not show percent collected.

H. New Business

1. MDOT request for overweight vehicles to travel posted municipal roads for the Madison-Anson Bicentennial Memorial Bridge project

The Town Manager will work with the Road Commissioner to establish a contact with Maine DOT and obtain a list of posted roads and staging area that will be affected.

Motion to approve MDOT request by Ms. Dwyer, second by Mr. Bean. No discussion.
Motion passed 4-0.

2. TIF Budget

The Town Manager proposed a TIF budget based on anticipated tax revenue from the 2024-2025 tax commitment and previous years' TIF budgets.

Discussion included the expected "retained" amounts from both Backyard Farms (BYF) and Woodlands (WL), for a total of approximately \$505,000. Of that, \$245,500 would be used for Highway equipment and projects; \$84,000 for Economic Development; \$35,000 for Matching Grants; \$7,500 for Fire equipment; and \$16,000 for Living Well and age-friendly community programs.

Motion to approve TIF budget by Ms. Estes, second by Mr. Bean. No further discussion.
Motion passed 4-0.

3. Revolving loan program and/or matching grant program

Chairman Veneziano informed the Town Manager that there are written rules at the Town Office that have been established and followed previously. The Town Manager will find these rules and bring the subject back to the Select Board with a draft application process at the October 15th meeting.

4. Revision to franchise agreement with Spectrum Northeast from annual to quarterly (no action needed – notification only)

I. Citizen Concerns:

Mr. Alan Thibodeau spoke on the need to enforce speed limits and laws on out-of-downtown roads, like Preble Avenue, Shusta Road, Ward Hill Road, and Walker Road, to name just a few. He is very concerned that vehicles are using these roads as racetracks, whether it's to avoid construction on 201A or Main St or whatever. He said he and other residents in the area are "sick of it" – it needs to be addressed. The Town Manager will notify Sheriff Lancaster and Lt Knight to ramp up patrols in those areas.

J. Select Board Concerns:

Ms. Estes expressed extreme disappointment that the new Recreation Director does not yet have office space in the Town Office yet. With current space available to him at the Madison Jr/Sr High School and the Main Street Middle School, the general public is not able to come in off the street and talk to him. She also wanted to know why he does not yet have a Town-issued cell phone and is only using his personal cell phone.

Additionally, Ms. Estes was concerned that the Recreation Committee meetings were not being properly posted. Chairman Hayden and the Town Manager will work to correct that issue.

The Town Manager explained that it has taken almost 2 months of working with Verizon Government Services to get a Town account. Mr. Moreshead's phone has been delivered but came with a NY area code. That needed to be corrected.

Chairman Veneziano expressed concern about the safety of election workers and our Town Clerk and asked if there was a plan in place to protect them all in the upcoming Presidential election in November.

The Town Manager relayed the message from the Town Clerk, Ms. Cheyenne Stevens, that she did have a plan and that she would present it to the board at the next Select Board meeting.

K. Executive Session:

Discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405-6(A)

Motion by Ms. Dwyer to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405-6(A), second by Mr. Bean. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0. Executive session began at 7:25pm.

Resumed from executive session at 7:44pm.

Motion to reinstate Jeff Wright's vacation accrual to the level that he was earning prior to his resignation in November 2022 by Mr. Bean, second by Ms. Dwyer. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-1 with Ms. Estes voting against.

L. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Dwyer, second by Mr. Bean. No discussion. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

**NEXT REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING IS
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 WITH
PUBLIC HEARING ON LOCAL ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 180 (Articles I and II), signs, ACO, etc.
EAST MADISON FIRE STATION
6:30 pm**