

## TOWN OF MADISON - PUBLIC NOTICE

The Inhabitants of the Town of Madison are hereby notified of a public meeting, The time, place and purpose of which are as follows:

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
Monday May 9, 2016  
5:30 p.m. – Old Point School Meeting Room**

- A. Salute to the flag: Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.
- B. Roll Call: Assessors Al Veneziano, Jack Ducharme, Cyp Johnson, and Paul Fortin were present. Assessing Agent Shirley Bartlett and Town Manager Tim Curtis were also present. Assessor Mike Edgerly arrived at 5:35pm.
- C. Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of April 25, 2016: Motion to approve by Mr. Fortin, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carries 5-0.
- D. Old Business (Assessor's concerns from immediately preceding meeting):None
- E. New Business
  - 1. Continue discussion of abatement request from Labonte & Associates (Abnaki Campground). Tabled at the last meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>, Shirley provided more information regarding the value of campsites and any variation from having access to water or not. Shirley had gotten information on campsites from KOA in Canaan and Two Rivers in Skowhegan. The variance ran from \$1000 per site up to \$4900. The Board decided that Mr. Fortin will meet with Shirley and the Town Manager at the Town Office on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> to review and come up with recommendations on standard campsite values in Madison.
  - 2. Discuss Personal Property valuation for Specialty Minerals INC: Shirley updated the board on the Form 706 received from SMI regarding the value of their personal property on site at Madison Paper. As of the end of May they will no longer be generating products for paper making and will begin dismantling their buildings. The 706 form shows that SMI has placed a value of their property at about 5% of last year's value since they were only in business from April 1 through the end of May.

The Board discussed the premise for setting valuations as of April 1<sup>st</sup> and if that meant that the tax payer is paying on what they owned up to April 1 or after April 1. The Board asked Tim and Shirley to look into the meaning of the law and get something in writing from Maine Revenue Services. Assessor Edgerly said he would want to see Specialty Minerals consider paying taxes on the months that the dismantling process takes place.

The Board asked Shirley to look at other towns that Specialty Minerals has worked in and see how the process worked when those mills closed (Millinocket).

3. Discuss outsourced proposals for assessing a market value of Madison Paper Industries: Shirley's contract does not include a special project like putting a market value on Madison Paper and she asked the Assessors to allow for up to 6 days at \$500 per day for her to work with Maine Revenue once MPI sends their personal property declaration to the Town. The Board was in agreement to recommend the extra cost to the Board of Selectmen.

F. Assessors Concerns: None

G. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm