

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 August 13, 2018  
5:30pm Old Point Avenue School Meeting Room**

- A. **Salute to the flag:** Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm
- B. **Roll Call:** Assessors Al Veneziano, Jack Ducharme, George Elias and David Savage were present. Ron Moody was absent. Assessor's Agent Shirley Bartlett, Finance Director Tammy Carrier and Town Manager Tim Curtis were also in attendance.
- C. **Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes from July 23, 2018:** Motion to accept the minutes by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Ducharme. Motion carries 4-0.
- D. **Old Business** (Assessor's concerns from immediately preceding meeting): None
- E. **New Business**
1. **Abatement Requests**
    - a. Account #2398: Ms. Bartlett explained that this mobile home had been removed from the lot in 2016 with taxes paid. The account was not deleted and 2017 taxes were issued by mistake. Motion by Mr. Ducharme to abate \$10,500 in value and \$225.75 in taxes plus fees and interest for Account #2398, seconded by Mr. Elias. Motion carries 4-0.
  2. **Review Revenue Budget:** Town Manager Curtis reviewed revenues from the previous fiscal year and recommended a revenue figure for FY2019 of \$985,000.00 which is an increase of approximately \$20,000 from the previous year. The consensus of the Board was to use that figure (\$985,000.00) as part of the formula to commit taxes.
  3. **Set Tax Commitment for 2019 Fiscal Year:** The Town Manager and Ms. Bartlett reviewed the tax rate worksheet with the Board. There was a slight decrease in property values and a slight increase in personal property values which left the overall town valuation within 1% of last year at \$347,974,100.00. With the budget figures only slightly different from last year the tax rate would not have to change from the current \$21.50 per thousand. The board considered the fact that there was still an outstanding abatement appeal from Madison Paper Industries and discussed the amount of overlay that could be raised to offset any abatements. By leaving the rate the same an overlay of over \$200,000 would be set aside for abatements.

Motion by Assessor Savage to keep the tax rate at \$21.50 per thousand, seconded by Mr. Elias. Motion carries 4-0. The Assessors Agent and Finance Director will work to finalize the commitment and tax bills should go out the week of the August 20, 2018.

F. **Assessors Concerns:** None

G. **Citizen Concerns:** None

H. **Executive Session to consult with legal counsel pursuant to 1 MRSA 406 (6)(E):**

Motion to enter executive session by Mr. Ducharme, seconded by Mr. Elias. Motion carries 4-0. The board entered executive session at 5:58pm.

The Board exited executive session at 6:07pm. Motion by Mr. Elias to designate Paul Fortin as the reprehensive of the Madison Board of Assessors in the hearing of the abatement appeal from Madison Paper Industries before the State Board of Property Tax Review, seconded by Mr. Ducharme. Motion carries 4-0.

I. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm.