

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 SELECTMEN
OLD POINT SCHOOL MEETING ROOM (104)
108 OLD POINT AVENUE
JULY 23, 2018
6:30 p.m.**

- A. **Salute to the flag:** Meeting was called to order at 630pm
- B. **Roll Call:** Selectmen Al Veneziano, Jack Ducharme, George Elias, Ron Moody and David Savage were in attendance. Town Manager Tim Curtis, Finance Director Tammy Carrier, Fire Chief Don French, Road Commissioner Jeff Wright and Town Clerk/Treasurer Kathy Estes were also present.
- C. **Consent Agenda:** Warrants Dated: **6/30/18 Year End #40** (7/9/18 - \$43,792.91), # 1 (7/9/18 - \$145,586.37); Payroll Register: # 28 (7/12/18 - \$9,619.88), # 29 (7/19/18 - \$18,995.90): Motion to approve by Mr. Elias, seconded by Selectman Ducharme. Motion carries 5-0.
- D. **Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of July 9, 2018:** Motion to accept by Selectman Moody, seconded by Mr. Elias. Motion carries 5-0.
- E. **Old Business** (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting): None
- F. **Items of Communication:** Town Manager Curtis notified the Board that 30-Day Lien Notices went out July 13 (323) and several tax payers have been into the Town Office to settle accounts

The property owner at 21 Naomi Ave has issued eviction notices to the tenant living in a camper and a court date of August 10 has been set. Once a judgement is issued there will be a deadline for the camper to be removed.

The Town Manager noted that Planning Board and Budget Advisory Board member Lew Ouillette passed away last week. The Town owes Lew a debt of gratitude for his years of service and thoughts and prayers are with Katie and the family.

Road Commissioner Wright and the crew has installed a new water spigot at Forest Hills, and the newest section off Houghton Street is nearly complete.

Code Enforcement Officer Susan Hathaway will be on vacation for two weeks. Alternate Leo May will be covering.

G. **New Business**

- 1. **Discuss Recreational Trail Development on Weston Property with Somerset Woods Trustees:** Ernie Hilton and Nancy Williams represented SWT and Mr. Hilton presented information on the groups plans to acquire the Weston property at the end of Weston Avenue and develop a walking/biking trail from the Nathan Street Boat landing along the Kennebec River to the tip of Weston Island. Letters of support are encouraged and Mr. Hilton stressed that this type of projects has many benefits to the Town. Road Commissioner Jeff Wright asked about tree cutting that is currently going on. Mr. Hilton said that was to remove some pine felled in last fall's storm. Mr. Elias asked if there was going to be a payment in lieu of taxes. Mr. Hilton said there would be an arrangement to pay the town 3% of stumpage of future forest harvesting. Mr. Veneziano expressed concern about the willingness of

Eagle Creek to allow for development on the former Madison Paper property based on failed efforts to cooperate with the Town in the past. Mr. Hilton said a meeting with Eagle Creek representatives is pending.

Motion by Mr. Moody to direct the Town Manager to draft a letter of support for the project, seconded by Mr. Elias. Mr. Ducharme asked about current tax collection on the property. Town Manager Curtis said that the property is in tree grown and the Town collects approximately \$1,000 in taxes. Account is paid up to date. Motion carries 5-0.

2. **Appoint Committee to Create Variance Application Process for Animals Ordinance (Ch 148):** After meeting with concerned residents, the Town Manager recommended the Board appoint the following individuals to create a variance application process for Chapter 148: Code Enforcement Officer Susan Hathaway, Animal Control Officer Robert Crosby, residents Lloyd Cowan, Heidi Burrows and Diane Pinkham. Motion to that effect by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Moody. Mr. Ducharme and Mr. Elias clarified the process that recommendations made by this committee will come back to the Selectmen to be brought before Town Meeting for a final decision on changes. Motion carries 5-0.
3. **Discuss Recommended Carry Forward Amounts:** Town Manager Curtis shared with the Board that the town spent all but \$36,796.19 of the FY2018 budget. Of that amount Mr. Curtis is recommending carrying forward \$34,500 to be spent in Public Works, Public Safety and General Government. These monies would be used for equipment purchases and special projects. Motion by Mr. Ducharme to approve \$34,500 in carry forward of non-capital funds, seconded by Mr. Moody. Motion carries 5-0.

The Town Manager also recommended carrying forward all the remaining capital funds to fund equipment and vehicle purchases for Fire and Highway. Motion by Mr. Elias to approve a carry forward of capital funds of \$30,717.51, seconded by Mr. Moody. Motion carries 5-0.

4. **Approve Cemetery Fees for 2018/2019:** Based on a discussion at the previous meeting the Town Manager presented fees based on \$400 per single grave and the allocation of 50% of the proceeds to be deposited in the Perpetual Care account and 50% to be deposited in the Lot Sales Account. Motion to that affect by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Ducharme. Motion carries 5-0.

H. **Selectman Concerns:** None

I. **Citizen Concerns:** Residents from 402 White Schoolhouse Road expressed concern over a growing crack across the road near their driveway. Road Commissioner Wright will be in touch with DOT's local office to inquire about a fix.

J. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm