

## **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 Ave School Meeting Room (108 Old Point Ave)  
Monday April 11, 2016  
6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag. Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm
- B. Roll Call. Present were Chairman Al Veneziano, Vice Chair Jack Ducharme, Selectmen Mike Edgerly, Paul Fortin. Selectman Cyp Johnson was absent.
- C. Consent Agenda: Warrants dated: #26 (3/28/16 - \$451,613.85); #28 (3/28/16 - \$2,762.96); Payroll Registers: #13 ( 3/31/2016 - \$ 11,685.55); #14 (4/7/16 - \$11,239.88): Motion to approve by Mr. Edgerly, seconded by Mr. Fortin. Motion carries 4-0.

Liquor License – Motion by Selectman Fortin to approve the two (2) liquor license application from Curtian Up Enterprises (one for Lakewood Theater, the other for Lakewood Restaurant), seconded by Selectman Edgerly. Motion carries 4-0.

Democrat Ballot Clerks. Motion by Mr. Ducharme to approve the list of registered Democrats to serve as ballot clerks for the Town of Madison, seconded by Mr. Edgerly. Motion carries 4-0.

- D. Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of March 28, 2016, and April 6, 2016. Motion to approve both sets of minutes (March 28, 2016, April 6, 2016) by Mr. Ducharme, seconded by Mr. Fortin. Motion carries 4-0.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting): None
- F. Items of Communication:

Town Manager Tim Curtis reminded the board that the next meeting on April 25 will start as an Assessors meeting at 530pm.

This Friday will be a community service day with several teams of students and staff working in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Mr. Curtis updated the board on the status of LD281. It appears unlikely that the Democrats and the Governor will agree on funding. The Town will know for sure on the status by the end of this week.

The Town Manager noted that unemployment is still being paid to former officer David Trask, but former Police Chief Barry Moores did not file for unemployment during the month of March.

Somerset County has submitted a budget. Madison's portion goes down from \$1.1M last year to approximately \$860,000 for the coming year.

The Somerset Economic Development Corporation is applying for a planning grant to increase the coverage of broadband in our area and asked for the board to sign a support letter. Motion by Selectman Ducharme to support the project, seconded by Selectman Edgerly. Motion carries 4-0.

In light of the recent budget discussions on recycling, the Town Manager is preparing some recommendations to the recycling committee including using WM bins to collect cardboard, maintaining a collection area for appliances and ‘white goods’ to be picked up by Kennebec Metal Recycling in Skowhegan, and creating an agreement with Marshals Specialty Grinding in Augusta to take clean demo.

The Board asked the Town Manager to get quotes from a local hauler like Roy’s for placing the bins, and they suggested locating one to collect cardboard behind Renys. The Board also had questions about publicizing the changes and funding for these programs. The Town Manager will report back at the next meeting.

Current Checkbook Balance is \$2,278,000. TIF Account Balance is \$455,000.

#### G. New Business

1. Department Head Reports (Highway, Fire, Police, Recreation, Code Enforcement): Road Commissioner Glen Mantor reported that the traffic light in town had been repaired and he noticed an improvement in the timing for allowing traffic to flow. Several members of the road crew are taking time off between now and the beginning of Spring Clean Up which is scheduled to start on April 25. The Road Commissioner also gave some details to the Board regarding a grant application to replace a culvert on Shusta Road over Jones Brook, and mentioned that they have been grading the road around the rec ball fields off Preble Ave and that area will need more gravel in the near future.

The board accepted a written report from the Fire Department noting 17 calls in March and new members taken into the firefighting team.

The board reviewed the report from the Madison Division of the Sheriff’s Office. There was an issue with the process for reporting and tracking mileage that the office is working to correct for future reports.

Recreation Director Chris LeBlanc reported that spring sports are off and running with good turnouts for both baseball and softball. Over the winter there was a good participation in basketball as well as increased participation in rec cheerleading and wrestling. As such Chris and the Town Manager have been working to reshuffle the recreation budget to allow for small stipends for cheerleading and wrestling work.

Chris mentioned concern about the amount of money spent on manning the ice rink, saying perhaps it is more cost effective to have the area manned Fri/Sat/Sun and during school vacation week rather than every day. The Board had questions about making ice, and both the Town Manager and Chris said it is very weather dependent. Selectman Edgerly asked about putting loam down where the sand is. The Town Manager said he and the highway department will look into it.

Chris said the Town will continue to collaborate with Anson for the summer program and finally he mentioned his concern about the upkeep needed at the Preble Ave fields and the basketball courts behind the Town Office. The Board mentioned some money could be spent from road paint to paint the court this spring.

Town Manager Curtis reported that the Planning Board will have a public hearing regarding the Perkins Place housing project being built near the high school. The public hearing will be Tuesday night April 12 at 7pm.

2. Discuss date for public hearing on Property Maintenance Ordinance updates (map): Mr. Curtis reported that the Property Maintenance Committee had met to discuss the possibility of using the Land Use Map as a guide for property maintenance enforcement. The group proposed prioritizing the area. The Town Manager shared this with Joel Greenwood of KVCOG who was concerned that this language would not hold up to scrutiny and he would suggest it not be included in the updates. He also suggested changing the wording of ‘excessive vegetation’ which had been brought up in the public

hearings. If the map changes are not included then it would not be necessary to have another public hearing. The consensus of the board was to not move forward with any additional changes and present what has already been discussed in public to Town Meeting.

3. Discuss Quit Claim Deeds: Motion by Mr. Ducharme to approve a quit claim deed for Chris Plourde at 77 Main Street, seconded by Mr. Fortin. Motion carries 4-0. The Town Manager noted that the owner of 32 Naomi Ave has paid half of all the taxes owed and asked if the Board would sign the deed over tonight or wait until all the taxes have been paid. It was the consensus of the board to wait until all the taxes were paid.
  4. Discuss award for Matching Grant (Yonder Hill): Motion to approve the \$5,000 in funding from TIF for Northwoods Camps/Yonder Hill Campground by Mr. Fortin, seconded by Mr. Edgerly. Town Manager Curtis noted that they had fulfilled the spending requirements. Motion carries 4-0.
  5. Discuss dates for touring Madison Paper: Russ Dreschel of Madison Paper says a tour would take up to 90 minutes and the online security training must be completed ahead of time. Mr. Veneziano asked if more than 2 selectmen went would it require posting as a meeting. The Town Manager said technically 'yes'. The consensus of the board was to post it as an Assessors meeting to make sure the public was aware, and to schedule it after the mill had stopped production in May. The Town Manager will float some dates to Russ at the mill and report back to the Board.
  6. Discuss future board/committee appointment process: Town Manager Curtis reviewed the Town Ordinance on the Advisory Board which does not clearly state that a member has to be from Madison. Mr. Veneziano asked if the ordinance could be changed to only include residents, the Town Manager said that could be done with Town Meeting approval, but the language does clearly state that the Selectmen have the final say on who is appointed to the Advisory Board. The Selectmen took no action on the matter saying that the ordinance is effective as is.
  7. Discuss Tax Acquired Property: The Town Manager mentioned that he reviewed the list of properties with auctioneer Adrien Harris and they have set a date of June 3, 2016 to have the auction. The 17 acres off Ward Hill Road is being taken care of by the owner and is removed from the list. The Town Manager met with the Sheriff's Office today about having a work crew from the jail clean up the property at 204 White Schoolhouse Road. The Town would provide a roll off dumpster and a porta-potty. The Fire Department is considering using it for training. Adrien Harris says it might sell as is for about \$10,000. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with clean up. The Town Manager will report back on the progress.
  8. Review non budgetary articles for Town Meeting Warrant: The Town Manager showed the board a draft of all the articles for the Town Meeting Warrant for June 13, 2016. All of the budget items have been added and Town Clerk Kathy Estes is reviewing. The Town Manager requested no action at this time, just making the board aware of the articles and to see if there were any changes or additions. None at this time.
- H. Selectmen's Concerns: Selectman Edgerly asked if the Sheriff's Department could look into the damage done to some of the recreation area off Preble Ave due to someone doing donuts with a four wheel drive.

Selectman Ducharme asked if everyone had seen his email forwarding a letter on economic development from a former resident of Madison. The Town Manager said he has reviewed it and plans to forward it to the soon to be developed Economic Development Committee with the Business Alliance.

- I. Citizen's Concerns: None
- J. Executive Session to discuss an economic development matter pursuant to 1MRSA 405 (6) (c): Motion to enter into executive session by Mr. Fortin, seconded by Mr. Edgerly. Motion carries 4-0. The board went

into executive session at 7:46pm. The board came out of executive session at 8:51pm with no action taken.

K. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 8:52pm