

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 25, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag: Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm
- B. Roll Call: All Selectmen were in attendance. (Al Veneziano, Jack Ducharme, Paul Fortin, Cyp Johnson and Mike Edgerly)
- C. Consent Agenda: Warrants dated: # 29 (4/11/16 - \$171,355.55); Payroll Registers: #15 (4/14/16 - \$9,570.82); #16 4/21/16 - \$9,322.76): Motion to approve by Selectman Ducharme, seconded by Selectman Edgerly. Motion carries 5-0.

Update Cemetery Lot Deed: Town Manager Tim Curtis explained that the deed for sale of cemetery plots should be updated to include a reference to the Town Cemetery Ordinance and restructured to fit on one page for convenience. Motion to approve the change made by Mr. Ducharme, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carries 5-0.

- D. Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of April 11, 2016. Motion to approve by Mr. Edgerly, seconded by Mr. Johnson. 4 in favor, Mr. Johnson abstains since he was not at the last meeting Motion carries.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting): None
- F. Items of Communication: Town Manager Curtis updated the board on the passage of LD1699, which will provide MSAD59 additional funding for this fiscal year.

Arrangements have been made for a tour of Madison Paper on Friday May 6, at 3pm. Selectmen Johnson and Selectman Ducharme and the Town Manager will attend.

The Town Manager reported that bids for road paving projects will go out this week; that the Town Report will go to the printer this week, and that 4 bids for Auditing Services have come in this week.

Vandalism to the ball fields on Preble Ave have been responded to by securing the gates to each field and having students repair some of the damage during the recent community service day.

The Sheriff's Office has released a new 24 hour coverage schedule with all the new deputies and Sheriff Lancaster will be at the next board meeting on May 9, 2016 to discuss the upcoming contract between the Town and the County for policing services.

The Madison/Anson ATV Club made a donation to the town for allowing the club to use the facilities at Old Point School for club meetings.

Town Manager Curtis reported that the current checkbook balance is \$1.9M, by comparison last year at this time the balance was just over \$2M.

G. New Business

1. Discuss MEW bond restructuring: In order for MEW to move forward with an opportunity to repurchase bonds at a lower rate and save Backyard Farms upwards of \$150,000 over the next ten years the Selectmen would have to approve the repurchasing on behalf of the Town. Selectman Edgerly asked if there were any fees to be paid. The Town Manager said he understood that any fees would be paid for by Madison Electric. Motion by Selectman Ducharme to approve the restructuring as written with the condition that MEW provide written assurance that they would be responsible for all fees and costs associated with the project. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carries 5-0.
2. Discuss Post Issuance Compliance Policy: It was recommended by legal counsel last year that the Board should adopt a policy that outlines responsibilities to comply with requirements and notifications after a bond is issued. The Town Manager had legal counsel review the draft policy and this policy would apply not only to the current bond with MEW but with any other bonds the Town may issue in the future. Motion to adopt the policy as written by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ducharme. Motion carries.
3. Discuss Recycling Ideas: As suggested at last meeting, the board reviewed many of the recycling programs that continue in Madison, even if the funding for curbside pickup was eliminated from the budget. The Town Manager explained that putting out bins and dumpsters for businesses and individuals to use could be costly if the number exceeded four bins. Selectman Veneziano asked if one such dumpster could be dropped off to see what it looked like and how it works, Selectman Johnson asked if the service required a long contract. The Town Manager said it would be a month to month arrangement.

Selectman Fortin asked if the Town Manager had looked into commercial haulers who may be interested in offering curbside recycling pickup. The Town Manager had not but would do so before the next meeting.

The Town Manager stressed that even though the budget eliminates funding for curbside through taxation, the Town still participates in recycling in many ways including providing compost for any resident at the Ash Street site.

4. Discuss Local Food Ordinance: At the request of the East Madison Grange the Board considered adding a Local Food and Self-Governance ordinance to the Town Meeting Warrant. The ordinance would protect the rights of local food producers and local food patrons from potential federal and state over-reach. Similar ordinances were passed last year in Moscow, Bingham and Solon. The ordinance has the support of the local Farmer's Market. Motion to approve by Mr. Fortin, seconded by Mr. Ducharme. Motion carries 5-0. A public hearing on the Local Foods Ordinance will be held at the beginning of the next Selectman meeting on Monday May 9, 2016.
5. Finalize non budgetary articles for Town Meeting Warrant: Motion by Mr. Johnson to approve non budget articles 14 through 29 for the Town Meeting warrant, seconded by Mr. Ducharme. The Town Manager commented that articles 25, 26, 27 and 28 would be to amend current ordinances which have already had public comment, and article 29 would be added to adopt a Local Foods Ordinance. The Town Manager also reviewed article 24, which authorizes the Selectmen to receive gifts of money or property on behalf of the town, but they should be careful to do so since they would have to use the gift according to the specific stipulations of the donor. A recent article in MMA's Maine Townsman recommends that boards do their homework before accepting gifts. According to the article the Board has the right to refuse any gift. Motion carries 5-0.
6. Discuss Tax Acquired Property: The Town Manager updated the board on several properties. The taxes owed on 17 acres on Ward Hill Road have been paid and that property has been removed from the list to be auctioned on Friday June 3, at noon time at the Town Office. There are currently 7 properties on the auction list. It appears the mobile home at 204 White Schoolhouse Road is being

prepared to move, after which the Town Manager will have a Sheriff's Office work detail begin cleaning the property.

Last Friday a judge ruled in the Town's favor to evict the residents at 51 John Street by May 16th. The Town Manager also updated the board on work being done to improve 84 Pine Street and 888 Lakewood Road.

- H. Selectmen's Concerns: Selectman Ducharme wanted an update on the burned out home across from the High School. The Town Manager noted that it had been several months since he was in contact with the bank or the company hired to maintain the property, and that he would have an update for the Board at their next meeting.
- I. Citizen's Concerns: Sherri Bennett spoke with a DOT Traffic Engineer today about the 25 MPH sign in East Madison. According to DOT that sign was placed without state permission and is an illegal sign. The speed limit throughout East Madison Road is 45 MPH. She is requesting that the Town contact DOT and request a traffic study to determine if the speed limit should be lowered. The Sheriff's Department is requesting that the speed limit signs be removed. The Board authorized the Town Manager to ask for a traffic study, and said the signs should remain in place until the study is finished. The Town Manager said that the Sheriff would only enforce a speed limit of 45 MPH until the study is finished.
- J. Executive Session to discuss an economic development matter pursuant to 1MRSA 405 (6) (c): Motion from Mr. Fortin to enter executive session, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carries. The board entered into executive session at 7:25pm.

The board came out of executive session with no action taken at 8:21pm.

- K. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 8:22pm.