

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 AVENUE FACILITY, 108 OLD POINT AVENUE, MADISON
Monday, April 27, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag. Done.
- B. Roll Call. Present were Albert Veneziano, Jack Ducharme, Cyp Johnson and Mike Edgerly. Paul Fortin arrived late.
- C. Consent Agenda.
 - 1. Warrants dated: #33 (04/06/15 - \$123,486.16), Payroll Registers dated: Week #15 (04/09/15 - \$17,591.26), #16 (04/16/15 - \$17,248.15), #17 (04/23/15 - \$16,433.31). Selectman Johnson made a motion to approve the warrants and registers. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
 - 2. Discuss application for a Liquor License from Curtain Up Enterprises doing business as Lakewood Inn Restaurant. Selectman Johnson made a motion to approve the license. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Discuss meeting minutes of March 30, April 1, and April 6, 2015. Selectman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 20, April 1 and April 6. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting). None.
- F. Items of Communication.
 - 1. Legislation update. There are four bills still in committee, three in Taxation and one in Education.
 - 2. Summit Natural Gas – they will be doing some work replacing the tees (manufacturing flaw) in Madison next week. Selectman Ducharme asked if we have inventoried the holes for Summit to fix – Glen will update the list.
 - 3. Operation Long Arm – Collaboration between State, County and local law enforcement in regard to registered sex offenders.
 - 4. Local businesses – looking into businesses being open after 5 pm that could be part of a Safe Place program for children to utilize.
 - 5. May meeting schedule for end of May discussed – Board agreed to meet on June 1st at 5:30 p.m.
 - 6. On May 9th starting at 10 a.m., Madison Historical Society will have an open house.
 - 7. Current checkbook balance is \$2.14 million.
 - 8. Current TIF balance is \$500,000.
 - 9. Tax Receivables chart was discussed. 2010 and 2011 taxes are tied up in bankruptcy - \$2,000 due; 2012 unpaid property taxes (three are in bankruptcy and four are tax acquired); 2013 there are 116 accounts that total \$138,000 – most will be paid before the lien matures; 2014 currently we have 609 accounts that are not completely paid -we have several accounts in the tax club to be paid by June totaling \$350,000. The Tax Collector estimates that there will be approximately \$210,000 which will have to be liened in June.
 - 10. Town received a letter from Ron Price stating how he fell on sidewalk last October and wanted reimbursement for personal damages. Town is not responsible. Town Manager should respond in writing.

G. New Business.

1. Department head reports: Highway, Fire, Economic Development. Highway – they've painted and repaired plow/ winter gear – ready for fall. They're doing spring cleanup now. They rented a sweeper. They're looking at sidewalk repairs. Kincaid Road update – road posting signs are down, they plan on laying down some fabric and then some gravel. It's passable now. Fire Department – emergency calls are down. Working on cleaning and organizing. Spring time burning is after 5 pm – burning permits required. Bad news report – Engine 71 was sent out for routine maintenance – they found issues with the pump transmission – cost to repair is about \$5,000. There were further issues resulting in a total cost of about \$20,000. It is appropriate to do the repairs as it has a lot of useful life in it. Preventative maintenance would have caught it sooner – they're working on a preventative maintenance plan now. Fire Chief hopes it will be back in service this week. Town Manager thought the cost of repairs could come from TIF. Economic Development – Clear Energy is looking into investing in some solar energy projects in the area and is working with MEW Board.
2. Discuss Request for Proposals on Assessing. Town Manager discussed the process – advertised in newspaper and emailed to 42 certified Maine assessors. There are no proposals to date; however there are two people who plan on putting in a proposal. The deadline date has been extended to May 15th as there were two dates given in the proposal. Town Manager proposes to correspond by email to the Board of Selectmen after the deadline.
3. Discuss Quitclaim Deeds. There are two deeds. Francis C Ralston, Sharon Connors, Henry and Dennis Ogden and Susan Stump for property at 11 Clifton Street. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to approve the quitclaim deed for 11 Clifton Street. Selectman Edgerly seconded. Motion carried. The seconded deed is to Donald Wing Sr. for property on Jones Street. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to approve the quitclaim deed for the Jones Street property. Selectman Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
4. Discuss sale of Tax Acquired Property. Town Manager said there are 6 properties – two are in bankruptcy. Of the 4 remaining properties, two of those are just parcels of land (White Schoolhouse Road and on 575 Russell Road). The other two are occupied pieces of property – 170 Old Point Avenue and 400 Main Street. Selectman Fortin suggested the Town Manager work with these families to keep them in their houses. Board agreed to wait until the next meeting before proceeding with the auction. Selectman Fortin suggested approaching the abutters to see if there is any interest on the two smaller parcels.
5. Discuss Water District Property – 12 E. Houghton Street. Town received a letter from Anson Madison water District offering a one acre round parcel which surrounds the site of the old reservoir and is available to the Town for \$1. It is close to the cemetery. It was appraised at \$13,000. Selectman Fortin suggested we take that property for future use – we may want to put a cell tower up. Selectman Fortin made a motion to purchase the property from the Water District for \$1. Selectman Ducharme seconded. There is a deeded right of way to this property. Need to find out if it is an all-purpose right of way. Motion carried.
6. Review Police Department equipment inventory. The Police Chief provided the Town with an inventory list. The total equipment has an estimated value of \$128,296. Town Manager reported that the older cruiser is being used for limited use due to mechanical issues.
7. Discuss closing out municipal accounting for Channel 11. The Town is no longer doing the payroll for Channel 11; it is being done by Emerson and Associates. They are also in the process of filing for a 501 (c) (3) non-profit entity. Channel 11 funds amount to \$17,000 at last year's audit. The Chairman of Channel 11 Board (Bruce Bristow) and the Town Manager have settled on a cash figure of \$12,000, holding onto the remaining funds to pay for loose ends. Selectman Fortin made a motion to settle with Channel 11 on the money that they have within our accounting of \$12,000. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried, four in favor, one abstained – Selectman Johnson. Selectman Fortin asked

what plans are being made to give the Finance Officer more work. Interim Town Manager Curtis said that once the Town Manager has been hired, that person can put plans into place. The Finance Officer is in the process of sorting out the work of three other interim employees.

8. Discuss contracting for spraying (bamboo, poison ivy). It has been three years since the Town has done any spraying. Sidewalk repairs will alleviate some of the problem. We've talked about taking care of the poison ivy at The Pines. Madison Electric is only approved to spray at substations and power lines not industrial or municipal spraying. No one in our Highway Department is qualified to do it. Town Manager suggested putting it out to bid this Spring. Selectman Ducharme asked if it would cover the grass growing up in the sidewalks. Highway recommended starting a spraying program to also include the basketball courts behind the municipal building. The board recommended going out to bid for spraying.
 9. Discuss Town Meeting Warrant Articles. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to recommend yes on Articles 13 through 24 of the 2015 Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Fortin seconded. Motion carried. Selectman Edgerly said the School budget meeting will be in the cafeteria at the Jr High School; he asked if Town Meeting should be moved to the cafeteria. Selectman Fortin asked for handouts prior to Town Meeting. Preliminary handout material will be available for the May 11 meeting.
- H. Selectmen's Concerns. **Selectman Edgerly** gave an update on the SAD 59 budget meetings. They had some increases in their budget due to mil rate expectation from the State (8.11 to 8.48 or \$184,000), Maine State Retirement increased from 2.65% to 3.36%, and health insurance increased 1.08%. The budget decreased because of the Charter School funding, a savings of \$300,000, reimbursement on the school buses of \$255,000, and a carryover of \$500,000. The overall budget decreased by \$365,730 or \$5.112 million to be raised by taxation. Superintendent LeRoy was going to try to reduce the budget to \$5 million. There next meeting is Wednesday, April 29th. **Selectman Fortin** asked the Town Manager to explain the finance handout to the board (discussed under items of communications). He asked the Town Manager to looking into borrowing funds from TIF until taxes are due in September. Town Manager to check. **Selectman Johnson** discussed moving the monument to the former East Madison Store property – it is currently on the Lower Mills Road. The proposal is to create a nicer space in the place where the store was, move the memorial over there and add some amenities. Kathy Edgerly said that the bank behind the flag pole and the monument is eroding and needs attention. Selectman Johnson asked about using some of the granite removed from the Weston Avenue School. Kathy Edgerly also asked about putting up a fence at the site before Memorial Day. Selectman Fortin made a motion to use TIF money (if possible) to purchase a fence and to use the highway department to do the work. The Board asked that the Town Manager and Road Commissioner look at the site. The motion was seconded. Motion carried. **Selectman Veneziano** said he will not be available for the meeting on May 11th. **Selectman Ducharme** had none.
- I. Citizen's Concerns. None.
- J. Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter (Town Manager) pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A). Selectman Fortin made a motion to go into executive session. Selectman Ducharme seconded. The Board went into executive session at 7:48 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 8:31 p.m. No action taken.
- K. Adjournment. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Edgerly seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.