

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 School Meeting Room
Monday August 10, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag.
- B. Roll Call. All selectmen were present- Jack Ducharme, Mike Edgerly, Paul Fortin, Cyp Johnson, and Albert Veneziano.
- C. Consent Agenda:
 - 1. Warrants dated: #45 (07/27/15 - \$35,316.07); #2 (07/27/15 - \$547,439.44); payroll registers: #31 (07/30/15 - \$17,280.85). Selectman Ducharme made a motion to accept and the motion was seconded by Selectman Johnson. Motion carried.
- D. Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of July 27, 2015. Selectman Ducharme motioned to accept and Selectman Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting). None.
- F. Items of Communication. The deed for property owned by the Anson/Madison Water District has been transcribed and prepared for the agreed sale to the Town for \$1.

MSAD 74's Summer Lunch Program reported serving 105 children during the month of July at the Main Street Playground.

Dave Huff has agreed to be animal control officer, will be paid through the Town payroll since enforcement officers cannot be contracted.

The Town Manager looked into taking Dwayne Holmes of Maine Property Services to small claims court in an effort to recover the \$3,500 paid for mowing that was never done this spring. The Board agreed with taking MPS to small claims.

Norm Haggan with DOT reported that in the state's opinion the dip on White Schoolhouse Road is not significant enough to patch – they will monitor this winter. Also the date for Mowing contract has to be filed at small claims court because there was a breach of contract. Norm Hagan DOT too small to patch on school house road. Also the road sign project for Blackwell Hill and Russel Road is scheduled to be completed by November 20, 2015.

Spirit of America which recognizes volunteerism has suggested that the Town submit the person who received the town report dedication to Spirit of America for statewide recognition. The Board was in favor of the idea.

Main Street will be cleaned for Madison Anson days.

Current checkbook balance is at \$710,000.

- G. New Business.

1. Department Head Reports- Police and Fire Department submitted written reports. Selectmen approve of the layout of Police Report, they do wish to see trending and cruiser mileage by cruiser.

The Fire Department is in the process of repairing the communications tower.

Highway reports that bamboo spraying to take place in town, 5,000 ft. of ditching on Kincaid Rd., all mulched and seeded. The crew will also replace two culverts on River Road for about \$15000. If contracted out it would cost over \$54,000.

Town Manager Curtis provided a report from Code Enforcement, reporting an increase in permits for single family dwellings. The Town Manager met with an attorney to pursue two property maintenance issues: 221 Preble Ave and 51 John Street. Legal fees may be \$500-\$1,000 in fees. Selectmen advised to move forward, saying that there is a need to enforce ordinances and show that there will be consequences for not following through.

2. Board & Committee Appointments. Selectmen checked and initialed ballots.
3. Discuss Matching Grant Funding request (Maine Cedar Hot Tubs). Completed project and turned in invoices, met criteria, wants to be approved for grant. Motion made by selectman Veneziano and selectman Edgerly seconded. Motion carried, grant approved.
4. Update on Wesserunsett Dam Inspection. State Dam Inspector Tony Fletcher, Town Manager Curtis, and Glen Mantor met and reviewed the Wesserunsett Dam. Mr. Fletcher did not have a high level of concern, believes the dam needs to be monitored, no immediate threat, but has 5 recommendations- Have the dam and river bed surveyed, drawn to scale, monitor any leaks, determine the extent of foundation undercutting, and employ and engineer.

Town Manager Curtis recommended the high school industrial arts program create a surveying project for the dam. Highway will continue to monitor leaks, and try to repair dam near the cemetery opening (most severe concern).

Selectmen wanted to know of the progress at the East Madison Boat Landing, there have been a few complaints of boats dragging. Town Manager will hear back from the Lake Association for their input and then move forward with possible alternatives. One idea is to see if boats can be put at the beginning of the season and taken out at the end of the season over at Abenaki.

5. Discuss Revenue Expectations for tax commitment. The group reviewed the 2014 tax commitment spread sheet prepared by Bill Van Tuinen. The TIF agreement with Backyard Farms makes calculating a rate a bit more complicated.

Town Manager Curtis went over estimated revenues and state municipal revenue sharing. Town Manager Curtis did clarify that they receive no revenue from the Police Department, which belongs to the county. It is estimated that by allocating \$300,000 in revenue from the Line of Credit the tax rate would remain stable at approximately \$19.50 per thousand. Selectmen are all in agreement to stay with that rate.

- H. Selectmen's Concerns. Selectmen Ducharme asked about Morales property on upper Maine Street. Stuck in foreclosure and seems to be dragging out, wants to find out more information because it has been a few years.
- I. Citizen's Concerns. None.
- J. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.