

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 24, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag. Done
- B. Roll Call. Selectmen Al Veneziano, Paul Fortin and Cyp Johnson were present. Selectmen Jack Ducharme and Mike Edgerly were absent.
- C. Consent Agenda:
1. Warrants dated: Warrants dated: 8/10/15 Warrant #4 \$98,889.52; Warrant #46 \$243.87 (YE 6/30/15); Payroll register#32 \$12,929.82 (8/6/15), Payroll register #33 \$11,039.10 (8/13/15), Payroll register #34 \$11,057.09 (8/20/15). Motion to approve by Selectmen Fortin, seconded by Selectmen Johnson. Motion carried.
- D. Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of August 10, 2015. Motion to approve by Selectmen Johnson and a second from Selectmen Fortin. Motion carried. Town Manager Curtis asked that there be a correction the Minutes of July 13, 2015. Communication Item #4 should read "the Town Manager will seek input of the Lake Association". Selectmen Johnson made a motion to amend the minutes of July 13, 2015, seconded by Selectmen Fortin. Motion carried.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting). None
- A. Items of Communication.

Summit Natural Gas is working in various locations (Madison Ave., Main Street, and Garfield Street). The projects are supposed to be done by September 1st.

Town Manager Curtis asked for clarification on the next meeting of the Board of Assessors. The Town Manager will be unavailable to meet October 26th as planned. The board agreed to move the Assessors meeting up to Monday October 12 at 530 at the Old Point School Meeting room. The board also asked for information on the process for reviewing and approving abatements.

Town Manager Curtis received clarification that the traffic warning lights on Route 148 will be placed at the ends of Russell Road and Blackwell Hill. The project is contracted to be complete by November 20th.

Over the past week there have been small minor repairs to the rooms in the Old Point facility (replacing leaking light ballasts and removing leaking toilets). A discussion of general upkeep for the building will be on the upcoming Agenda.

The VFW requested a Beano License, motion to approve from Selectmen Johnson, seconded by Selectmen Fortin. Motion Carried. In addition the VFW is considering changing their liquor license, from a Class 5 to a Class A. Selectmen see no issue.

Check Book Balance- \$450,000 in the bank and a good stream of revenue from taxes.

B. New Business.

1. Property Maintenance Update. The Town Manager provided a list of 5 properties that are examples of the various stages of property maintenance violation. There has been interest from at least two residents to participate with a Property Maintenance Committee to oversee changes to the ordinance and help to improve enforcement. A tentative date of September 16th has been recommended for a first meeting. The Selectmen would like to see other ordinances from other towns.
2. Tax Acquired Property Update. The property at 400 Main Street could possibly have another lien holder, which will delay the tear down at least 30 days. The Town will have to resend notices to the correct banks and wait for the proper time to elapse before demolition. As for 170 Old Point Ave, the tenants have not responded to the Town's notice to leave and attorney Lori Blasdell will start the eviction process.
3. Discuss East Madison Boat Landing(s). Town Manager Curtis reviewed a timeline of discussions about concerns at the East Madison Boat Landing and how to provide better access for boats that may be too large to navigate the channel. Members of the Lake Association in attendance included President Gene Chiappetta, Eric Lahti, Jerry Lynch and Sonia Clothier. Selectman Johnson wanted to know why the State Department of Historical Preservation would have to be involved if the town wanted to dredge the channel. Eric Lahti, who works for Historical Preservation, explained that there is evidence in that area of ancient Native American artifacts. Selectman Johnson thanked him for the clarification.

Sonia Clothier explained that she was the person who does most of the boat inspections at the boat landing and she had several suggestions for improvement. One idea was to see if rocks can be removed by hand from the channel. Selectmen Fortin recommended that the Town Manager contact DEP about getting a permit by rule to remove stones. Another suggestion was to paint "Trailers Only" and "Cars Only" on the parking spaces to keep cars from taking up spaces that trucks need to turn around at the landing.

Town Manager Curtis also reported on his meeting with the owner of Abnaki Campground and that for a fee of \$12 boat owners can put in and take out at Abnaki's private boat landing. With this option, the Town Manager recommended that the Town keep the status quo at the East Madison Boat Landing and notify people that they can use Abnaki as an alternative.

In addition the Town Manager reported that the Highway Department had put 2 tons of stone at the side of the East Madison Dam to divert water from eroding the bank and they are looking into ways to seal up a seam on the corner of the dam that is falling into disrepair. The Lake Association members were appreciative of the information.

4. Discuss Time Frame for Matching Grant Program. At the July 27th BOS meeting the board had approved funding for a Matching Grant Program and the Town Manager recommended starting the program in January 2016. The Business Alliance has asked for it sooner. Town Manager Curtis now recommends an application period through October 2nd. Selectmen were in favor of moving up the start date.
5. Discuss Concealed Handgun Permit. Sheriff Lancaster has made the Town aware that he does not have the authority to sign concealed handgun permits. The Board was asked to authorize the State Police to authorize such permits. Town Manager Curtis said the process would remain the same with people looking for permits to contact the Madison Division of the Sheriff's office. Motion to authorize the State Police to sign concealed handgun permits was made by Selectmen Johnson and seconded by Selectmen Fortin, motion carried.

- C. Selectmen's Concerns. Selectmen Johnson mentioned that residents had shared concerns about smoking and drinking up to the horseshoe pits at Weston Avenue. Selectmen Veneziano reiterated that in these cases people should be encouraged to call the police if they think illegal activity is going on. Town Manager Curtis said that there are already policies in place for deputies to enforce. Town Manager Curtis will place additional signage at the site.

Town Manager Curtis and the Selectmen signed a thank you and appreciation letter for all the people who helped with Madison/Anson Days especially recognizing Shawna Albert and Lisa LaChance.

- D. Citizen's Concerns. None

- E. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm