

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 School Meeting Room
Monday December 14, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag.
- B. Roll Call: All Board Members Present
- C. Consent Agenda:
- Warrants dated: #14 (11/23/15 - \$556,925.05); # 15 (11/23/15 - \$1,584.66);
Payroll registers: #48 (11/25/15 - \$35,595.82) #49 (12/3/15 - \$16,122.82); #50 (12/10/15 - \$14,758.56):
Motion made by Selectman Jack Ducharme to pass the consent agenda, seconded by Selectman Paul Fortin. Motion carries 5-0.
- D. Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of December 7, 2015: Motion to accept the minutes as written by Mr. Fortin, seconded by Selectman Mike Edgerly. Motion carries 5-0.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting): None
- F. Items of Communication: Town Manager Tim Curtis reported that the house owned by the town on 400 Main Street has been demolished and the property is set to go to auction at 12 noon on January 15th.
- The Town Manager informed the board that the Planning Board would be meeting Tuesday Dec 22 and the Town Manager will be there to discuss the creation of a Madison Village Area.
- The Madison Animal Hospital has submitted invoices for payment of the \$5,000 Matching Grant awarded by the Town. Motion made by Mr. Fortin and seconded by Mr. Edgerly to pay out the \$5,000 award from TIF to the Madison Animal Hospital. Motion carries 5-0.
- G. New Business
1. Department Head Reports: Road Commissioner Glen Mantor mentioned that the crew had been putting out signs received from a grant earlier this year. The signs include 2 on Ward Hill and Old County warning of the stop ahead.

The monthly police report from the Sheriff's Office was reviewed by the board. Selectman Ducharme asked if some comparison data from last year could be figured in. Selectman Fortin asked if there were some way to see how many reserve officers the Town has had in the past compared to now. The Town Manager said he would follow up with the Sheriff on those issues.

Town Manager Curtis passed out a letter of resignation from Fire Chief Shawn Howard who expressed that his duties as Chief in Skowhegan preclude him from being able to continue as Chief in Madison. The Town Manager explained that Deputy Chiefs Don French and Dan Bosworth will be acting chiefs until the Fire Department elects a new Chief in June. The Town Manager also mentioned that he is working with the deputy chiefs to enter an Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the town.

Mr. Fortin motioned to accept Shawn Howard's resignation noting that he had done a fine job for the Town. Seconded by Selectman Cyp Johnson. Motion carries 5-0.

2. Discuss Radar Speed Signs: As mentioned at a previous meeting the Town could purchase a sign that would detect speed and warn motorists of their speeding. The cost would be up to \$2,800 depending on solar or battery powered. Selectman Fortin asked if there were grant funds available. The Town Manager said that there was a deal on purchases before December 31 and that would not be enough time to write a grant. The TM recommended purchasing one sign from the Summer Road's budget this year and working for a grant if more signs were desired. The signs can be moved from one part of town to another. The Road Commissioner recommended the road by the Junior High School and perhaps the road coming into the East Madison Village.

Motion by Mr. Fortin to approve the purchase of the radar speed sign, seconded by Mr. Edgerly. Motion carries 5-0.

3. Discuss SCTV (Channel 11) Budget: The Town Manager explained that this would be the first time that the amount paid by the Town of Madison to fund the Channel 11 budget would exceed the amount taken in by franchise fees from Bee Line Cable. Selectman Johnson motioned to table the issue until the Channel 11 Board had more time to review the proposed budget. Seconded by Mr. Fortin. Motion carries 5-0.
4. Discuss 1 year cemetery mowing bids: A total of four bids were received by the deadline of 4pm December 14th. Motion by Mr. Fortin to award McKenney and Sons the contract for Forest Hills Cemetery not to exceed \$19,800. Seconded by Mr. Ducharme. Mr. Edgerly asked if that included spring clean-up. The Town manager said that some of the clean-up would be done by high school students and the rest would be included in the first mow of the year. Motion carries 5-0.

Mr. Fortin motioned to award the contract for the 10 remaining cemeteries in town to Robert Bishop for an amount not to exceed \$10,450.00. Seconded by Mr. Ducharme. Motion carries 5-0.

5. Discuss After the Fact Permitting: The Town Manager reviewed the word changes to Ordinance 290 Property Maintenance to strengthen the enforcement of the ordinance. Selectman Johnson motioned to approve the changes and move the ordinance on to a public hearing in the spring, seconded by Mr. Fortin. Motion carried 5-0.

The board also reviewed changes to After the Fact Permitting which would call for a fine of \$250 or 10% of the project costs. Mr. Edgerly recommended changing the wording to 10% of the cost or \$250 whichever is greater, and to include language regarding who would pay, the homeowner or the contractor and who would determine the project value. The board sent these changes back to the Property Maintenance committee for further work.

The Town Manager noted that he would continue to bring ordinance changes to the Board in small sections each meeting.

6. Discuss BOS Meeting Schedule: The Board reviewed the meeting schedule proposed by the Town Manager through September 2016. There were some questions as to when the board would begin reviewing the budget so they could get copies to the Advisory Board by mid-March. The Town Manager suggested reviewing the budget by March 14, 2016. The Board was in agreement with the schedule.

H. Selectmen's Concerns: None

- I. Citizen's Concerns: Steve Kaelen, who lives on Preble Avenue is asking the Board for help with what he believes are junkyards that are next to him and are bringing the value of his property down. He says he has been talking with town officials for 2 years and nothing is getting done. Board Chairman Albert

Veneziano said that the board would instruct the Town Manager to work with Code Enforcement to follow the letter of the law in these cases. Mr. Ducharme explained that the Town has been taking steps to improve properties by forming a property maintenance committee that has made recommendations to beef up the enforcement. Mr. Kaelen thanked the board for listening to him.

- J. Executive Session to discuss an economic development matter pursuant to 1MRSA 405(6)(C). Mr. Fortin motioned to go into executive session at 728pm, seconded by Mr. Johnson. Motion carried 5-0.

The board came out of executive session at 820pm no action taken.

- K. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 821pm.