

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
March 26, 2018
6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag: Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm
- B. Roll Call: Selectmen Al Veneziano, Jack Ducharme, George Elias and Paul Fortin were present. Selectman Ron Moody was absent. Town Manager Tim Curtis, Treasurer Kathy Estes, Finance Director Tammy Carrier and Road Commissioner Glen Mantor were also in attendance.
- C. Consent Agenda: Warrants Dated: # 26 (3/12/18 - \$116,917.43) Payroll Registers: #11 (3/15/18 - \$17,313.34), #12 (3/22/18 - \$12,043.32): Motion to approve by Mr. Fortin, seconded by Mr. Elias. Motion carries.
- Quit Claim Deed 40 Olive Street: Motion by Mr. Elias to approve a quit claim deed to Gordon and Barbara Smith for property located at 40 Olive Street, seconded by Mr. Ducharme. Town Manager Curtis said that the 2015 taxes have been paid and most of the 2016. Motion carried 4-0.
- Election Clerks. Motion by Mr. Ducharme to approve the lists of Republican and Democratic Election Clerks, seconded by Mr. Elias. Motion carries 4-0.
- D. Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of March 12, 2018: Motion to approve by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Fortin. Motion carries 4-0.
- E. Old Business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting): None
- F. Items of Communication: Town Manager Curtis shared the resignation letter from Code Enforcement Officer Robert Dunphy and expressed the Town's thanks for his years of dedicated service.

The Town Manager shared pictures from 21 Naomi Avenue and explained that the contractor to clean up the debris has been cleared to move forward. The land owner and tenant have been given 21 days-notice to remove any personal property from the site.

The Town Office received a request from the State Department of Transportation for a Construction Over Limit Permit for work to be performed on Route 201 from Solon to Skowhegan this summer. Motion by Mr. Elias to approve, seconded by Mr. Ducharme. Motion carries 4-0.

The Town Manager reminded the board of a meeting at Backyard Farms Tuesday night (3/27) to hear the greenhouse's plans to bring in additional labor.

G. New Business

1. Review Proposed FY19 Capital Budget: The Town Manager explained the proposed road surface project list which includes reimbursing the Town of Solon for Madison's portion of the South Solon Meeting Road. The cost is anticipated to be \$30,175.

The Road Commissioner is recommending a cold mix/chip seal application to a portion of Preble Avenue from the recreational ball fields to Shusta Road, and on Colby Bryant Road. The estimate cost would be \$208,000 for both.

There are four 'in-town' roads that are recommended for a traditional hot mix shim and overlay; including the northernmost portion of Weston Avenue near the end of the pavement, Garden Street, Jones Street and Pinewood Drive. Total for those four would be \$43,700.00. The total proposed road projects budget is \$281,875.00.

In addition to Road Projects the Town Manager is recommending \$55,000.00 to be set aside for a new plow truck to replace the 1995 model, and \$4,000.00 for building and equipment needs at the East Madison Fire Station.

The proposed capital budget of \$340,875 would result in a municipal budget of \$2,998,205.00. With the estimated school and county budgets the impact on the mill rate would be an increase of approximately \$.75 to \$22.25.

Mr. Fortin asked how the municipal budget compared to the current budget. The Town Manager said it is approximately a \$400,000.00 increase mainly because the Town did not raise any money from taxation for road work last year but used remaining funds.

Mr. Fortin asked what the Town could take out of undesignated fund balance to reduce taxes. Town Manager Curtis had discussed this with the Treasurer and Finance Director and the most they are comfortable with is \$150,000 to reduce taxes. The Town Manager reminded the Board that if the Town were to lose the abatement appeal with Madison Paper Industries that payment of several hundred thousand dollars would have to come from the Town's line of credit.

It was the consensus of the Board to take the proposed budget to the combined meeting with the Advisory Board on Wednesday April 4, 2018.

The Town Manager reminded the Board that the School Board has their next meeting on April 23, then a Budget Information meeting on April 30, the Budget Validation meeting on May 7 and the referendum vote at the polls on Tuesday May 15.

2. Discuss Storm Water Invoice from Anson/Madison Sanitary District: The Town Manager Curtis attended a meeting of the AMSD Board of Directors where they discussed whether the Towns of Anson and Madison would pay the invoices received from the District for Storm Water Assessment Fees. Voters rejected the warrant article for the fee at Anson's Town Meeting. Since the Towns and the District appear to be at an impasse it was recommended that the parties meet with an independent mediator from Maine Rural Water. Sanitary District Superintendent Dale Clark has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday April 3.
3. Discuss format for Town Meeting Warrant: The Board continued to discuss whether budget articles on the Town Meeting warrant should be open or closed. Mr. Fortin asked what MMA recommends. The Town Manager said his understanding that MMA recommends closed articles. Motion from Mr. Fortin to write the Town Meeting warrant with closed budget articles, seconded by Mr. Ducharme.

Mr. Elias asked what would happen if the Advisory Board recommended a different number from the Selectmen. The Town Manager assumed the Selectman's number would be included in the language of the article and the Advisory Board's figure would be included in the notes below the article.

Mr Elias asked if the articles are closed and someone wants to raise more funds how do they go about doing that. Town Manager Curtis said voters would have to defeat the article as presented and then motion for a different amount.

he Board asked the Town Manager to get clarification on those questions and bring back information to the Budget Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday April 4. Mr. Fortin withdrew his motion.

4. Discuss Article Language Regarding MEW Charter Change: The Town Manager recommended that the Select Board and MEW's Board of Directors review language for the Town Meeting warrant that states as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Madison Electric Works Board of Directors to amend the MEW Charter to authorize the Electric Works to borrow through the issuance of revenue bonds.

The consensus of the board was that the language was acceptable. On April 9, there will be a public hearing to discuss the proposed MEW charter changes and Town Manager Curtis expects members of the MEW to be in attendance. Mr. Fortin wanted to make sure that both boards are in agreement with the legal opinion obtained by the Town regarding the charter and that there would be clarification as to how the rate payers who live in other towns are notified to any borrowing or rate changes.

5. Workshop Smoking Ordinances: The Town Manager Curtis shared with the board the current smoking ordinance (chapter 702) which is a confusing compilation of random of issues. Mr. Curtis proposes replacing the current ordinance with a smoking policy ordinance which would encompass smoking and tobacco use on town property and allow for enforcement. The consensus of the Board was to move forward with a public hearing and to bring the changes to Town Meeting.
- H. Selectman Concerns: Selectman Fortin asked if the meeting minutes could be included in the packets that are sent out to board members.
- I. Citizen Concerns: None
- J. Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1MRSA 405 (6) (A): Motion to enter executive session by Mr. Ducharme, seconded by Mr. Fortin. Motion carries 4-0. The Board entered executive session at 7:36pm. The Board exited executive session at 8:08pm with no action taken.
- K. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.