

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
EAST MADISON FIRE STATION, 1110 EAST MADISON ROAD, MADISON
Monday, May 11, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag. Done.
- B. Roll Call. Present were Albert Veneziano, Jack Ducharme, Paul Fortin, Cyp Johnson and Mike Edgerly.
- C. Consent Agenda.
 - 1. Warrants dated: #34 (04/27/15 – \$585,407.12), #35 (04/27/15 - \$3,836.50), #36 (04/29/15 - \$2,418.13); payroll registers #18 (04/30/15 - \$16,703.91), #19 (05/07/15 - \$17,019.91). Selectman Fortin made a motion to approve. Selectman Edgerly seconded. Motion carried.
 - 2. Discuss application for a Liquor License from Curtain Up Enterprises d/b/a Lakewood Theater. Selectman Johnson made a motion to approve the license. Selectman Edgerly seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of April 27, 2015. Correction to item #8 on page 3 – no one in our highway department is licensed to spray. Selectman Fortin made a motion to approve the minutes with the change. Selectman Edgerly seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Old business (Selectmen’s Concerns from immediately preceding meeting). Selectman Edgerly had none. Selectman Fortin asked if we could borrow money from TIF. Town Manager Curtis said we could but we would have to structure a way to do it internally in an amount up to \$200,000. Selectman Fortin asked the Town Manager to get procedures in place to implement the borrowing. Selectmen Johnson, Ducharme and Veneziano had none.
- F. Items of Communication.
 - 1. Computer update – Town Manager met with Kevin Madore, Director of IT Services at Somerset County to review the work – we’re about 95% done. One issue is that we’ve installed a new phone system which used old wiring – we’re swapping this out.
 - 2. Work at the East Madison War Memorial site, formerly the East Madison General Store, will be done by the Highway Department after the street sweeping is done. There are two issues to be resolved: 1) there’s a concrete septic tank on that site which will be demolished and filled in; and 2) there’s a concrete cylinder that’s a station for an old pump – it’s been disconnected and will be caved/filled in. Selectman Johnson had talked to the Road Commission about placing a historical stone marker on the site to represent the old mill.
 - 3. Highway is aware of a rotten board at the East Madison Dam and has taped off the area.
 - 4. Board of Assessor’s Review training is tomorrow night at 4 pm at MMA – Selectmen Ducharme, Johnson and Fortin are attending.
 - 5. Anson Madison Water District answered a couple questions on the purchase of the old reservoir, there is a right-of-way to the property in the deed; the water pipe is about 14’ down. Town Manager has asked Mike Corson to draw up the necessary paperwork.
 - 6. Sidewalk repairs are being done by Summit – they’re doing some inspections and Fine Line Paving is doing some of the work that we agreed to. Selectman Fortin asked about the road painting on Pine Street. Town Manager said there are a number of tee lines that need to be inspected.

7. MEW removed a light fixture in front of Irving's because it wasn't functioning - it had been hit several times by trucks coming in and out of Irving's.
8. We applied for new floats for the Nathan Street boat landing. We did receive some from the State. They'll be in place in the next week or so.
9. The Board discussed Town Meeting Dinner and agreed not to gather this year.

G. New Business.

1. Department head reports: Police Department, Recreation, Code Enforcement. Police Chief gave the stats for the past month. Police department received a check for \$7,048.50 which is reimbursement for the two cameras we got through a grant. A reserve officer has resigned. Recreation sent a report-it was not read. Code Enforcement Officer handed out a report – updates on property maintenance and junkyards, plumbing and building permit activity for the month of April, and numerous complaints were noted. Selectman Johnson mentioned an abandoned mobile home in East Madison. CEO looked at it today. Selectman Fortin is concerned that the Town is in worse shape than in 2010 when the Property Maintenance Ordinance was adopted. CEO said several properties are in court. CEO said the ordinance does not address building maintenance (repairs/paint) and the grass cutting is not definitive enough. Selectman Veneziano asked if the Town could remove unregistered vehicles from properties. The Board asked Town Manager to work with CEO and MMA to develop or amend the ordinance.
2. Discuss Quitclaim Deed. There are two pieces of tax acquired property that was offered to abutting landowners. Town Manager Curtis accepted the first offer of payment. One of the abutters thought a policy should be established putting property out for silent bid with abutters. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to approve a quitclaim deed to Robert Poulin for property on map 003, lot 045 and located at White Schoolhouse Road. Selectman Fortin seconded. Motion carried, four in favor, one opposed – Selectman Johnson. There is another Quitclaim Deed to John and Ann Smeltzer for map 004, lot 044 and being located at 575 Russell Road. Selectman Fortin made a motion to approve the Quitclaim Deed. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
3. Discuss Tobacco Policy update. Town Manager recommends removing any names (of personnel) from the policy and expanding the policy from playgrounds to cover all of our recreation facilities. He recommends adding e-cigarettes to the list of prohibitive uses. Selectman Fortin made a motion to approve the policy. Selectman Edgerly seconded. Motion carried.
4. Discuss Fraternal Order of Police request. They request a joint impact bargaining to determine wages, hours and working conditions under the proposed consolidation. Town Manager Curtis has spoken with the Sheriff and the County Administrator. The County is in negotiations with the union and the sheriffs. They're inviting a representative from Madison to join the negotiations. Their next meeting is May 26. The Town Manager will contact the correspondent of the letter.
5. Review Commercial Haulers. Town Manager, along with the Finance Officer, created a spreadsheet to review data on commercial haulers and is looking for feedback from the Board. This lists all commercial haulers for solid waste, the number of residential/business customers, tonnage collected, etc. We have approximately 2,500 homes including the seasonal homes. The Board liked the format.
6. Discuss Town Meeting handouts. Town Manager printed out power point handouts for the Board to consider. Three areas will be addressed: change in tax base, change in historical landscape and a change in police coverage strategy. Differences in property tax revenue will be explained; four year comparison of our municipal budget; TIF explanation (articles 5-8 and changing tax base); Town historic buildings and police strategies-collaborative effort with Somerset County, office at Weston Avenue remains open, staff and officers remain the same and we retain our local 24 hour police coverage. Selectman Fortin suggested adding a line that should this process fail we could easily go back to the current operation. Equipment transfers would be mentioned, roughly \$114,000 of equipment. The last slide is the last three years of attorney fees for negotiating union contracts. Board to finalize plans by the next meeting. Selectman Fortin mentioned a press release to the local news

media – comparison of this year’s Town budget to last year’s budget, an idea of what the mil rate is going to be from this year to last year, and what’s changed (how we’re handling TIF funds and changes in Police Department).

H. Selectmen’s Concerns. There were none.

I. Citizen’s Concerns. Mr.Stoutamyer asked if we were going clean up the Russell Road, property down near the town line. Kathy Edgerly wanted to remind everyone that there will be an Open House at the East Madison History House on Wednesday, May 13th from 4 pm – 8 pm.

J. Executive session to discuss economic development pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C). Selectman Fortin made a motion to go into executive session. Selectman Ducharme seconded. The Board went into executive session at 7:55 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 8:34 p.m. No action taken.

K. Executive session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A). Selectman Edgerly made a motion to go into executive session. Selectman Ducharme seconded. The Board went into executive session at 8:35 p.m. The Board came out of executive session at 9:16 p.m. No action taken.

L. Adjournment. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Edgerly seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.