

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 12, 2014
6:30 p.m.

- A. Salute to the flag. Done.
- B. Roll Call. Present were Albert Veneziano, Jack Ducharme, Bruce Bristow, and Cyp Johnson. Paul Fortin was absent.
- C. Consent Agenda.
 - 1. Warrants dated: #71 (04/28/14) and #72 (04/28/14), payroll registers # 18 (05/01/14), #19 (05/08/14). Selectman Bristow made a motion to accept. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
 - 2. Discuss application for Special Entertainment Permit from Northwoods Camp & Rec d/b/a Yonder Hill Campground. Selectman Bristow made a motion to grant the Special Entertainment License. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of April 28, 2014. Selectman Bristow made a motion to accept the minutes. Selectman Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting). None.
 - 1. Review and sign the Town Meeting Warrant. Articles 29 – allow the Town to go out for a TAN if necessary and Article 30 – loan money to the SAD for busses were added. The Board signed the warrant.
- F. Items of Communication.
 - 1. New Bookkeeper Bonnie Baker started today – was working in Town of Embden as Clerk, Treasurer and Bookkeeper. She will be part time until July.
 - 2. Somerset County Budget Committee caucus was held – Paul Frederick from Starks was elected to serve on the County Budget Committee. The first meeting is scheduled for May 15 and then again on May 22.
 - 3. Highway has been doing cleanup for the last two or three weeks. We have the sweeper this week so trying to get everything swept a couple times.
 - 4. Boat docks are in in East Madison – in Madison the river is still too high.
 - 5. A legal meeting has been scheduled for May 21st at 5:30 pm to discuss a legal matter at the Municipal Building, Assembly Room. The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 27th. Town Manager suggested moving the meeting to June 2nd at 6:30 pm at Old Point Avenue.
 - 6. The Town had approved the invoice for Frank Martin & Son for the Kawasaki loader. We should have the loader within a week – waiting for strobe lights.
 - 7. Annual Town Meeting Dinner was discussed.
- G. New Business.
 - 1. Public hearing to discuss the proposed General Assistance Ordinance. Chairman Veneziano opened the public hearing. Town Manager Berry stated that the current ordinance was adopted in 1980 and

needed to be replaced as several sections of the ordinance are no longer current and need to be updated. No questions from the public. Public hearing was closed. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to approve the ordinance for Town Meeting. Selectman Bristow seconded. Motion carried.

2. Approve and sign the notice of Election from MSAD #59 for a District Referendum Election to be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to approve the District Referendum Election for June 10, 2014. Selectman Bristow seconded. Motion carried.
3. Discuss Playground Tobacco Policy. We've had some issues of people smoking at the public playground. The Town Manager read the proposed policy. Effective date will be June 1, 2014. Selectman Bristow made a motion to adopt the Playground Tobacco Policy. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
4. Discuss Main Street banner brackets. The Business Alliance would like the Town to help with the purchase of brackets for banners they intend to buy. These banners would go from the intersection to the railroad tracks. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 out of TIF funds for the brackets for the light poles. Selectman Bristow seconded. Motion carried.
5. Discuss funding Madison/Anson Days. The Town has supported this activity with \$16,000 for the past couple years. Selectman Johnson made a motion to approve up to \$16,000 from TIF funds for Madison-Anson Days. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
6. Discuss Town-owned property. Town Manager discussed Old Point Avenue and 5 Thomas Street. Old Point Avenue – we budgeted operating expenses at \$28,600. Revenues are down – net loss of \$22,000. Channel 11 pays \$200/month. Dance studio – Town Manager does not recommend renewing this lease. Issues in the basement where the Food Cupboard is – problems with the sewer. We had to dig up part of the basement. Town Manager discussed leasing or selling the building at 5 Thomas Street to Channel 11. Channel 11 would need to do a walk through. Leasing the building for a \$1 with Channel 11 being responsible for the upkeep was discussed. The Food Cupboard is not handicapped accessible and they are cramped for space. Finding another location for the food cupboard was suggested. Relocating the Historical Society to the congregational church was mentioned. Selling Old Point Avenue or tearing down the building and dividing and selling the land as house lots was suggested. Relocating the Town Office to the new part of Old Point Avenue, using the old part for storage was also suggested. Renovating the existing municipal building and adding a public safety building beside the fire station was also mentioned as a possibility. To be discussed at the next meeting: 1) taking over the congregational church and moving the historical society there, 2) finding a home for the food cupboard, 3) relocating Channel 11, and 4) ballpark figures for renovating the Town Office building and Old Point Avenue facility. The Board was in agreement.
7. Update on playground. Town Manager wanted the Board to consider buying bike racks for the playground to get them off the parking lot where they are a hazard. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to investigate and purchase up to \$600 for a bike rack to protect the parking lot on Main Street. Funds to come from TIF account. Selectman Bristow seconded. Motion carried. Town has ordered 25 yards of mulch to be delivered this week at the playground. Highway will put up wooden borders. Town has had several requests for a port-a-potty at the park. Average prices are \$170 a month for a handicap accessible potty. Price includes weekly maintenance. Placement was discussed. The Board supported this.
8. Discuss Memorandum of Understanding between Town and SAD #59. Town Manager met with Todd LeRoy and Holly Eggleston regarding working together to minimize the amount of surplus needed at both facilities. He passed out a draft memorandum. The Board supported the memorandum of understanding as presented. He would like to have a joint meeting with both boards to sign the agreement.

9. Discuss transfer of funds from the Backyard Farms TIF account to the general fund for costs associated with the TIF as amended on March 14 to include items listed on Table 1 pages 8, 9 and 10. This is the project list that got approved. This is the one that allows us to maintain the five roads – River Road, Old County, Ward Hill, Golf Course and Russell roads and to take 14.25% of operating costs from highway, ambulance and fire department budgets. Moving forward, Town Manager Berry thought we should transfer funds on a quarterly basis. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to transfer from the Backyard Farms TIF account those items listed in Table 1 of the TIF amendment into the General Fund, to receive them as other revenue. Selectman Bristow seconded. Motion carried. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to, on a quarterly basis, review the expenditures listed in Table 1 of the TIF amendment and to charge Backyard Farms TIF as appropriate and to transfer that money into the general fund as other revenue moving forward. Selectman Bristow seconded. Motion carried.

H. Selectmen's Concerns. Selectman Bristow asked if Clark Court was a Town road. The condition is horrible. Selectman Johnson thought the four signs for the farmer's market at the park was overkill. Banners to come down after Memorial Day. Selectman Ducharme mentioned the clock at the Town Office – time if off. Town Manager has fixed the clock. Jim Elias is building a covering for the face of the clock. He also mentioned mowing around the Welcome to Madison sign on Route 201. Town Manager said it is in our mowing contract. He asked if the Town Manager had gathered any information from DOT relative to placement of crosswalks. Town Manager said we can only have one sidewalk at the school. Town Manager to check the distance again. He also mentioned a crosswalk at Campbell's. He discussed a jaywalking ordinance and a consequence for not crossing in a crosswalk. Selectman Veneziano noted the Fire Department recognition banquet and retirement celebration for Roger Lightbody on June 1st at 6 pm at the Crossroads Church. There will also be a reception at the Fire Station on May 28th from 1 – 4 pm in honor of Roger Lightbody.

I. Citizen's Concerns. The East Madison Historical Society has some interest in preserving the garage at the East Madison Store and maintaining it for storage. Structurally it is pretty good – it has a sill problem in one corner on the south side on the front. The flagpole and monument is of concern as it needs to be moved before they fall into the river. The Town Manager said that they plan to move it at some point. Selectman Bristow mentioned cleaning up the river banks along the stream from old tires, rims, etc.

Several abandoned and dilapidated houses over in Lakewood were mentioned as a concern. The ones of most concern are located at Naomi Avenue. It was said that there is water in basement, no running water, no sewer and that several children live there. Town Manager, Code Enforcement Officer and Selectman Johnson will go take a look on Thursday. The Board would like to be updated on this matter.

Town Report will be dedicated on May 22nd at the East Madison History House.

J. Adjournment. Selectman Bristow made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Ducharme seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.