

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 October 12, 2015
6:30 p.m.

A. Salute to the flag.

B. Roll Call. All Selectmen are present.

C. Consent Agenda:

Warrants dated: #8 9/28/15 - \$493,754.54; #9 9/28/15 \$2,037.59; Payroll Registers: #39 \$11,248.12; #40 \$12,044.01; # 41 \$11,233.96. Motion to approve all the warrants, seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

D. Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of September 28, 2015. Motion to approve the minutes of last meeting, seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting). None.

F. Items of Communication.

1. Town manager discussed the two tax acquired properties. 170 old Point still has tenants, Corson & Blaisdell has started the eviction process with the Sheriff's Office which can take 10-14 days. At 400 Main St., Town Manager Curtis has tried to get ahold of Duetche Bank regarding any claim they may have on the property with no response, however as of Dec. 1st the Town will be able to move forward with their plans for the property.
2. The Sheriff has posted a job opening for dispatcher/administration, Selectman Fortin had a question as to whether the position was going to be 30 or 32 hours a week. Town Manager Curtis said his understanding was 32. The Town Manager also mentioned that he has been sitting in on interviews for deputies and there should be some new hires soon.
3. Town Manager will be in small claims court this week seeking a judgement against Dwayne Holmes and Property Management Services of Maine for the \$3500 owed to the Town for mowing.
4. Town Manager Curtis spoke to the selectmen about having a new lease agreement with Channel 11 (last one was in 1997). MMA wants a new one in place showing an agreement /insurance/rent.
5. Check book balance is around 3 million, Town Manager reminded the Board that \$1.1M in county tax payments are due at the end of the month. That will put a strain on cash flow until the 2nd half taxes are due in March.
6. Town Manager Curtis told the selectmen he will not be available for the next scheduled meeting on the 26th. The Board moved the next meeting to Monday November 2, 2015.

G. New Business.

1. Review Matching Grant Applications- A total of 14 applicants. Total of \$60,312.00, Selectman Fortin made a motion to approve all grants, motion was seconded by Selectman Ducharme, all in favor, motion carried.

2. 1st Quarter Budget Review – Town Manager reviewed the budget according to each Town Meeting Article. With the exception of Cemeteries (Article 10) every other line is where it should be after the first quarter. Total expenditures are at 25% year to date. The Town Manager mentioned that the Sheriff's office is spending under the \$481,000 contract amount year to date but new hires would eat up any savings with the need for Academy training.
3. Discuss Curbside Recycling Program – The Town Manager asked the board for guidance. If the cost of curbside recycling is not cost effective at \$38,000, then at what point does it become cost effective. The Town Manager and members of the recycling committee discussed figures per ton that ranged from \$160 per ton just to collect cardboard and \$320 per ton just to collect recycling. Contractor Chris Roy estimated that there are about 300 customers that use curbside recycling in Madison. The Town Manager mentioned that the town intern will start a tracking program to get actual numbers.

Mary Tomlinson with the recycling committee believes recycling is a necessity and a way to draw people to the community, and she urged the board to enforce the recycling ordinance. Town Manager Curtis shared what he called 'food for thought' about using a pay per bag method to track tonnage at the front gate, as well as suggesting that Waste Management consider moving to a per capita use fee on the back gate over on Airport Road in Norridgewock. The Town Manager will report back to the Board on plans to increase recycling and reduce costs per ton.

4. Discuss Plans for Mowing Town Owned Property – This spring the Town has spent \$29,000 on mowing, including approximately \$23,000 for cemeteries. The budget for cemetery mowing is \$14,500. The Town Manager plans to talk with the mowers and see what to budget for the coming year. The Board will discuss at the next meeting whether or not to put the cemetery mowing out to bid this fall.
5. Selectmen's Concerns. Selectmen Johnson reports that he received a letter from Lakewood Estate Association stating they are putting a chain on all the roads that they maintain. The Town Manager mentioned that he was aware that they were going to chain off Togue road among others and that the Fire Chief was not concerned about it as long as they did not block the road with boulders or other obstructions.

Selectmen Ducharme asked if there is a defined process to purchase a lot in the Business Park. The Town Manager will look into the process and have an answer for the next meeting.

H. Citizen's Concerns. None.

I. Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A) – Motion to go into Executive session, seconded, all in favor, motioned carried, went into session at 7:43 P.M and came out at 8:02 P.M. No action taken.

J. Adjournment.- 8:03 P.M