

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 AVENUE FACILITY, 108 OLD POINT AVENUE, MADISON
Tuesday, October 14, 2014
6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag. Done.
- B. Roll Call. Present were Albert Veneziano, Jack Ducharme, Cyp Johnson, Mike Edgerly and Paul Fortin.
- C. Consent Agenda.
- 1. Warrants dated: #10 (09/22/14), #11 (09/22/14). Payroll Registers dated: Week #39 (09/25/14), #40 (10/02/14). Selectman Johnson made a motion to approve the warrants and payroll registers. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Discuss meeting minutes of September 22, 2014. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to approve. Selectman Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting). None.
- F. Items of Communication.
 - 1. We're now wrapping up the audit for last fiscal year.
 - 2. Town Manager closed the Town Office to allow staff to attend training.
 - 3. Skowhegan Board of Selectmen would like to hold another joint meeting to discuss additional areas of cooperation between the two towns and the continued enhancement of the current fire department relationships. They suggested meeting in Madison on Monday, November 24th.
 - 4. We received the preliminary proposed 2015 State Valuation – Madison's valuation is \$491,600,000. He attached the history going back to 2003. We have 45 days to file an appeal. There may be grounds to file an appeal. Bill VanTuinen would like to be on the next meeting agenda to discuss an appeal and the appeal process.
 - 5.
- G. New Business.
 - 1. Conduct a public hearing to review and approve the new General Assistance Expenditure Guidelines (Appendices B & C). Chairman Veneziano opened the public hearing. The Town Manager discussed the general assistance maximums allowed by the State of Maine, which need to be adopted. Chairman Veneziano closed the public hearing. Selectman Fortin made a motion to approve Appendices B & C of the General Assistance Ordinance. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
 - 2. Department head reports: Police Department, Code Enforcement, Recreation. **Police Chief** Moores said he had a total of 603 calls for service in the month, did several building checks, and put 7,068 miles on the cruiser. He has one officer in field training. The Police Department renovations are now complete – the trailers are gone. The new cruiser is at Yankee Communications having installations done on it – should be back the first of next week. Selectman Fortin asked about the communication with the Sheriff's Department. Chief said our relationship is good. **Code Officer** was not available. **Recreation** – Chris LeBlanc said the fall season is winding down – numbers are on the decline.

Soccer commissioner resigned. A new commissioner - Crystal Johnson - will be running the program for children up to grade 4 - 5th grade will go up to the Jr High School. Basketball is about to start. Kristie LeBlanc will continue to run the basketball program. Signups are out. Weston Avenue property still has fencing up and steel all over the place – concerned about the ice rink not being in place as a result of its present condition. Town Manager said it should be done by Thursday this week. He wanted to publically thank Justin Cornforth who went to the Preble Avenue Rec Facility and used his bucket truck to repaint the goal posts. Football numbers are low – there will most likely be some restructuring next year.

3. Discuss combined Fire Department bid for air packs. Town received fire safety grant. Madison and Skowhegan combined a bid proposal and both Town's saved about \$3,000. Two bids were received: Industrial Protective Services – Madison's share was \$103,730. Fire Tech and Safety – Madison share was \$102,170. Fire Chief Howard recommended we award the bid to Fire Tech and Safety out of Winthrop. Delivery would be in six weeks. Selectman Fortin made a motion to award the bid to Fire Tech and Safety of New England. Selectman Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
4. Approve Quitclaim Deeds. We have two quitclaim deeds: 1) Gertrude Luce which goes back to a tax lien from 1976. Everything is paid up. Selectman Fortin made a motion to approve the quitclaim deed. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried. 2) James Holland has paid up his taxes and is now in the tax club. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to approve the quitclaim deed for James Holland. Selectman Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
5. Discuss Stephen Sidell's right-of-way on Ash Street. Town Manager showed the Board a survey map. His understanding is that when the Rec fields were put in, on Steve Sidell's property there was a right of way that ran from his property out to Preble Avenue, across the ballfields. In exchange for that, the Town was going to grant him a 50' x 100' right of way to come out on Ash Street. That was never recorded. He asked the Board to give approval to work with Corson and Blaisdell to get that added to the deed. The right of way would come out by that second gate (Town Manager and Road Commissioner walked it). Selectman Fortin made a motion to grant Mr Sidell a right of way as drawn on the map. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.
6. Discuss Citizen Petition regarding the Board of Assessors. Town Manager gave the Board a copy of the first page of the petition of which 179 signatures was required and 236 signatures were valid. Town Manager contacted MMA to get their opinion on it. Two thoughts: 1) the Board can take action and establish a date even as far ahead as next Town Meeting or it can establish a date (hold off a bit to see if there are any other items happening before the June meeting) to hold a Special Town Meeting. 2) MMA legal thought that the way the article was worded was vague and they drafted a possible second article to be on the warrant – To see if the Town will vote to abolish the separate Board of Assessors and transfer the Town's assessing function to the Board of Selectmen and Overseers effective at the June 2015 annual meeting so that as of the 2015 Annual Meeting any person holding the office of Selectmen will simultaneously hold the office of Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer. We could list both articles (proposed and original) and just vote to pass over the second article, should the first article get passed. Selectman Fortin made a motion to table the voter's petition until another meeting. Selectman Johnson seconded. The effective date was questioned. The Board would like to speak with Bill VanTuinen. Motion carried.
7. Discuss bank proposal Line-of-Credit. Town Manager sent the Board spreadsheet. Selectman Ducharme is going to recuse himself from any vote on this because he has a conflict of interest. Skowhegan Savings Bank interest rate is 3.50%, length of loan was 7 years; Bangor Savings Bank was 3.19%, length of loan was 6 years. Amount of borrowing was discussed. Comparison of cost to borrow – Town Manager recommended going with Bangor Savings Bank. Selectman Fortin recommended getting an RFP from the three banks in Town. Selectman Fortin made a motion that we send out an RFP to Skowhegan Savings, Bangor Savings, Camden National and the Credit Union. Selectman Johnson seconded. Motion carried, four in favor, one abstained – Selectman Ducharme. The Board would like to look at the bids and ask each bank to give a presentation.

8. .Review Waste Management proposal. Town Manager has been negotiating with Waste Management – they came back with a proposal: Commercial entrance - current rate is \$79.88/ton, new proposed rate would be \$65.50; transfer station on MSW - current rate is \$90.34, new proposed rate would be \$85, a total savings of \$28,000 annually. In exchange for the lower rate, the Town would be asked to sign a 5 year lease. Consumer Price Index increases would be applied to the contract in years two and three. Using a transfer station and the effect on a contract was discussed. Town Manager to find out how long this bid is good for. No action taken by the Board.
 9. Discuss sidewalk on Weston Avenue. Sidewalk is in rough shape from the corner of Weston Avenue to Vaughn Street. We had a resident fall and get injured on them. We have \$47,000 in the sidewalk fund. Last year we had an arrangement with Summit where we became the contractor to do the paving in Town where they cut the streets and we agreed on a price that they would pay the Town. We contracted with Fine Line and there was a surplus balance. Road Commissioner Mantor got estimates to fix the sidewalks - \$26,000 to pave from the Town Office on Vaughn Street. He could do the work this year. Selectman Ducharme thinks we should start at Main Street going up Weston Avenue and stop at Rowell Street. Starting a Taylors and going up to the Junior High and starting a Cumberland Farms and going to the nursing home. Selectman Ducharme made a motion to instruct the Road Commissioner to get the sidewalks done on Main Street to Rowell Street on Weston Avenue – up to \$25,855; and to get us a price for the next meeting of those two on Main Street that need to be done. Selectman Fortin seconded. Tim Curtis mentioned that sidewalks are a covered use for TIF funds. We'll get quotes on both side of Main Street for discussion at the next meeting along with where we're going to get the funds from. Motion carried.
 10. Matching Grant update. Country Greenery gave us their invoices today – they were awarded \$3,871 and they have submitted what we asked for. Selectman Johnson made a motion to award \$3,871. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried. M & M Ice Cream at 208 Main Street – they have submitted their receipts for \$12,500 worth of ice cream making machinery. They are seeking payment of their award which is \$5,000. Selectman Johnson made a motion to award M & M Ice Cream \$5,000. Selectman Fortin seconded. Motion carried. Motion carried. Lakewood Theater – they returned their award to build a children's theater – they now are asking for a change in project to work on the existing Lakewood Theater and renovate the men's room, total cost of this project is \$10,120. They were awarded \$4,675 back in March. Selectman Fortin made a motion to allow them to change the criteria of their project and be awarded the same \$4,675. Selectman Johnson seconded. Selectman Ducharme asked if we've approved a change of use. This would be consistent with what we did for Lakewood Golf Course in the past. Motion carried.
- H. Selectmen's Comments. **Selectman Edgerly** thanked Road Commissioner for fixing the driveway on Madison Avenue. Weston Avenue School concern – Town Manager said they are starting Thursday and continuing until done. Business of the Week is determined by Madison Business Alliance. For more information on joining, contact Rhonda Emerson, Steve Dean, Jack Ducharme, Calvin Ames. **Selectman Fortin** has heard that Backyard Farms has rejected gas from Summit because the price of gas is too high. Town Manager to check. **Selectman Johnson** spoke to someone about the Town taking over the congregational church and putting it on the Town Meeting Warrant. **Selectman Ducharme** said when we sold the Thomas Street house there was agreement that they would put in a driveway from Thomas Street. They're still using the other driveway. Town Manager told them they could use it for a bit. Placing a sign at the playground recognizing the major donors was mentioned. Town Manager to get some pricing. **Selectman Veneziano** had none.
- I. Citizen's Comments. Is there a deadline for when the Town must establish the line of credit? Don't need it until we need it. Chris Roy asked about the appeal process on State Valuation, is it tied to the paper mill. Yes, we'll be appealing for extenuating circumstances. Town Manager Berry submitted his resignation (retirement). His last day will be December 31, 2014. Selectman Fortin made a motion to accept Dana Berry's retirement effective 12/31/14. Selectman Ducharme seconded. Motion carried.

- J. Executive Session to discuss union negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(D). Selectman Ducharme made a motion to go into executive session. Selectman Johnson seconded. Motion carried. The Board went into executive session. The Board went into executive session. Time not noted. The Board came out of executive session at 8:08 p.m. No action taken.
- K. Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(A). Selectman Ducharme made a motion to go into executive session for the Board members only. Selectman Johnson seconded. The Board went into executive session. Time not noted. The Board came out of executive session at 8:56 p.m.
- L. Adjournment. Selectman Fortin made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Johnson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.