

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 School Meeting Room
Monday September 14, 2015
6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag.
- B. Roll Call. All Selectmen Present.
- C. Consent Agenda:
 - 1. Warrants dated: 8/24/15 #5 \$500,708.17; #6 \$1,483.85. Payroll Reg. #35 (8/27/15) \$11,985.65; #36 (9/3/15) \$14,485.72; #37 (9/10/15) \$11,604.70. Motion to approve by Selectmen Ducharme, and seconded by Selectman Johnson. All in favor motion carried.
 - 2. Tardiff-Belanger Post 39 American Legion Auxiliary request for Game of Chance. Motion to approve by Selectman Fortin, seconded by Selectman Edgerly. Selectman Ducharme wanted to clarify the term, the license lasts for a year, motion carried.
 - 3. VFW Harvell-Bishop Post 7865 Request for Class-A Lounge Liquor License. Motion to approve by Selectman Fortin, seconded by Selectman Johnson. Selectmen Ducharme wanted clarification that this license was for special events only. Town Manager Curtis that this license allows the VFW to better monitor who they serve and that it comes at as substantially higher cost than their current license. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of August 24, 2015. Motion to accept by Selectman Fortin and seconded by Selectman Ducharme, all in favor, motion carries.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting). None.
- F. Items of Communication.
 - 1. Town Manager Curtis discussed getting a Permit By Rule from DEP to allow for the relocation of rocks by hand from the channel at the East Madison Boat Landing. The permit should be granted this week and work will be coordinated with Highway Department's repairs to the dam when the water is low.
 - 2. Town Manager Curtis would like the board to discuss the possibility of creating an ordinance Governing Local Production of Medical Marijuana. Skowhegan has had a similar ordinance in place since 2011 and limits growth of medical marijuana to designated areas within the town border. Selectmen agreed to put on future agenda for discussion.
 - 3. The Town Manager reported that Kennebec County Sheriff's Office has served Dwayne Holmes of Maine Property Services with papers to appear in Small Claims Court. A date will be set and a judgement in the Town's favor will allow for the opportunity to lien property in the hopes of getting the \$3,500 in payment for mowing returned.
 - 4. Auditors were in a few weeks ago, the Town should have a full report in the next 60 days. Town Manager Curtis and Tammy Currier will have a face to face meeting with a representative from Purdy Powers.

5. Town Manager notified the board that he is considering bringing payroll back in house now that the number of Town employees is smaller and that there is stability in the Finance office. Tammy Carrier will be looking at the costs and saving, pros and cons; and a decision will be made by the end of the calendar year.

6. Nancy Gove was awarded the President's Award of Excellent and Outstanding Service from the Maine Town and City Clerk's Association. Selectman Veneziano asked the Town Manager to draft a letter to congratulate Nancy and to acknowledge the award.

7. Current checkbook balance approximately 1.5 million. The deadline for first half taxes is 9/15/15, and as such there has been a steady stream of income.

G. New Business.

1. Department Head Reports (Police, Highway, Fire)

Police- Sheriff Lancaster reported that his primary concern is the turnover in personnel with one deputy leaving to join the Augusta Police Department and the retirement of another deputy. The Sheriff's department is interviewing candidates for replacement and plans to use reserves and overtime to cover shifts until then with the remaining staff. Selectmen Ducharme noted that the board appreciates the monthly reports and the information they provide. The board had no other questions or comments.

Highway- Road Commissioner Mantor handed out reports highlighting the work on several roads so far this summer (Kincaid Road, Longley Road, Tupper Road and River Road). The Highway crew will remain on River Road for another week to replace culverts and cut back trees. The crew will also be removing winter sand from the Trotting Park in Anson.

Fire- The Town Manager passed out a written report from Chief Howard. No questions on reports.

2. Appeals Board Appointment

Madison resident Brian Hale was approached by Town Manager Curtis to be on the Appeals Board, Mr. Hale was agreeable to the term. Motion to approve by Selectman Fortin, seconded by Selectman Johnson. All in favor, motion carries.

3. Tax Acquired Property Update

The Town Manager discussed the letter sent by Town Clerk Kathy Estes to the one remaining lien holder on the property at 400 Main Street and they bank has 90 days to respond. Town Manager Curtis will call and see if it can be released. Once the Town has a clear title demolition can begin and the property can be sold at auction. In the meantime the Town Manager authorized custodian Bobby Bishop to remove some of the trash and debris that was visible from the road.

At 170 Old Point, Town Manager Curtis reported that the tenants did not respond to his eviction notice and now attorney Lori Blasdell is picking up the process, the tenant's needs to be gone by October 3rd, if not then the sheriff's department will have to get involved.

Selectman Ducharme asked about the home at 497 Main Street across the High School which has been burned out for several years. The Town Manager reported that the Town's Code Enforcement Officer has contacted the company that maintains the property, but there is still no word regarding foreclosure on the property. Taxes are up to date.

4. Review Old Point maintenance projects

The Town Manager reported that some plumbing and electrical maintenance needs to be done at the Old Point School. Highway has agreed to remove some of the old plumbing fixtures and Town Manager Curtis is getting quotes on replacing the lights. In addition the board reviewed a list of other projects including a new sign, bathroom remodel, handicap accessibility to the Historic Society, and reshaping and repaving the parking lot. The board comments recommend small projects first and seek grant funding for renovations.

5. Discuss Jacob's Pines/Library Trustees

Librarian Julie Forbus passed out information outlining the property that was deeded to the Town in 1987 by the estate of George Jacobs. The property known as Jacobs Pines in East Madison is to be forever under the authority of the Library Board of Trustees. The Trustees would like to see about transferring ownership to the Somerset Woods Trustees since they are more adept at conservation. The Selectmen heard from Somerset Woods Trustees Ernie Hilton and Eric Lahti. The Board of Selectmen is not in favor of transferring ownership and recommended the Library Trustees look into contracting with Somerset Woods to manage and maintain the property under the Library's direction.

H. Selectmen's Concerns. None.

I. Citizen's Concerns. None.

J. Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A)

Motion to enter into executive session made by Selectman Ducharme, seconded by Selectman Johnson, all in favor, motion carries. Went in at 7:17 pm and returned at 8:17 pm. No action taken

K. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.