

## 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**  
**Monday September 28, 2015**  
**6:30 p.m.**

- A. Salute to the flag.
- B. Roll Call. All Selectmen present.
- C. Consent Agenda:
  - 1. Warrants dated: 9/14/15 #7 \$212,425.52. Payroll Reg. #38 \$11,168.65  
Motion to approve, motion seconded, all in favor, motion carried.
- D. Discuss acceptance of meeting minutes of September 14, 2015  
Motion to approve, seconded, motion carried.
- E. Old business (Selectmen's Concerns from immediately preceding meeting). None.
- F. Items of Communication.
  - 1. Town Manager Curtis notice an email from another municipality where they removed any signs that had the words "Jake Brake" because of copyright infringement from the manufacture. The Road Commissioner removed two signs, one from Ward Hill Road and the other from Route 148 that had the "Jake Brake" term on it. The Selectmen agreed that "Limit use of Engine Brake" signs should be put back in place of the ones removed.
  - 2. There have been complaints about the condition of East Madison Road from White Schoolhouse to the Skowhegan line. That portion is under state maintenance, and is on schedule for the summer of 2017. The state DOT is aware of the dip on White Schoolhouse Road, but they say it is not significant enough to fix and will review after the winter.
  - 3. In Town paving on Ingalls and Hazel St. should be done by the end of this week, weather permitting.
  - 4. ETTI is the company contracted by Summit Natural Gas and will be working on a number of spots in Town to inspect "T" connections. There are still a number of spots that they will have to work on in Madison as the PUC has required that do further pipe inspections. The Town Manager says Summit will provide a list of locations in Madison as soon as possible.
  - 5. Contractors for DOT has started putting poles in at the end of Russel and Blackwell, new traffic warning signs will be put in place by the end of November 2015.
  - 6. Hazardous Waste take back day is October 3, a lot of people have signed up and deadline is Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 7. Matching Grants, Town Manager has received two in hand, believes there will be around ten applicants. All copies will be given to the Selectmen by Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>, Selectmen can score them and then on the 12<sup>th</sup> they can hopefully prepare and make the awards. Deadline is this Friday.

8. The Town received a \$1500 grant from Maine Municipal for a student internship. Devin Mercier will be the intern, learning about government and politics within the Town, will be involved with updates to the comprehensive plan and other projects.
9. Current checkbook balance is over \$3 Million, there will be the county payment at the end of October of \$1.14 Million, after which there should be enough money in the bank until the second round of taxes in March.

G. New Business.

1. Public Hearing: General Assistance Ordinance Appendices  
Selectman Veneziano opened the public hearing at 7:10. Town Manager discussed the amount the Selectmen have to approve. Each category has recommended maximum amounts from the State. Categories include fuel assistance, rental assistance and so forth. In order for the Town to be eligible for 70% reimbursement from the State the maximums need to be adopted. Selectmen Johnson wants to know who if immigrants are eligible, Town Manager said he would look into it. There were no comments from the public and the public hearing was closed at 7:15pm. Motion from Selectman Fortin to accept the overall maximums, seconded by Selectman Ducharme, motion carried.
2. Discuss Madison Business Alliance request for "Madison Idol"  
This is the fourth year of the "Madison Idol" talent show put on by the MBA. It will be held in early November. Traditionally the Town has donated \$800 from TIF Economic Development Funds for prize money. The MBA is requesting the same amount this year. Motion to approve \$800 from TIF was made by Selectmen Fortin, seconded by Selectman Johnson, motion carried.
3. Discuss repairs to Lower Mills Road to resolve flooding issues  
There has been concern from residents along the Lower Mills Road about water runoff. The Road Commissioner and his crew will be doing some ditching in the area next week and will look into the storm water system which is made up of remnants of old sewer system which may be overwhelmed. It may be as simple as some new catch basins but if it requires more money it will come back to the Selectmen for next year's budget.
4. Discuss Quit Claim Deed (S. Hamar)  
The Attorney office of Corson Blaisdell requested that the Board sign off on a quit claim deed for a property on Colby Bryant Road that had been part of tax acquired property in 1948. There was some discussion as to whether this would affect neighboring property owners. The Town Manager clarified by reading the letter from Corson/Blaisdell. Motion to approve quick claim deed made by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Edgerly, motion carried.
5. Discuss appointment to Channel 11 Board of Directors (S. Perkins)  
Town Manager Curtis visited channel 11 board meeting, brought Stephany Perkins who he approached to join the board, the members that were present were very supportive. Motion to approve Stephany Perkins to serve as Madison representative to the Channel 11 board was made by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Fortin, motion carried.
6. Discuss 'After the Fact' Permitting  
Property Maintenance Committee had their first meeting on Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> with Selectmen Johnson and Ducharme in attendance along with three citizens. The Board has questions regarding the current permitting process, any rules on setbacks, and penalties for people who build without permits.

Town ordinance currently requires setbacks of 5 ft. from side and rear, (CEO recommends larger setbacks). Building permits are \$20 apiece, and "After the fact" permits will be a doubled fee for \$40. Selectmen think the penalty should be more in order to make a point. Selectmen and the Town

Manager discussed the difference between fees and fines and what is the best way to make sure tax revenue can be recaptured if it is determined that buildings were put up without a permit. The Selectmen raised concern that the new MUBIC building code adopted in 2012 may actually encourage people to build without a permit to avoid the added costs that come by following the code.

The Selectmen asked Town Manager Curtis to research and look around to see what other municipalities are doing. The Town Manager said a quick survey found that most charge double the fee. The Town Manager will meet with the Property Maintenance Committee to review other changes such as setbacks and minimum lot sizes.

H. Selectmen's Concerns.

Selectmen Fortin asked about the audit, Town Manager Curtis says the review should be in by the month of October. Selectmen Fortin discussed some of the results of the Recycling Committee meeting that he and Selectman Veneziano attended to discuss curbside recycling and a transfer station. The Selectmen discussed the cost of the curbside program and found it to be too high: If it cost \$38,000 in the budget and the program only picks up 75 tons of recycling it costs more than \$400 per ton. The Selectmen decided to discuss the program in further detail at a later meeting after the Town Manager has an opportunity to discuss with the Recycling Committee.

I. Citizen's Concerns.

None.

J. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.