

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
FEBRUARY 25, 2014  
MINUTES**

**Selectmen Present:** Chairman Michael Brooks, Josh Shackford, and John Arruda.

**Others Present:** Town Administrator Melissa Arias; Police Chief Jamie Mullen; David Cribbie from GW Brooks & Son; residents Phoebe Rand & Phoebe-Lynn Rand; Madison TV Videographer Emilie Riss.

**Where and When Posted:** Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on December 5, 2013.

**Meeting Called to Order:** By Brooks at 5:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Shackford made a **motion** to approve the Selectmen’s Meeting minutes of February 11, 2014 and February 18, 2014 as prepared, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **3-0**.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFEST** – Shackford made a **motion** to approve the Manifest of February 24 – 28, 2014 in the amount of \$744,426.03, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **3-0**. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$23,517.03 for payroll; \$7,670.28 for payroll liabilities; \$63,238.72 for accounts payable; and \$650,000.00 for the Madison School District (release date of 2/27/14).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Brooks called for Public Comments and made an announcement that anyone wishing to speak needs to step forward to at least the second row so their comments can be heard by Madison TV. **THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

**EAST MADISON ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT** – David Cribbie from GW Brooks & Son was in with the Department of Environmental Services (DES) Wetlands Application for the East Madison Road bridge project. Cribbie reviewed the engineered drawings with the Selectmen and said DES has up to 120 days to review the application and render an approval or denial. Cribbie asked that the Chairman sign the application which he will deliver back to the engineering firm so enough packets can be made to meet the filing requirements of the Town Clerk’s Office and the DES.

**ELECTION DAY COVERAGE & BOARD MEETING** – The Selectmen discussed coverage on March 11<sup>th</sup> Election Day and what to do about the Selectmen’s Meeting slated for that date. Arruda said he’ll be at the polls during the morning hours and Brooks said he’ll be there from 2:30 p.m. until the end. The Selectmen decided to post an abbreviated meeting for 5:30 p.m. that day at the school to sign checks and approve the Manifest. Brooks said there should be no discussion items scheduled and that the meeting should be held in a classroom since Shackford can’t be in the polling place during voting hours because he’s on the ballot. Arias will ask the school about an alternate meeting location within the school prior to posting the abbreviated meeting.

**TAX SALE/PUBLIC AUCTION** – The Selectmen suggested tabling this discussion until the April 8, 2014 Selectmen’s Meeting.

**RESIDENT REQUEST TO CLOSE CLASS VI MODOC HILL FOR MUD SEASON** – The Selectmen have received an e-mail from resident Debra Iampietro who resides on the north side of Class VI Modoc Hill Road and is concerned about damages that will be caused to the road during the coming mud season by vehicular and OHRV traffic. Brooks read the e-mail out loud which asks the Selectmen to post the road for no travel during mud season. Arruda said RSA 41:11 gives the Selectmen the authority to regulate the use of roads and also cited a portion of RSA 47:17, VIII,(a). Brooks said the Board has discussed this issue before and believes any action the Selectmen take should be town-wide rather than specific to only certain roads. Brooks doesn't think the Selectmen should pick and choose; so if the goal is to protect Class VI Roads from damages during mud season then all should be treated equally. Shackford said any person driving out Class VI Modoc Hill Road for the purposes of going "mudding" would result in charges if caught by the Police Department. Shackford said signs will only keep the honest people out. Shackford asked the Police Chief for his input on this and Mullen said the Police Department would respond to calls about vehicles on Class VI Modoc Hill Road but probably not at a high rate of speed. Mullen said the travel time to the northern portion of Class VI Modoc Hill Road along with the current level of staffing within the Police Department might make catching the violators difficult. Shackford said residents tend to report incidents like this after the infraction has occurred rather than when the observation is first made. Given the above information the Selectmen agreed to have a sign posted that reads 'Closed for Mud Season per order of the Board of Selectmen' and deal with these matters on a case by case basis going forward. Arias will inquire with the Road Agent as to whether he has any such signs in stock. Brooks suggested asking the Road Agent to post the sign at the same time as the seasonal weight limit signs and take it down in the same manner.

**INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT** – Brooks intended to present a draft Inter-Municipal Agreement for shared welfare services between Madison and Freedom but didn't get the document put together in time. Brooks said the draft Welfare Technology Agreement presented to the Selectmen at the February 11, 2014 meeting by Arias needed to be altered in his opinion before forwarding to Freedom for consideration and signing. The item will be placed on the next agenda for discussion but won't hinder the forward motion regarding the intent of the agreement.

**HIGHWAY TRUCK** – Arruda said O'Connor and DiPrizio provided quotes for the new one-ton Highway truck. Initially Arruda said the two truck color options of white or red would be a problem given the fleet is almost entirely blue. Arruda has since learned that a different colored truck isn't an issue for the Road Agent or Assistant Road Agent which is good because the Selectmen would be against any additional expense to paint a new truck for \$2,000 as quoted by one of the vendors. Arruda is confident the issue has resolved itself and deserves no further discussion.

**SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT** – Arias asked the Selectmen if they had any concerns over the Request to Use Town Property for the second annual American Softball Association tournament coordinated by Whitney Roberts of Tamworth. The Selectmen and Police Chief said they knew of no issues with the tournament last year. Brooks made a note of the June 20-22, 2014 dates so as to avoid a scheduling conflict with the ballfields since the tournament is being held earlier this year.

**BURKE FIELD SCHEDULING** - Brooks asked Arias to send a Memo to Recreation Coordinator Mike Lane at the Elementary School making sure he knows that ballfield scheduling and coordination needs to be done through the Selectmen's Office well in advance of publishing practices and games.

**SIGNATURE ITEMS –**

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Intent to Cut #13-283-22T – Baker (219-002)

Timber Tax Warrant & Worksheet #13-283-14T - Whitelaw (227-029-001)

East Madison Road bridge DES permit application (Chairman only)

**6:08 PM** – Brooks made a **motion** to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3II(b) to discuss the Transfer Station interviews from 2/18/14 and then into a second non-public session per RSA 91-A:3II(c) to discuss property tax deeding with the Tax Collector, seconded by Shackford, and so voted. Roll call vote: Arruda – aye, Shackford – aye, Brooks – aye. **7:00 PM** - Brooks made a **motion** to leave non-public session and seal the minutes of the non-public sessions, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **3-0**.

**7:00 PM** - Brooks made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **3-0**.

**NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING** – The next Selectmen’s meeting will be abbreviated due to Election Day and held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Madison Elementary School Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa S. Arias, Town Administrator  
Recording Secretary