

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
MARCH 10, 2015  
MINUTES**

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

**Others Present** – Town Administrator Melissa Arias; Deputy Town Administrator Sue Stacey; and Madison TV videographer Garrett Boyd.

**Where and When Posted** - Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on January 7, 2015. At their last meeting the Selectmen decided to hold an abbreviated meeting today at the Elementary School Gym due to Election Day for the Manifest and Signature Items only.

**Meeting Called to Order** – By the Chairman at 5:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Brooks made a **motion** to approve the Selectmen’s Meeting minutes of February 24, 2015 as prepared, seconded by Shackford, and so voted **3-0**.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS** – Brooks made a **motion** to approve the Manifest of March 9 - 16, 2015 in the amount of \$268,250.14, seconded by Shackford, and so voted **3-0**. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$62,570.56 for accounts payable; \$23,485.70 for payroll; \$175,000.00 for the Madison School District (release date 3/12/15); and \$7,193.88 for payroll liabilities.

**THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**TOWN MEETING ATTENDANCE** – Arruda said he regrets to inform the Board that he can’t be at Saturday’s Town Meeting due to the inability to staff his store. Arruda said there has been a death in his extended family which has taken his only replacement out of state. The other Selectmen said they understand Arruda’s situation and will manage without him.

**HIGHWAY TRUCK ACCESSORY BID** – A very late sealed bid has been received from HP Fairfield for the Highway truck accessory package. They submit a price of \$55,750 for the dump body, hydraulic system, hitch, wing, plow & blade, lights, etc. This information will be added to the bids opened by the Selectmen previously. The voters will decide at Town Meeting whether to purchase and outfit a new truck or not.

**TOWN MEETING DOCUMENTATION** – Sue Stacey asked the Selectmen for any specific information to bring to Town Meeting for backup. Arruda said he thinks the tax rate history sheet and totals for payroll in 2014 and 2015 would be useful. Arias said that information is printed in the Town Report but apparently without totals. Shackford asked if the payroll data is what Mrs. Veilleux was seeking several weeks ago. Stacey said not exactly; Veilleux was looking to determine which employees received year-end bonuses in 2014 and what the cost difference would have been if all employees had received bonuses. Stacey doesn’t have that information compiled and was never instructed by the Selectmen to prepare such information.

Arruda said a question came up earlier today regarding the language of Article 6 and whether the money coming from Capital Reserve was part of the total article amount or in addition to the total amount. Arruda

suggested dividing the article into two sentences in an attempt to clarify the intent. Brooks asked Stacey to run Arruda's suggestion by Michelle Clark at the DRA to see if the amended article will be acceptable. Stacey said she'll also contact Town Counsel about this matter.

Arruda said he was approached by a member of the Scrub Oak Scramblers Snowmobile Club asking whether the Articles 14 & 15 regarding Lead Mine Road will change the current dual use status allowing motor vehicles and snowmobiles to travel together along the specified portion of Lead Mine Road. Arruda said he only spoke as an individual when he responded that the dual usage would have to be discontinued should the entire length of Lead Mine Road be opened. Shackford said he has heard that the snowmobile club is researching alternate trail routes over The Nature Conservancy property should this happen. Arias pointed out that the trail can't be routed across the Goodwin Town Forest property due to deed restrictions.

Stacey said she'll have up-to-date information on the Capital Reserve Fund balances for Articles 17 & 18.

Brooks said he intends to request adequate speaking time for Bill Lord to make the Fire Truck Pumper Replacement Committee's presentation at Town Meeting without interruption.

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** – Arruda said the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) has asked one of the attendants to attend an upcoming meeting to share information and suggestions with the committee. Arruda said SWAC is in the final stages of revising the Transfer Station brochure. Once this is finished the purpose of the committee will have been fulfilled. Arruda said the committee talked about disbanding but has since decided to try meeting quarterly instead of monthly for a while first.

**ASSESSING UPDATE CONTRACT** – Arias said the marked up Assessing Update Contract was forwarded to Cross Country Appraisal Group (CCAG) after the last Selectmen's Meeting. CCAG responded via e-mail that the revised contract was acceptable to them. Arias will send the signed contract to CCAG so they can counter sign it. Arias will also notify the Town's Dept. of Revenue Administration (DRA) representative who will be looking to meeting with the Selectmen over scheduling and other related details regarding the update.

**Motion:** Arruda made a **motion** to accept and sign the 2015 Assessing Update Contract with Cross Country Appraisal Group, seconded by Brooks, and so voted **3-0**.

**Decision:** Arias will mail the contract to CCAG for counter signing and notify the DRA.

#### **SIGNATURE ITEMS –**

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

2015 Assessing Update Contract

Intent to Cut #14-283-15-T – Whitaker/Fadden (228-058)

Veterans Credit Application – (234-047) & (234-003)

Appointment & Oath of Office – Conservation Commission – David Riss & Ralph Lutjen

MWV Economic Council – Ted Kramer

N Country Council Transportation – Henry Anderson

Solid Waste Advisory – David Downs, Ray O'Brien, & Paul Littlefield

Veteran's Advisory – Ed Foley, Franklin Jones, Henry Forrest, John Sherwood, & Paulette Lowry

**5:50 PM** – Arruda made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Brooks, and so voted **3-0**.

**NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING** – The next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Brooks and Shackford will attend Town Meeting as a Board on Saturday, March 14, 2015 beginning at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa S. Arias, Town Administrator  
Recording Secretary