

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
JANUARY 26, 2016
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present - Chairman Josh Shackford, John Arruda, Robert King, Jr.

Others Present – Administrative Assistant Linda Farinella; Finance Director Su Stacey; Energy Advisory Committee Members Noreen Downs and Russ Dowd; Scout Troop 151 Members Garrett Boyd and Bob Boyd; Madison TV Videographer Carol Dandeneau

Where and When Posted - Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on January 4, 2016.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Arruda, seconded by King to approve the minutes of January 12, 2016 as prepared, the motion passed **3-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Motion by Arruda, seconded by King to approve the Manifest of January 25, 2016 – February 1, 2016 in the amount of \$281,292.89. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$99,197.08 for accounts payable; \$24,445.27 for payroll; \$150,000 for the Madison School District; and \$7,650.54 for payroll liabilities. Motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Shackford closed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing to Adopt Changes to the Selectmen's Regulations – *Authorizing the Use of Snowmobiles on Certain Highways and Regulating the Use of Certain Highways*.

Shackford explained that the changes proposed were reviewed by Town Council and were done to assure compatibility with agreements that the Town made. Shackford asked for any comments or questions from the public, there were none.

Motion by Arruda, seconded by King to accept the revision of the Snowmobile Regulations as printed. The motion passed **3-0**. Shackford closed the public hearing.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

Shackford invited Garrett Boyd of Scout Pack 151 to approach the Board with an Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal. Boyd explained that he would like to build and install kiosks off of the Lead Mine Road the help preserve the history of this site. The kiosks would contain historical information, maps and the minerals that are found at the site. Boyd's love of history brought him to this idea. Donations and fund-raising will fund the project.

Arruda asked for an idea of the size of the kiosks. Boyd responded that they will be approximately 2'x5' with plants at the base. King stated they appear similar to the ones in the Pine Barrens. Arruda alerted

Boyd to be sure that the kiosks are placed on town land as the proposed Cooks Pond turnaround location is not all town property. Shackford asked that when the location is decided to let the board know and keep them up on the progress of the project. The board offered their unanimous support for this proposal.

OLD BUSINESS:

Energy Advisory Committee (EAC) – Warrant Article for Solar Exemption: Noreen Downs and Russ Dowd of the EAC were present for this discussion. Dowd began with asking for the support of the Board to go forward with requesting that the New Hampshire Wood Energy Council (NHWEC) perform a feasibility study. Dowd presented an example of the study to be performed.

Motion by Shackford, seconded by King to sign the application and vote to support that the NHWEC perform a feasibility study and sign such out of session. The motion passed **3-0**. Farinella will compose a letter to NHWEC reiterating this vote.

The discussion moved on to the proposed Article 11 regarding energy system exemptions per RSA 72:

"To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61 through RSA 72:72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems, wind-powered energy systems, wood-heating energy systems or geothermal energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying equipment under these statutes."

Arruda reviewed the Zoning Ordinance section regarding wind power noting the height restriction is 35' above the tree canopy with a maximum height of 150'. Dowd stated that it is the intent of this article to not incentivize one system over another but to include all renewable energy sources.

Arruda asked what happens with properties that already have these systems if this is adopted. Downs explained it is tax neutral, the value will not be added into the assessment of the property. Arruda wants to be sure this lays well and understand how it works.

Shackford gave his support but asked the EAC to have a representative present to explain this at Town Meeting. The board agreed to send this in to town council to review for any unintended consequences.

2017 – 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The changes that were discussed at the January 12th meeting were made to the CIP by Chris Young for the Planning Board.

Motion by Shackford, seconded by Arruda to accept the 1/25/2016 version of the 2017 -2022 Capital Improvement Plan. The motion passed **3-0**.

Selectman Arruda's List – No items.

Selectman King's List – No items.

Selectman Shackford's List – Shackford explained that the Town of Freedom is changing their insurance to ClaimLinx and Afflac. The first year savings will be over \$82,000 in premium savings; a family plan with a \$2,500 premium has gone down to \$800. Shackford feels it is foolish to not at least meet with the companies. Arruda agreed. Shackford will look into when they would be available to meet.

Assistant's List –No items.

Finance Director's List – Stacey reviewed the most recent figures of the operating budget. The town received franchise fees in the amount of \$18,218.09 from Time Warner Cable which effected the Madison

PEG TV line of the operating budget. Arruda suggested changes to the highway budget taking \$5,000 from the fuel line and \$4,000 from the parts line. The board was in agreement.

2016 OPERATING BUDGET & WARRANT ARTICLE REVIEW:

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
• Operating Budget	3-0 with amendments
• High Street Reconstruction	3-0
• Establish Grader Expendable Trust Fund	3-0
• Assessing Expendable Trust	3-0
• Glass Crushing	3-0
• Conservation Land Acquisition	2-1 (Arruda)
• Conway PEG TV	0-3
• Madison TV balance into Expendable Trust	3-0
• Treasurer Position to Appointed	3-0
• Energy Systems Exemptions	Hold until attorney review
• Carroll County Transit	0-3
• Tri-CAP Fuel Assistance	3-0
• Gibson Center Meals on Wheels	3-0
• Ossipee Children’s Fund	3-0
• Children’s Unlimited	3-0
• Northern Human Services Mental Health	3-0
• Starting Point	3-0
• White Mountain Community Health Center	3-0
• Madison Preschool	0-3

Tax Collector Report – Shackford read from a report submitted by Tax Collector Michael Brooks that 93.49% of the 2015 second billed taxes have been collected.

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Notice of Intent to Cut - Rogers 238-002

Notice of Intent to Cut – Kennett 203-007 203-008 203-009 203-010

Application for Elderly Exemption – 115-008

Veteran’s Credit Application – 131-017

Authorizing the Use of Snowmobiles on Certain Highways and Regulating the Use of Certain Highways – Revision #3 01/26/2016

Abatements to Rectify Credits for Overpayment of 2015 Taxes:

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| 104-156 | 202-019 |
| 111-043 | 219-003 |
| 116-024 | 219-007 |
| 116-076 | 228-015 |
| 117-049 | 228-031 |
| 117-051 | 248-020 |
| 202-014 | |

Highway Department Purchase Requisition

- Straight Line Steering \$1,592.00

Shackford asked the other members how voting day on February 9th will be handled in terms of Selectmen present at the polls. Arruda interpret it as there should be one selectman present throughout the day. Shackford thinks it is a selectmen or their representative. Arruda can be there for part of the day, King is available after 2:30 and Shackford is available to come and go through the day.

7:01 PM – Shackford made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by King, and so voted **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING – The next Selectmen’s Meeting will be on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Madison Elementary School Gym.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Farinella, Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary