

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
July 12, 2016
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present - Chairman Josh L. Shackford and Robert J. King, Jr.

Others Present – Administrative Assistant Linda Farinella; Fire Chief Jeffrey Eldridge; Deputy Chief Richard Clark; Retired Providence Fire Fighter John Healy; Budget Committee Members: Bill Lord, Hersh Sosnoff, Cheryl Littlefield, Nicole Nordlund, and Ron Force; Dave Aibel; 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.

PUBLIC HEARING: To Discuss the Possible Purchase of a Rescue Truck for the Fire Department

Shackford opened the hearing at 5:30 noting that this hearing was not required, the board wanted input.

Deputy Chief Clark explained that the Fire Department is currently using the mini-pumper repurposed as the rescue truck. It is overloaded with tools and supplies. The CIP has a new ambulance and a new rescue truck purchases listed for 2017 and 2021 respectively. Providence Fire Department has offered for sale a 1989 Rescue Truck for \$15,000 that was originally with the Wolfeboro Fire Department.

John Healy explained that this truck can accommodate all rescue gear and medical supplies; enough room for all seasons of equipment. The truck has the ability to fill air bottles on scene.

Chief Eldridge feels that this truck would be more useful to the department than the ambulance listed on the CIP. This truck could easily last 10 years and then with a new body another 20 years, saving the town \$150,000.

Bill Lord asked if this truck will fill a current gap. Eldridge responded yes, tool storage not available on the current truck. Lord asked if it will always go to calls. Eldridge responded yes, adding it has the capability to be a light tower. Lord asked if the \$15,000 can be found in the budget; is there \$15,000 too much in the budget. Shackford added that it is in the budget but may not be in a specific line; the selectmen watch the bottom line of the budget and would understand why the fire department budget went over. Lord asked if the rescue truck will fit in the station. Eldridge responded yes, all will fit.

Dave Aibel stated that if the town ambulance service is given up then service and negotiation ability will also be given up; this rescue is not a substitution for the ambulance. Aibel added that 2/3 of calls in town are for EMS and he does not see this as an even trade and Aibel does not want to give up EMS service. The town ambulance is winterized to be able to reach places that the local ambulance company cannot.

Force asked for clarification, he was under the impression that this vehicle would be an ambulatory service but this vehicle cannot replace the ambulance. Clark responded he was correct adding that as first response, with this rescue vehicle we will only lose the ability to transport but will have all the EMT capabilities.

Cheryl Littlefield commented that this may put off the purchase of an ambulance by extending its life, but there would still be a need for licensed personnel to man the ambulance.

Shackford stated that the board will not be making a decision on this tonight. King asked Healy if there is a timeframe on the offer to purchase. Healy responded that it has not been advertised.

Shackford feels this is a financially sound decision but the real issue is transport of patients which is covered in the 5-year contract the town just entered.

Lord asked Eldridge for his best guess on when a replacement ambulance would be necessary. Eldridge answered he would take it off the CIP.

King would like to have the townspeople decide at town meeting about getting rid of the ambulance. Eldridge offered to give those present a tour of the vehicle which was parked outside.

Shackford closed the public hearing at 6:05pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by King, seconded by Shackford to approve the minutes of June 28, 2016 as written, the motion passed **2-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Motion by King, seconded by Shackford to approve the Manifest of July 11-18, 2016 in the amount of \$283,680.88. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$132,531.68 for accounts payable; \$23,812.95 for payroll; \$7,715.86 for payroll liabilities; New Hampshire Retirement System \$20,160.39; and \$100,000.00 for Madison School District. Motion passed **2-0**.

Changes to RSA 91-A:3II – The board was made aware of changes to RSA-91A as of January 1, 2016 that require the vote to seal non-public minutes must be done in the public part of the meeting. **Motion** by Shackford, seconded by King to ratify the action of sealing the non-public minutes that were sealed in non-public session from January 1, 2016 through June 28, 2016. The motion passed **2-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

Waiver of Parking and Alcohol Ordinance for Old Home Week – The annual request from Madison Old Home Week for a waiver of the alcohol prohibition ordinance as it relates to Town Properties for the 2016 Old Home Week festivities. The request for this waiver would be in effect Thursday, August 4 to Sunday, August 14. King suggested amending the ordinance to read during OHW it is waived. Shackford liked the idea of having the annual request so it is not something that is over used or abused. Shackford noted that this does not waive any state laws in regards to driving under the influence.

Motion by Shackford, seconded by King to waive the Alcohol Ordinance as it relates to Town Properties for the 2016 Old Home Week festivities from Thursday, August 4 to Sunday, August 14, 2016. The motion passed **2-0**.

Code Officer's Revision of Driveway Permit – With the new Avitar Building Permit software, Code Officer Boyd generated an updated version of the driveway permit. Boyd has asked the board to review and approve the use of the new version.

Motion by Shackford, seconded by King to approve the updated version of the driveway permit. The motion passed **2-0**.

OLD BUSINESS

Update Veteran's Advisory Sub-Committee Membership Response – Farinella contacted Ed Foley, John Sherwood and Franklin Jones as requested at the June 14 meeting. Mr. Foley responded that he would like to remain on the committee, Mr. Sherwood's letter was returned with no forwarding and Mr. Jones did not respond. The board decided that a three-person board be appointed that will include Paulette Lowry, Henry Forrest and Ed Foley. A request to the Town Clerk for Oath of Office forms will be requested. Farinella will check with Mike Brooks to see if he would remain as a liaison to the committee, if not, Shackford would volunteer.

Boulders at Foot of the Lake Beach – Road Agent Chick updated Farinella that the request by the board to have the boulders moved at the Foot of the Lake Beach should be done the week of July 18th. The reason for moving the boulders is to restrict vehicle access on the beach.

Selectman Shackford's List – The Conservation Commission was unable to hold their monthly July meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Selectman King's List – No Items.

Assistant's List – A request for an intent to cut on Bickford Road (214-001) has been submitted by Fadden Chipping and Logging. Farinella wanted to know if a bond is required; it was required on that property in 2014. The board agreed it was necessary. The town would agree to move the Fadden bond currently being held for 247-034 to 214-001 as it has been cleared to be returned to the logger.

Motion by Shackford, seconded by King to require a bond for the logging operation at Bickford Rd 214-001. The motion passed **2-0**. The intent was signed. Farinella will notify the logger about the bond.

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

NH Department of Revenue MS-235

Veteran's Credit Application – 133-008

Veteran's Credit Application – 205-020

Veteran's Credit Application – 257-004

Yield Tax 2015-2016 15-283-08T - Gayer

6:20 PM – Shackford made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by King, and so voted **2-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – The next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Farinella, Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary