

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
July 28, 2016
MINUTES**

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

Others Present – Administrative Assistant Linda Farinella; Police Chief Jamie Mullen; Fire Chief Jeffrey Eldridge; Deputy Chief Richard Clark; OHW Committee Member Candy-Sue Jones; Madison TV Noreen Downs; Norman Tregenza; 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 King, seconded by Shackford to approve the minutes of July 12, 2016 as written, the motion passed **2-0-1** with Arruda abstaining.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Motion by Arruda, seconded by King to approve the Manifest of July 25 – August 1, 2016 in the amount of \$748,974.72. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$301,037.64 for accounts payable; \$25,232.72 for payroll; \$7,614.36 for payroll liabilities; \$214,910.00 for VDOE; and \$200,000.00 for Madison School District. Motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

OHW Request for Chucky's Lucky Ducky Race Permit – Old Home Week Committee Member Candy-Sue Jones came to the board requesting permission to hold the Chucky's Lucky Ducky Race in accordance with RSA 287-A:1-7. The requirements of the RSA are being met. The approval of the Board is necessary because the OHW committee is under the Town of Madison. Shackford questioned why it has not been being held as of recent years. Jones explained that there was a concern from a Trustee of Trust Funds that this event was considered gambling. Jones reiterated that this event is permissible under RSA 287.

Motion by Shackford, seconded by Arruda to approve the Chucky's Lucky Ducky Race event for the 2016 Old Home Week and if there is necessary paperwork regarding the race it can be signed out of session. The motion passed **3-0**.

Norman Tregenza for State Representative – Norman Tregenza explained that he has filed to run for State Representative for the Town of Madison and nine other towns. Tregenza expressed his goal to change to go back to bi-annually presentation of bills and to address the large number, approximately 1700 per term, of bills being presented each year. Also, lower the amount of regulating and licensing that is being done by the state. Tregenza asked the board if they had any concerns. Arruda stated he does not understand the State of NH's logic on repairs of roads and bridges, not fixing red listed bridges before those not on the list. All board members agreed that there is too much state regulation. Tregenza thanked the board for their time.

Eidelweiss Request Regarding 14 Aspen Drive 113-066 – The Village District of Eidelweiss requests that, if and when the property is taken for non-payment of taxes, the town include the balance for delinquent water bills in the amount of \$1,903.69 in any amounts requested should the property be sold. The board agreed to include it as a separate amount if the opportunity arises. Farinella will contact VDOE's Nancy Cole and inform her that all will depend on upon the amount due to the town versus the assessed value and potential bid amount.

Fire Chief Eldridge – Quarterly update with Selectmen – Chief Eldridge reported that as of the end of June there were 186 calls for service versus 146 at the same time in 2015.

The weather event on Monday, July 18th resulted in the department checking on 53 homes in the East Shore/Lead Mine area for fallen trees and damage. Twelve homes were damaged with 5 suffering structural damage. One family of three was displaced for the night with the Red Cross assisting them to find shelter. Mutual aid from Tamworth, Center Ossipee and Freedom was received. Mumma Christy's and Community Market donated food, the Madison Road Crew and Code Officer Bob Boyd also help assist. 129 man hours were logged between Madison and Mutual Aid. Thankfully, no injuries were reported.

The new fire truck should be ready about the middle of August with a specific date coming soon. Chief Eldridge and Deputy Clark both expressed concern about the amount of unsolicited tree removal companies and curious people in the way of progress with the weather event. Chief Mullen noted that there is a disorderly conduct law that can be enforced in such situations. Chief Mullen offered his help if this problem should arise again.

Chief Eldridge was able to view the area from a plane and there was nothing of particular notice found. There will not be any aid for the cleanup as it does not meet the criteria.

Shackford mentioned a call received at the office from the owner of 390 East Shore Drive about trees that had fallen from Town property onto his land, not being sure how it should be handled. The Assistant Road agent went out and the trees are not within the road right-of-way. Shackford viewed the property on the way in and there are trees that have fallen across West Branch River to 390 East Shore Drive. Farinella will call the homeowner and find out what he is looking to do.

Arruda stated he heard compliments about the Fire Department, Highway Department and the Police Department in regards to their response to the weather event. Arruda asked Chief Eldridge how many of his members were able to respond. Chief Eldridge stated 6 or 7 responded out of a membership of 20. Arruda asked if he had the breakdown of EMS versus fire calls for the year. Chief Eldridge did not have those number with him, he will get them to Arruda.

Rescue Truck Purchase – Arruda asked where the purchase of the Rescue truck stands. Deputy Clark said they are waiting on the Board's decision and a Bill of Sale. Arruda feels the purchase is probably a good idea, keeping the current ambulance and removing the purchase of a new ambulance from the CIP for 5 years. Arruda asked Chief Eldridge to get together a number to fix up the ambulance before the next budget cycle. Arruda also want to see more of the volunteers being available for the ambulance side as opposed to only firefighting. Arruda mentioned to Chief Eldridge an EMT course coming up in Conway. Chief Eldridge stated there is one in West Ossipee also and that Arruda's request for training within the department is already in the works.

Shackford asked if there is room for all of the vehicle in fire station. Chief Eldridge stated yes, with the exception of the pick-up truck which will be housed at Deputy Chief Clark's residence.

Arruda wants to be able to offer a familiar face to Madison residents when they call for an EMS response. So the more trained volunteers will allow for a familiar person to respond with Care Plus ambulance.

Shackford noted that the original sale price for the Rescue truck was \$15,000, can it be negotiated to a lower price to allow for the expense of lettering, etc. to make it road ready? Chief Eldridge said he would see what they can do on the price.

Arruda asked how payment for the EMT classes is made. Chief Eldridge stated that payment is due upon completion of the course and is paid for by mutual aid.

King asked if there were expenses that the purchase of the rescue would generate. Chief Eldridge said there is the need for a fragmentation station to allow for the filling of the cascade bottles for a cost of \$4,000 - \$5,000. King asked if this would come from this year's budget or a warrant article next year. Chief Eldridge said he would wait and see how his budget looked at the end of the year.

Motion by King, seconded by Shackford to authorize the purchase of the Rescue Truck for up to \$15,000 and sign out of session documents related to acquiring the truck. The motion passed **3-0**.

Madison TV Scheduling – Jim Molloy and Noreen Downs – Noreen Downs was present; Jim Molloy was not in attendance. Since the Madison TV has gone to 24/7 Downs and Molloy have been trying to get feedback related to the types of programming viewers would like to see. Only a handful of people have given feedback. Downs and Molloy spoke about shortening the days per week for programming as the programming itself takes five or more hours per week which is much more than the budget planned for. Downs suggested Friday through Sunday programming with a “wrap” during the week of the upcoming programming schedule. Arruda and the board agreed with the schedule and thanked Downs for her time.

Appointment of Mark Totman to ZBA – A recommendation from the Zoning Board of Adjustment to appoint Mark Totman as an alternate was received.

Motion by Shackford, seconded by Arruda to appoint Mark Totman as an alternate to the Zoning Board. The motion passed **3-0**.

St. Jean's Auction Properties Review and Agreement – There are five properties that were taken for tax deeding in 2012 ready to be sold. These properties are generally offered to abutters with a minimum bid stated. Farinella will present a spreadsheet at the August 9th meeting with the information about each property. The board will decide on the minimum bids and Farinella will contact the abutters. The auction agreement for October 22nd with St. Jean's Auctioneers will be reviewed again in August.

Water Quality Results – Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. – According to the report, there have been no significant changes in the water testing at the Transfer Station. Arruda noted that the hill has to be mowed and cut back by law. It is too steep for the Town's equipment to handle. Farinella will contact the Road Agent to find the previous vendor and get a price to do it again, or possibly coordinate it with brush hog work that the highway department may be scheduling.

OLD BUSINESS

Veteran's Advisory Committee Additional Member – William Franklin Jones – Farinella stated that Mr. Jones came in to the office and would like to remain on the committee.

Motion by Shackford, seconded by Arruda to appoint William Franklin Jones to the Veteran's Advisory Committee. The motion passed **3-0**.

Selectman Shackford's List – No items.

Selectman Arruda's List – Items addressed earlier regarding EMT training.

Selectman King's List – No items.

Assistant's List – August 9th meeting attendance – Shackford will not be in attendance. Arruda and King intend to be present. **VDOE Tax Commitment Check Release Date** – The VDOE tax commitment payment is ready to be sent but is not due to VDOE until August 5, 2016. The board approved early release of the payment.

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Yield Tax Levy – 15-283-12-T Burdell 248-015

Yield Tax Levy – 15-283-22-T Connolly 248-026

Oath of Office: Veteran’s Advisory Committee – Henry Forrest
Paulette Lowry
Edmund Foley
W. Franklin Jones, Sr.

Oath of Office: Zoning Board of Adjustment – Mark Totman

Intent to Cut 247-034-002 – Bond of \$1,000 will be required and collected prior to release.

Auction Agreement October 22, 2016 – not signed, will be reviewed again in August.

Arruda asked for a moment. Noting that in light of recent events within the country, and that he is sitting with two police officers, how fortunate we are to feel safe. Arruda expressed his personal appreciation to these groups, and specifically included Chief Mullen, for doing a truly great job. The public present agreed with Arruda’s sentiment.

Deputy Clark stated that he been communicating with the seller of the Rescue Truck and he has an agreement for \$13,750.00.

The scheduled non-public has been resolved and will not be necessary.

6:40 PM – Shackford made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING – The next Selectmen’s Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Farinella, Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary