

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
February 21, 2017  
MINUTES**

**Selectmen Present** – Josh L. Shackford, John Arruda, Robert J. King, Jr.

**Others Present** – Road Agent Bill Chick, Sr.; Assistant Road Agent Bill Chick, Jr.; Fire Chief Jeffrey Eldridge; Finance Director Su Stacey; Administrative Assistant Linda Shackford; Nicole Nordlund; Madison TV Videographer Tim Hughes

**Where and When Posted** – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on December 19, 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 February 7, 2017 as written, the motion passed **3-0**.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:**

**Motion** by Arruda, seconded by King to approve the Manifest of February 20 - 27, 2017 in the amount of \$617,638.05. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$26,200.66 for accounts payable; \$30,575.67 for payroll; \$10,861.72 for payroll liabilities; and \$550,000.00 for Madison School District. Motion passed **3-0**.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were none.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS**

**Organization for Madison TV** – Noreen Downs asked to meet with the Board to discuss if it would be worthwhile to review and make changes to the Madison TV Operation Policy. Downs expressed concern that there hasn't been any communication from the director in months and was considering asking for the Board of Selectmen to hold a similar position as they do for the Fire Department.

Downs noted that there are currently four years of meetings available on line via the cloud. Downs suggests that it be brought down to two years making access quicker. Downs also hoped that a survey could be done of the viewers noting that of the 11,039 subscribers in Madison there are 870 who subscribe to digital and can see channel 3. Downs gave each selectman a copy of the most recent weekly schedule with the thought of going to evening 4-9pm programming of weekly meetings as opposed to the current weekend programming.

J. Shackford can see that Downs is looking for guidance. J. Shackford did note that when the Madison TV began it was important that the selectmen not influence the TV's operations. J. Shackford feels that he really doesn't want to make decision for the TV adding that Downs is handling it very well. King questioned if this Board has the power to disband the Board of Directors. Arruda added that during the planning of Madison TV it was made clear to not have a political connection; do not have the TV station in Town Hall and just write the checks. Arruda offered Downs the Board's assistance on an interim basis if necessary.

Downs hopes to ask for a moment from the moderator at Town Meeting to make a pitch to get help with feedback on programming. Downs will also cut down to two years the amount of content available on the cloud in the hopes things will load quicker and cost less to store.

Arruda stated that this Board has the ability to appoint the members of the Madison TV Board of Directors, the Board of Directors then appoints its own director. Arruda asked L. Shackford to see what kind of information she could find about when the TV Board was established. J. Shackford suggested the possible use of Town Counsel for advice. Downs will contact the organization. King can see the need to look into reorganization of the TV Board. J. Shackford stressed the importance of always recording public meetings and keeping those files.

**Amendment of Pole Licenses and Notice of Public Hearing** – At the recommendation of Town Counsel Gorrow the town needs to amend the police license language pursuant to RSA 231:163; to amend necessitates a public hearing. L. Shackford proposes holding the hearing at the regular meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

**Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Arruda to hold the public hearing on March 21, 2017 with letters of notification of the public hearing being sent to four utilities; Northern New England Telephone, New Hampshire Electric Co-Operative, Time Warner and Public Service of New Hampshire dba Eversource pursuant to RSA 231:161. The motion passed **3-0**.

**Request to Use Town Property Agreements – Ragnar Reach the Beach** – The Board reviewed the request to use Burke Field and parking at the town garage on 09/15/2017. The Board had no comments and the permits will be forwarded on for Police and Fire Department review and approvals.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was none.

**Selectman Shackford's List** – No items

**Selectman Arruda's List** – Arruda will be in touch with Yankee Truck regarding the 2014 Kenworth at their shop tomorrow. The engine is beyond repair. Arruda commented that the road crew were able to take care of the most recent storms with one less truck and one less driver. Several positive remarks have been sent to the Board in regards to the great job done by the road crew.

**Selectman King's List** – King asked Chief Eldridge if he has heard anything about interest in the antique fire engine sale. Chief Eldridge answered he has not received any calls. King asked Chief Eldridge if all the outstanding equipment has been returned to the department by members no longer on the roster. Chief Eldridge responded yes. King referred to a letter dated 01/12/2017 received from Conway Fire Department informing the Board that they will no longer provide Paramedic Intercepts to Care Plus. A letter provided by Conway Fire dated 02/08/2017 in response to the Board's questioning the effects on Madison explained that the problem is not with Madison or its Fire Department, but Care Plus. King asked Chief Eldridge to inform the Board if a refusal to have a Paramedic Intercept happens in a Madison call. J. Shackford asked if Care Plus has paid their Mutual Aid dues. Chief Eldridge responded yes.

Chief Eldridge updated the Board on the status of the rescue truck's transmission issues. It has been looked at by Valladares and may just be a stuck valve. A pressure test is going to be performed.

**Assistant's List** - Linda Smith from the Historical Society wanted to Board to be aware that a leak in the foundation at the Historical Society building has been discovered. It is on the opposite side of the building from the leak last year. Smith is going to contact Bernie Quint to have him look at the issue.

Attorney Gorrow has reviewed the warranty for the Kenworth truck with the engine issue. She said she is willing to contact Paccar should she be directed to do so.

Jesse E. Lyman Oil Company came to town today and performed maintenance to five town buildings; Town Hall, Library, Fire Station, and both Highway Garages.

## **SIGNATURE ITEMS**

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

2016 Property Tax Abatements – Kheboian 116-084

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Morse – 223-003

Mason – 120-001

Jones – 117-011

2016 Disabled Tax Deferral Abatement – 204-044

Solid Waste Contract

Application for Current Use – Bruce 245-002 Winter Road

Police License Amendment Public Hearing Notice Letters

**Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Arruda to sign the letter to PSNH out of session. The motion passed **3-0**.

Request for Payment – Conservation Forest Management – Forest Land Improvement

Jesse E. Lyman Town Hall Heating System Maintenance & Protection Plan 2017-2018

Historical Society Lakeside Security Contract

**6:25 PM** – Shackford made a **motion** to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3II(a) Personnel seconded by Arruda. Roll call vote: Arruda – aye; King – aye; Shackford – aye.

**6:45 PM** – Shackford made a **motion** to return to public session and make public the minutes of the non-public sessions under RSA 91-A:3II(a), seconded by Arruda and so voted **3-0**.

**6:45 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, March 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford, Administrative Assistant  
Recording Secretary