

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
JANUARY 17, 2013  
MINUTES**

**Selectmen Present:** Chairman John Arruda and Michael Brooks. **Absent:** Josh Shackford.

**Others Present:** Town Administrator Melissa Arias; Road Agent Bill Chick Sr.; Assistant Road Agent Bill Chick Jr.; and Madison TV Videographer Emilie Riss.

**Where and When Posted:** Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on January 15, 2013 for the purpose of meeting with the Road Agent and Assistant Road Agent to discuss 2013 purchases and other budget related matters.

**Meeting Called to Order:** By Chairman Brooks at 7:40 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – No minutes were approved during this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFEST** – There was no Manifest for this meeting.

**THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THIS TIME.**

**HIGHWAY TRUCK PURCHASE** – Arruda asked where we stand with the Highway truck purchase. Arias said sealed bids are due by 4 pm today and will be opened at the next Selectmen's Meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**BACKHOE** – Bill Jr. said the only company that responded to his request for pricing on used backhoes is NorTrax. They will have a few leased backhoes turned in this spring from the State of NH that would be available for sale. Chick received pricing of \$78,000 for a one-year old John Deere with 1,000 hours that is smaller than our current backhoe. It was used by the NH DOT Turnpike Division. Bill Sr.'s opinion is to lease or purchase a new backhoe since the difference in cost isn't that large. Bill Sr. said there will be less maintenance required on a new backhoe; buying used is risky because you don't know how the machine has been treated or cared for. The current Highway Department backhoe is a 1997 CAT 416C with around 10,400 hours. Arruda said the Town has gotten its money's worth on that purchase. Arruda said the goal is to get a backhoe at the Transfer Station to compact the open top containers prior to hauling. Brooks said the Town should look to put the 1997 backhoe at the Transfer Station and purchase or lease a new backhoe for the Highway Department. Brooks said it makes no sense to have two old backhoes that could be breaking down when the Highway Department's backhoe is almost ready for replacement. Arruda asked Bill Sr. to get pricing on a new backhoe for the Highway Department so the Selectmen can consider a 2013 warrant article. Brooks would like to find a way to write a warrant article that would allow the purchase of a backhoe at the end of the year with surplus funds remaining in the 2013 operating budget. Or, if there isn't enough remaining in surplus, use the funds that are left over in 2013 to put toward the down payment. Whether the warrant article can include this fall-back option will have to be determined. Bill Jr. said the Highway Department already has a number of CAT backhoe attachments so he'd rather stick with CAT over another make. Arruda said the last time we put out a request for bid on a backhoe we learned that all CAT dealers provide the same pricing on municipal leases or purchases so doing another bid process would be useless. Arruda said the Solid Waste Advisory

Committee is looking to take the proposed backhoe pricing and calculate the pay-back period based upon fewer hauls out of the Transfer Station. Arias was asked to contact the Department of Revenue Administration to find out about the legality of Brooks' warrant article concept.

**TOWN HALL ROOF** – Arruda asked Arias to pull out the Town Hall roof seal coating quote for the Selectmen to revisit. Astek Roofing provided a price of \$19,975 in October 2011. Brooks asked Arias to have the quote updated with today's pricing and ask a representative to attend the February 5<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's Meeting to discuss the details.

**LIBRARY** – Arruda checked with the Department of Revenue Administration to confirm that the Board of Selectmen has the authority to adjust the operating budget of any or all departments, regardless of whether they have a Fire Commission or Library Board of Trustees. Arruda would like to see the Selectmen consider not giving raises to the Library employees because the rest of the employees aren't receiving them.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON FIRE TRUCK FUNDING** – Arruda said the Selectmen have to schedule a Public Hearing to discuss the proposed funding for the new fire truck. The proposal is to remove money from an existing Capital Reserve Fund for the down payment and lock the Town into paying the remainder of the cost in subsequent years without the need for Town Meeting vote. This is similar to a municipal bond arrangement. The Selectmen would like the Public Hearing posted for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29, 2012 in the Town Hall Meeting Room just prior to the 6 p.m. Budget Committee Meeting. Arias will see that the notices are posted and advertised in the local paper at least 7 days in advance.

**SIGNATURE ITEMS** – There were no Signature Items during this meeting.

**8:05 A.M.** – Brooks made a **motion** to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II(a) to discuss two related personnel issues, seconded by Arruda. Roll Call Vote: Arruda – aye, Brooks – aye. **8:07 A.M.** – Arruda made a motion to adjourn the non-public meeting and seal the minutes, seconded by Brooks, and so voted **2-0**.

**8:07 AM** – Arruda made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Brooks, and so voted **2-0**.

**NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING** – The next Selectmen's meeting will be on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa S. Arias, Town Administrator  
Recording Secretary