

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
MARCH 20, 2013  
MINUTES**

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

**Others Present:** Town Administrator Melissa Arias; Deputy Fire Chief Richard Clark; and Madison TV Videographer Emilie Riss.

**Where and When Posted:** Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on March 18, 2013 before noon.

**Meeting Called to Order:** At 7:30 a.m. by the Chairman who explained how the winter storm even caused the regular Selectmen's meeting of March 19, 2013 to be postponed until this morning.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Shackford made a **motion** to approve the Selectmen's Meeting minutes of March 5, 2013 as prepared, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **3-0**.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFEST** – Shackford made a **motion** to approve the Manifest of March 11 - 20, 2013 in the amount of \$125,315.24, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **3-0**. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$21,375.10 for payroll; \$7,722.76 for payroll liabilities; \$21,217.38 for accounts payable; \$75,000.00 for the Madison School District (release date 3/28/13).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Deputy Fire Chief Richard Clark brought up the Town Meeting vote on Article 2 to not purchase a new fire truck and the vote on Article 3 to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to either repair or replace Engine 1. Clark said since this time the working relationship between him and the Fire Chief has deteriorated drastically. Clark said he is considering a leave of absence due to the hostile work environment. As a precaution, Clark asked the Selectmen to take an immediate position on the release of funds on Article 3 by the Fire Commissioners. The Board agreed that standards should be set up for the repair or replacement of Engine 1. Clark said he and the Fire Chief both agree that repairing Engine 1 is cost prohibitive given the gamut of issues needing attention. Clark told the Selectmen that the used fire truck in RI won't be held much longer and is not an alternative to a new fire truck but might be a better choice than sinking money into Engine 1 only to find out we don't have enough funds to complete the work. Clark said the used truck will now also come with a radio and other equipment worth around \$3,000. Arruda wants to schedule a meeting very quickly with the Fire Commissioners and Fire Chief and asked Clark to run through the expected costs for the used vehicle. Clark said the purchase is for \$32,000. Lettering and retro-fitting will use part of the remainder of the \$50,000 warrant article. Arruda asked what the quotes were to broker Engine 1 and Clark said it would be between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Arruda said \$50,000 wouldn't guarantee that all probable issues with Engine 1 would be addressed so we could be throwing good money away. Shackford stated the Selectmen hold the purse strings for the Town so he's on board with moving forward with a meeting. Shackford said a decision will need to be made on the used truck so the RI city will know whether to hold the truck for us. Clark said this isn't the ideal situation but is one that can be worked through. Arruda said he called the Local Government Center's Property-Liability division the other day and asked if there has ever been a claim for the catastrophic failure of a fire truck. Arruda said the answer was no and not just for fire trucks but for other municipal trucks as well. Clark said Madison is not alone in this; Laconia bought a used 1991 front line fire truck in

2010 and their guys are very happy with it. Arruda asked Clark if anyone else accompanied him to RI to see the used truck. Clark said his uncle, who owns property in Madison but lives in Massachusetts, who was a fire department mechanic during his working years, looked at the truck as well as Brad Eldridge. Brooks asked Arias to post the meeting with the Fire Commissioners for Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. Brooks said the Town Meeting vote to not abolish the Fire Commission made it clear that the voters want to continue operating under a board of Commissioners so all future meetings and communications pertaining to the Fire Department will be handled directly through them. Arruda asked Arias to prepare a Memo to the Fire Commissioners instructing them to refrain from spend any funds on the present truck until after the meeting on March 26, 2013. **END OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**TOWN MEETING RECAP & BOARD/COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS** – The Selectmen will address these items at their April 2, 2013 meeting.

**POSTING CURRENT USE LAND** – Arruda asked Arias if there has been any follow up to a letter sent to a landowner that has posted land as “hunting with written permission only” yet has been receiving the additional 20% recreational adjustment on their taxes. Arias said the issue was brought to the Town’s attention during the fall of 2012. Arias has communicated with the landowners as well as the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). The DRA confirmed via e-mail that Arias’ interpretation of the Current Use Law was correct so the landowner’s will have to determine whether to remove the postings and keep the additional discount or keep the postings and have the Town remove the discount.

**EAST MADISON ROAD BID PROCESS** – Brooks said the Board will need to discuss a bid process for any work on East Madison Road per the approved warrant article at an upcoming meeting.

**SIGNATURE ITEMS –**

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Veterans Credit Application – (113-019)

Town Hall furnace proposal

Town Hall oil tank proposal

Petition & Pole License – PSNH to replace 2 existing poles on Walnut Loop with taller ones

Oaths of Office – Marc Ohlson – member of Conservation Commission

Ted Slader – alternate member of Conservation Commission

Ray O’Brien – member of Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Dave Downs – member of Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Jim Molloy – Madison TV Broadcasting of PEG

Ted Kramer – member of MWV Economic Council

Henry Anderson – Rep. to North Country Council Transportation Board

Barbara Anderson – Re. to Carroll County Transit

Intent to Cut Timber – #13-283-01 - Norja, Inc. (112-010)

Current Use Application – Puopolo (218-002)

Precision Application proposal for Town Hall roof (Chairman only)

Tax Exempt Leasing Corp. financing document for police cruiser and highway truck (Chairman only)

MS-2 – Report of Appropriations Actually Voted

**8:10 AM** – Shackford made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **3-0**.

**NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING** – The next regular Selectmen’s meeting will be April 2, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. However, the Selectmen have posted a meeting with the Fire Commissioners for March 26, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa S. Arias, Town Administrator  
Recording Secretary