BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOWN OF MADISON June 30, 2020 PUBLIC HEARING - MINUTES

Selectmen Present –, John Arruda, William T. Lord and Josh L. Shackford

Others Present – Town Clerk Michael Brooks; Police Chief Robert King, Jr.; Patrolmen Mosher and Martin; DPW Director Jon Cyr; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; TV Videographer Noreen Downs; Residents Dave Downs, Paul and Cheryl Littlefield, Carol and Ted Kramer, Bill and Cindy Lord, Stu and Karen Lord, Barbara Lord, Carol and Doug McAllister, Jay Buckley, Tino and Elizabeth Fernandes, Nicole Nordlund, and several other members of the public.

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on June 15, 2020 and published in the Conway Daily Sun on June 19th and 26th, 2020.

PUBLIC HEARING Called to Order – By Chairman Arruda at 6:00 pm in accordance with RSA 41:9-a to discuss and receive input on changes to parking, beach, boat launch and transfer station permits, the fees for them, as well as fines for non-compliance.

Arruda explained that this process of updating the Town's regulations and fees began last July with a public hearing where most were in favor of change. Some of the fees and fines date back to as far back as 1998. Most of the proposed changes will be of minimum impact to residents.

Lord reviewed the use of properties and explained the fee schedule as presented below.

Town Facility Use & Fees & Parking

Authorized User					
Facility	Taxpayer	Visitor	Fee	Notes	
Town Hall	✓		\$50/event	Schedule w/Town Admin	
	✓			Youth sports, family reunions	
Athletic Field		✓	\$100/year/team	Softball	
Town Sand	✓			Behind Fire Station	
Foot of the Lake Beach	✓			Visitors must be accompanied by taxpayer; No visitor parking; No unaccompanied visitors	
4 Other Beaches	✓	*			
	✓			Need no-fee boat permit (effective 2021)	
Boat Launch		✓	\$100/yr/boat; \$25/day parking	No fee for commercial companies delivering boats for residents only	
Transfer	✓		See Below	No fee for normal MSW	
Station		✓	See Below	Fees apply	

Director Cyr began explaining that a catalyst for these changes is the escalating costs associated with hauling and disposal of municipal waste. Cyr cited a bill in the amount of \$4,992.32 of for demo waste of which \$1,410.00 was covered with fees collected at the transfer station. The fees were presented to the public as follows:

Transfer Station

	Authorized User				
Use	Use Taxpayer Visitor/Contractor		Fee	Notes	
Municipal	✓				
Solid Waste		✓	\$5/bag	Visitors may only bring MSW	
Brush	✓		\$35/Pick- up	Up to 1 PU truck load/week; 150cu feet; no visitor brush	
Demo	✓		\$80/Pick- up	Up to 1 PU truck load/week; 150cu feet; no visitor demo	
		✓	\$300/Pick- up/load		
Large items	✓		\$30/item	Refrigerator, sofa, mattress	

J. Shackford explained that the revised fine schedule below shows increases to all fines. Shackford pointed out specifically the increase in Parking without Town Permit from \$25 to \$100. The revised schedule shown below was presented.

Fines

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	Violation	Fee	Offense
1.	Parking Without Town Permit	\$100.00	
2.	Parking on Town Beaches or Boat Ramp Overnight	\$100.00	
3.	No Parking Zone	\$100.00	
4.	Dogs on Town Beaches	\$100.00	\$150.00
5.	Unlawful Littering on Beaches/Boat Ramp/Athletic Fields	\$100.00	\$150.00
6.	Unlawful Use/Landing of Watercraft within Enclosed	\$100.00	
	Swimming Area		
7.	Unlawful Camping/Sleeping Overnight at Town Beaches or	\$100.00	
	Boat Ramp		
8.	Launching Motorized Boats without Permit (Non-Resident)	\$150.00	
9.	Obstruction at Excavation Site	\$100.00	
10.	Double Parking	\$100.00	
11.	Parking within 10 feet of Private Driveway or within 30 feet	\$100.00	
	of a Mailbox (Impeding USPS Delivery)		
12.	Winter Parking Ban (Eidelweiss)	\$100.00	\$150.00
13.	Interfering with Snow Removal	\$100.00	\$150.00
14.	Parking within 10 feet of Fire Hydrant	\$100.00	
15.	Parking on Private Way so as to Obstruct Fire Apparatus	\$100.00	_

16.	Operating a Commercial Vehicle on Restricted Town Road	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
17.	Prohibited Acts (i.e., alcohol on town property)	\$100.00	\$150.00
18.	Use of Fireworks	\$100.00	\$250.00
19.	Dogs Without Leash	\$100.00	\$150.00
20.	Prohibition of Road Construction (i.e., stones, fences on	\$50.00	\$100.00
	town roads, failure to clear snow, etc)		

Arruda explained signage will be made to alert all of the changes adding that the boat launch fees will begin as of January 1, 2021 with that signage being posted well in advance adding that a sticker process will be instituted for the non-resident/taxpayer use of the launch.

Ted Kramer asked about enforcement on parking at the beach and launch. Chief King stated that his department has been diligently monitoring the area with thirty-five tickets being issued.

Arruda noted that unused guest coupons can be returned for a refund through the Selectmen's office.

Doug McAllister suggested that the parking across the street from the beach be used for visitor parking.

An East Shore Drive owner expressed his concern about Foot of the Lake Beach for guests suggesting a permit that may exclude Saturdays but not baring non-residents completely from using that beach. The owner explained that he has family that uses his house and pays him \$8,000 that is in turn used to pay his taxes. Chief King feels that this owner's situation is germane to the issue. The rental properties create a burden of the infrastructure and the taxpayers pay the bill. Cyr pointed out that the ordinance already states that guest at the beach are to be in the company of the taxpayer or resident.

Arruda asked if there were any further question or comments. There were none. The Board thanked all in attendance.

6:38 PM – J. Shackford made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Lord, and so voted **3-0**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford, Town Administrator