

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
July 14, 2020
MINUTES**

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

Others Present – Librarian Sloane Jarell; Historical Society President Linda Smith and Mary McIntosh; Resident Noel Smith; DPW Director Jon Cyr; Chief Robert J. King, Jr.; Officers Mike Mosher and Jake Martin; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; MadTV Videographer Carol Dandeneau

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on January 6, 2020.

Meeting Called to Order – By Chairman Arruda at 4:34pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Lord, to approve the minutes of June 30, 2020 and July 10, 2020 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Lord, to approve the minutes of June 30, 2020 public hearing as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Lord to approve the Manifest of July 13 - 27, 2020 in the amount of \$402,964.00. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$38,290.06 for Accounts Payable; \$27,013.94 for payroll; \$7,488.86 for payroll liabilities; \$315,682.50 for VDOE; and \$14,488.64 for NHRS. The motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

Linda Smith – Historical Society – President Smith asked for the Board’s input on the Historical Society holding their yard sale during Old Home Week. A plan has been made that would have hand sanitizer, single cashier and social distancing in place. Arruda explained that the Board met with the OHW members last week and a very scaled down version has been approved that includes the Bean Hole Supper, Chicken Barbeque and Ice Cream social all modified to follow COVID guidelines. Arruda feels that as long as the CDC Guidelines are adhered to with social distancing, he is ok with the event. Lord is ok with it as it is all outdoors. The Board was in agreement with the Society holding their event.

Sloane Jarell – Library Roof – Librarian Jarell informed the Board that she was told that it appears the reason for the recent rippling of the library roof may be from damaged plywood that should be replaced while re-shingling. Jarell asked the roofer for an estimate on plywood replacement but he wouldn’t know until he starts working. Arruda asked if Jarell could ask again for even worst case with Director Cyr offering his assistance in getting the quote.

Sloane Jarell - Carroll County Broadband Group Update – Jarell, as a member of the Group, updated the Board explaining that a survey is in place asking for information about local internet service. The survey is available on the library and town websites along with printed copies available.

This survey hopes to give information on the places in town that are in need of some or just better service. The Group looked into the CARES Act grant but the 9.5 million dollars is greater than anything our area could justify so it cannot be used.

Notice of Regulations for Town Properties – Arruda explained that this has been a process that began in August of 2019 with a public hearing. Since that hearing another hearing on June 30, 2020 has led to the changes to the regulations. A recent addition to the draft regulations added that there is no charge for non-residents to dispose of properly sorted recyclables with Arruda adding that it clearly states that non-residents can use the Transfer Station. Arruda noted one big change is that use of the Foot of the Lake Beach is for Madison residents/taxpayers with valid parking permit stickers; adding that guest can be in the company of the resident/taxpayers but cannot park in the lot.

Motion by Arruda, seconded by J. Shackford to accept the Notice of Property Regulations as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

Chief King approached the Board with some signage suggestions to control parking issues in the area of the Foot of the Lake Beach. There are paper no parking signs that he asks be replaced with metal signs that state “No Parking Between Signs” next year. L. Shackford has six new signs on order that will update the \$25 parking fine to \$100.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adoption of Revision: 7 Violation of Ordinances & Regulations Uniform Fine Schedule –

Motion by Arruda, seconded by Lord to accept the Violation of Ordinances & Regulations Uniform Fine Schedule Revision 7 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

Selectman Shackford’s List – J. Shackford extended congratulations to Sloane Jarell’s daughter on being valedictorian of Kennett’s Class of 2020.

Selectman Lord’s List – Lord noted some unanticipated expenses that have come about. A recent wind storm caused some damage to the front of Town Hall and the pump in the well had to be replaced. L. Shackford stated that the well is all set and Director Cyr will be contacting contractors to address the siding and broken window.

Selectman Arruda’s List – Arruda noted that we are the 54% point of the year with 49.2% of the budget spent. Arruda noted that the transfer station budget is taking a hit on hauls and tonnage at no fault of the management, it is the sheer volume of waste being brought into the station. Tax bill payment is at a \$370,000 shortfall from this time last year with the bills due on July 16th.

J. Shackford noted that with the recent changes to some of the rules some people have become understandably upset. However, after witnessing a patron giving a hard time to a transfer station attendant and then being belligerent to a police officer, J. Shackford wanted all employees, from all departments to know that this Board has their backs.

J. Shackford added that there have been some Facebook posts that have been responded to eloquently by Chief King; he adding that he does not like tax funds subsidizing community business. Arruda cited an owner that stated they received \$8,000 in rent for their house and did not like the change of the Foot of the Lake being exclusively resident/taxpayers only. Arruda gathered that J. Shackford’s sentiment was that we represent the taxpayers, day-in and day-out, so the decision to have the Foot of the Lake residents/taxpayers was at their request.

J. Shackford also wanted to debunk that the transfer station change will increase the littering adding that if you are person that is going to litter, you will do it even if the transfer station is available. The one case reported was in the middle of the night in Eidelweiss.

Administrator's List – Nicole Nordlund asked L. Shackford to request of the Board that another porta-potty be put out at Nichol's Beach after she saw 53 people at that beach versus the 20 people at the Foot of the Lake. Arruda asked about the amount budgeted for porta-potties. L. Shackford responded that the 2020 budget was set at \$4,500 with \$1,200 spent for just one month to have two porta-potties at the Foot of the Lake. Arruda, citing the effect on the budget and tax collection being slightly slowed Arruda cannot see going over budget. The Board was in agreement.

Department Heads' List – DPW Irrigation – Director Cyr informed the Board that the irrigation circulator was stuck in the on position so it has since been turned off. Cyr suggests running a line from the ballfield well for the irrigation instead of off the well that supplies town building with water. This is a project that the DPW can accomplish. Cyr will get together an estimate.

A new compactor with a funnel system was up and working this past weekend. It meets OSHA requirements and promotes social distancing.

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Eastern Propane 2020-2021 Fuel Contracts

Tax Payment Agreement 227-013

Private Road Agreement Davis Lake Ave – Kennefick 116-042

GOFERR Grant

DRA – PA-28 Usage Report

Yield Tax – 20-283-01-T Harmon \$3,423.51

J. Shackford added a comment that the Selectmen can trespass people from Town property for not following the rules. In the case of the incident at the Transfer Station it can be a good tool; with Chief King adding that it was used and the offender was trespassed meaning he will be arrested if he comes back. J. Shackford has heard people say that the changes the Board has made could be cause to be sued in Massachusetts. Arruda added that his niece recently paid \$25 to park at a not-so-great beach for the day. L. Smith thanked the Board for raising the fines as that seemed to be the attitude of offender, a \$25 parking ticket is the cost of a day at the beach.

Director Cyr took the opportunity to mention that since the guest passes were eliminated, the pay-per-bag collection has shown that the most amount brought in is on Fridays which shows that the waste is coming from other places. Arruda knows this is not a money-making operation, more a money-losing operation, but hopes to lose as little as possible.

5:16 PM - Arruda made a **motion** to go into **Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3II (I)** Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present; and **Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3II (c)** Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Roll call vote: Lord – aye; Shackford – aye; Arruda – aye

5:39 PM – Arruda made a **motion** to return to public session and to seal the minutes of the non-public sessions under RSA 91-A:3II (l) and RSA 91-A:3II (c) seconded by Lord and so voted **3-0**.

5:39 PM - Arruda made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by J. Shackford, and so voted **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING – The next Selectmen’s Meeting will be on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. in the Lower Level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator