

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
September 22, 2020
MINUTES**

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

Others Present –DPW Director Jon Cyr; Jr.; Police Chief Robert King; Officer Mike Mosher; Fire Chief Richard Clark; Librarian Sloane Jarell; Resident Sarah DiMartino; 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 Arruda at 4:30pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Lord, to approve the minutes of August 25, 2020 as written. The motion passed **2-0-1** with Arruda abstaining as he was not present at the August 25th meeting.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Lord to approve the Manifest of September 21 – October 1, 2020 in the amount of \$753,399.77. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$99,453.58 for Accounts Payable; \$30,384.06 for payroll; \$8,990.70 for payroll liabilities; \$14,571.43 for NHRS; and \$600,000.00 for Madison Elementary School. The motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

DiMartino regarding Speed Limit on Mooney Hill Road – Sarah DiMartino approached the Board with a request to lower the speed limit on Mooney Hill Road from the currently post 35mph to 25mph. Chief King and J. Shackford explained the way speed limits are treated in New Hampshire citing a per se form of enforcement. Short of a traffic study, which would only allow the limit to lowered to a lowest of 30mph, Chief King suggested some ways to mitigate the problem. Chief King, in an effort to limit the amounts of speeders, will set up the radar trailer and direct frequent area patrols; citing word of mouth also works well when speeders are being stopped. Martino was appreciative of the Town's assistance.

Librarian Jarell regarding Creating ETF and Construction of Small Slab – Librarian Sloane Jarell asked the Board for permission to pour a slab on the library property. The purpose of the slab is for a granite bench to be placed outside the front of the building. The Board granted permission to install it. Jarell informed the Board that within the next few years the roof on the children's section of the building will need to be replaced. Jarell asked if an ETF should be created for the purposed. Arruda asked if the project would be in excess of \$10,000. Jarell, using the amount for the recent re-roof cost, estimated it would not. Arruda stated that they typically do not set them up for expenses below \$10,000 with the Board in agreement. When the time comes, it would be a warrant article or in the budget.

Voting Supplies Trailer – Director Cyr suggested the purchase of a trailer for the storage and moving of voting supplies. With the four elections this year, there has been a lot of time and energy put into moving supplies. A trailer would allow for it to be stored and put away until the next election all in one motion. Cyr estimated \$2,400 for a new trailer that could be parked behind the lower garage. Arruda asked about a used trailer with Cyr expressing his opinion against that for the need to be assured there is no leaking to damage the equipment. The Board was in agreement with the idea. The funds would come from General Government Equipment and try to be ready for the November 3rd election. Cyr will obtain a fixed price to present to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

Selectman Shackford's List – No items

Selectman Lord's List – Lord thanked the office staff, highway department and volunteers for all their hard work at the Primary. There were over 600 ballots cast that day.

Lord asked that a letter be sent to all committee chairmen reminding them of the requirement for timely submission of minutes to the Town Clerks Office as per RSA 91A.

Lord requested an update from Chief Clark about the status of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Chief Clark explained that it is on hold until Zoom meeting can be scheduled. The grant funds have been extended into next year. Chief Clark will begin looking into regrouping.

Lord informed Arruda that the Advisory Budget Committee is looking into revising/updating the Budget Ordinance with suggestions being accepted at their next meeting. L. Shackford will get Arruda a copy of the ordinance for review.

Selectman Arruda's List – Arruda asked if department heads have submitted budget numbers yet. L. Shackford responded that the sheets are due to her tomorrow with the Board seeing them at their next meeting prior to the ABC meeting. Arruda wanted to know if the porta-potties have been removed for the year with L. Shackford informing him that they will be in place until October 7th as we are paid up until that date. Cyr answered Arruda's question of when the swim lines will be removed with a plan to remove them tomorrow.

Administrator's List – L. Shackford asked the Board to make a motion to sign the MS-434 Estimated Revenues out of session.

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Lord to sign the MS-434 out of session. The motion passed **3-0**.

L. Shackford mentioned a survey received from the Town of Tamworth regarding Transfer Stations. Cyr explained that they are looking into a regional station adding that his feeling is that the ruralness of the area would not make it cost effectively feasible. Chief King added that other regional ventures have not been easily formed citing PEGTV, ambulance contracts and schools. Cyr will provide the numbers for their survey but wants to support the Madison taxpayers first and cannot see enough benefit in a joint venture. The Board concurred.

Department Heads' List:

Director Cyr – The paving for the year is finished. Arruda asked Cyr to consider a notice in the paper when chip sealing is performed in the future. Cyr thanked All State Paving for assisting with the repairs on Winter Road. Cyr is working with the conservation commission on the Winter Road monument area in anticipation of tree planting.

Chief King – The radar trailer is on its way to being up and running soon. The cruisers have had their flashlights replaced and the new uniform patches have been received. King complimented the efforts of his department and others that assisted with the disbanding of a group of partiers at the bathing beach.

Chief Clark – The Fire Department will be asking for funds to repair/update the 1989 rescue truck. An estimate for \$150,000 was presented to the Board.

The main building at Purity Spring Resort has been condemned in anticipation of its razing as it poses a public danger in its current state.

The problem with the school’s generator mentioned back in May, is actually a problem with the fire station generator. Chief Clark would like to buy a small \$5,000 generator for the fire station to be powered with propane. This would come from funds already in the budget.

Lord thanked Jeff Balogh for his service on the Advisory Budget Committee and the Board signed a letter of recognition for him.

Arruda noted that we are 73% year with 65.6% of the budget spent. We have 96% of taxes collected.

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Yield Tax: Price 228-063 \$176.96

Intent to Cut: Coleman 202-001

Confirmatory Selectmen’s Deed: 104-138 Cogliani

Thank you for Service Letter to Jeff Balogh for ABC

Purchase Requisition: 2020-FIRE-003 Firematic Supply Inc. \$4,016.00

2020 MS-1

Out of Session:

Intent to Cut: 229-030-001 Moulton Supplemental 20-283-09-T
227-015 Coffield

GOFERR Grant Reimbursement Submission

5:15 PM - Arruda made a **motion** to go into **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

5:24 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 (a) seconded by Lord and so voted **3-0**.

5:24 PM – Arruda made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Lord, and so voted **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING – The next Selectmen’s Meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2020 commencing at 4:30pm in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford, Town Administrator