

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
February 23, 2021
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present – John Arruda and William T. Lord

Selectmen Excused – Josh L. Shackford

Others Present –DPW Director Jon Cyr; Jr.; Police Chief Robert J. King, Jr.; Town Clerk/Assistant Fire Chief Michael Brooks; MadTV Videographer Carol Dandeneau

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on December 31, 2020.

Meeting Called to Order – By Arruda at 4:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Lord, seconded by Arruda to approve the minutes of February 9, 2021 as written. The motion passed **2-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:

Motion by Lord, seconded by Arruda to approve the Manifest of February 22 – March 1, 2021 in the amount of \$266,539.78. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$18,483.57 for Accounts Payable; \$30,639.27 for payroll; \$9,468.14 for payroll liabilities; \$17,716.94 for NHRS; and \$200,000.00 for Madison Elementary School. The motion passed **2-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brooks updated the Board regarding a legal opinion from the Town Counsel regarding deadline for petition warrant articles and signup of elected offices. The deadlines for those did not change to coincide with our change to a May Town Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer Station RFP Opening – One response was received for the Request for Proposal regarding the Transfer Station hauling and disposal. North Conway Incinerator responded with a 1-year proposal. The amount were as follows:

MSW	\$540/haul	\$68/ton
C & D	\$540/haul	\$68/ton
Mixed Paper	EcoMaine would handle	
Plastics	EcoMaine would handle	
Tandem Haul	\$525/haul	

The Board passed the information along to Director Cyr who will review and report back to the Board.

19-28-02-T Abatement Request – The owners of Map/Lot 115-045-002 were assessed dooimage on their 2020 yield tax because of their failure to file a Report of Cut within the proper timeframe. The owner submitted a written request for relief to the Board.

Motion by Arruda, seconded by Lord to abate \$405.75 of the \$616.20 amount paid by the owner. The motion passed **2-0**.

HB504 Correspondence – The City of Portsmouth has asked Towns to join them in hiring a lobbyist to assist in overturning HB504 in regards to donor town funding. Neither Lord nor Arruda are interested in joining.

Motion by Arruda, seconded by Lord to ask the Town Administrator to forward a letter to the City of Portsmouth informing them of the decision not to join. The motion passed **2-0**.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ambulance Contract – Per the Ambulance Contract an annual review of call comparisons is to be made each fall. The comparison was not made in 2020. The Board agreed to wait until fall of 2021 to do the review.

Selectman Lord's List – Lord brought up discussion of incidents in other parts of the State that have people attempting to make public officials violate their First Amendment rights. Chief King gave an explanation of the issue based upon his training and experience.

The Supreme Court ruled against the Town in the ZBA case. This could have a possible impact on Code Enforcement.

Selectman Arruda's List – Arruda mentioned the Town of Windham having trouble with the results of an election due to a faulty voting machine. All towns in New Hampshire have the same machines; Arruda asked Brooks if there are any know issues with ours. Brooks responded not yet.

Director Cyr – The crew and vehicles are ready for the upcoming weather.

SIGNATURE ITEMS:

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

HealthTrust FSA COVID Relief Form

Yield Tax Abatement 20-283-08-T \$41.56

Purchase Requisition 2020-DPW-002 United Ag & Turf \$1,000.00

5:03 PM – Arruda made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Lord, and so voted **2-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2021 commencing at 4:30 pm in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted
as transposed from notes of M. Brooks,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator