

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
May 18, 2021  
MINUTES**

**Selectmen Present** – Josh L. Shackford and Michael A. Mauro

**Others Present** –DPW Director Jon Cyr; Town Clerk/Fire Chief Michael Brooks; Chief Robert J. King, Jr; Officer Michael Mosher; Assistant Fire Chief Richard Clark; 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 December 31, 2020.

**Meeting Called to Order** – By J. Shackford at 4:30 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to approve the minutes of May 4, 2021 as written. The motion passed **2-0**.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:**

**Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to approve the Manifest of May 17 – 28, 2021 in the amount of \$505,452.61. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$21,317.88 for Accounts Payable; \$29,136.49 for payroll; \$8,427.54 for payroll liabilities; \$15,817.80 for NHRS; and \$400,000.00 for Madison Elementary School. The motion passed **2-0**.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were none

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Vote to Indemnify the Board of Selectmen per RSA 31:105** – J. Shackford read aloud RSA 31:105 Indemnification for Damages – A city, town, county, village district or precinct, school district, chartered public school, school administrative unit, or any other municipal corporation or political subdivision may by a vote of the governing body indemnify and save harmless for loss or damage occurring after said vote any person employed by it and any member or officer of its governing board, administrative staff or agencies including but not limited to selectmen, school board members, chartered public school trustees, city councilors and aldermen, town and city managers, regional planning commissioners, town and city health officers, overseers of public welfare, and superintendents of schools from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit, or judgment by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to or destruction of property if the indemnified person at the time of the accident resulting in the injury, damage, or destruction was acting in the scope of employment or office.

**Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to indemnify the Board of Selectmen as they presently sit per RSA 31:105. The motion passed **2-0**.

**2021 P01 Tax Warrant** – The Board signed the 2021 P01 Tax Warrant in the amount of \$4,802,366.00 with a due date of July 8, 2021.

**Short-Term Rental Discussion** – J. Shackford reviewed a copy of the letter that the Town of Conway sent to their Short-term Rental (STR) owners. Mauro feels that enforcing current zoning is better than instating new regulations. J. Shackford would like to discuss more with a full board; he asked for the department heads' opinions. Chief King stated it is no secret that there are several problem properties that require a response from the department multiple times per weekend. The attitude of lack of care because renters are here then gone. Director Cyr cited that his estimate of 90% of the problem at the transfer station are from out-of-towners that do not want to pay for their trash and hassle the attendants. Chief Brooks has seen a lack of regard for the process of obtaining fire permits as each renter is responsible for obtaining a permit, not the owner. Assistant Chief Clark cited capacity problems with homes sleeping a large amount of people; these homes are not equipped or inspected like a hotel/motel. Chief Brooks added that regulating such properties would mean accepting them as a commercial affair and that would require sprinkler and fire escapes. Director Cyr reminded all about former Selectman Arruda's comment that not one is worried about the abutters, the residents that live here for the rural reason, not wanting to be living next door to a hotel. J. Shackford asked that Town Counsel be contacted about drafting a letter to be sent to STR owners along with finding a method to find a list of STR in town.

**Loon Preservation Committee Launch Access Request** – The Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) requests two launch permits, at no cost, for boats that they launch into Silver Lake to tend to the Loons. Mauro offered that the LPC calls dispatch to inform them each time they are on the lake, usually at night, because they are using a light. Dispatch in turn notifies the police department. J. Shackford was in favor of this simple method and it was agreed that this method will be used instead of issuing stickers.

**Request to Purchase Town Owned Lot** – A request to purchase property in Madison Shores was received. The requestor asked that he purchase Lot #20 (116-020) for \$500 plus any other accrued taxes along with assurance that it is a buildable lot. The Board agreed to follow the process historically used that included offering the abutters and the putting it out to auction. L. Shackford will contact the requestor of the Board's decision. The Board will be looking into disposing of tax deeded property later this year.

**Request for Facility Sticker** – A request from property owner Katherine Botelho asking to have her adult children be issued facility stickers for their second home was received. It was the opinion of the Board to stay consistent with their previous decisions as changing their path would open floodgates. The Board denied the request with L. Shackford to inform the owner.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was none

**Selectman Shackford's List** – J. Shackford asked Cyr if the loam out back is of a volume worth screening for use at the veteran's monument. Cyr still has to evaluate what is left as some of the unscreened has been used for the monument along with a load from a local vendor. Cyr added that he has been communicating with Bernie Edwards regarding the irrigation project.

**Selectman Mauro's List** – Mauro attended an NHMA class for new officials today, via ZOOM, that was very informative.

**Administrator's List** – No items

## Department Heads' List:

**Director Cyr:** In light of a late Town Meeting, it has been difficult to secure a dump truck that was approved at Town Meeting without waiting until next year for delivery. Through some research Cyr has found an International truck at DiPrizio's, fairly close in price to the \$121,000 approved, at \$122,612 in the color red. A cost of \$3,500 would paint it blue. The Board agreed to sign a purchase and sale with the balance of the cost coming from the operating budget and to not spend the funds to paint the truck blue. This will be submitted to Tax Exempt Leasing for financing. Cyr thanked the Conservation Commission for the fund to obtain the calcium system.

**Chief King:** The delivery of the K-9 is progress with the Board seeing a purchase requisition in its signature items. The delivery of the cruiser approved at Town Meeting is sitting out of state while it awaits a chip that has several vehicles being delayed.

**King** anticipates people coming to use the boat launch without property permits for their boats. King asked if the Board would like them to sell launch permit stickers. After discussion it was decided that tickets will be issued, boaters will be allowed to use the launch that day and then have the option to pay the \$100 fine, or bring the ticket to Town Hall and purchase a permit instead of paying the ticket.

**Chief Brooks:** Brooks requested a verbal authorization to purchase a station mounted compressor system for filling oxygen tanks. The authorization would allow Brooks to bid on the equipment. **Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to approve a bid up to \$12,500 for the purchase of the compressor system. The motion passed **2-0**.

**Brooks** is working with the company for the fire truck chassis which is out to an October build date. They are honoring their proposal even with the late Town Meeting approval.

## SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Yield Tax: 20-283-05-T Currier \$ 1,174.87

20-283-20-T Bell \$50.03

Oath of Office: C Paul Littlefield, Planning Board Alternate

Stuart Lord, ZBA Member

Doug McAllister, Advisory Budget Committee

Margaret Merrill, Madison TV

Current Use Application: Price 228-063

Purchase Requisition: 2021-POLI-001 SA K9 Solution EU \$6,457.94

**5:15 PM** – J. Shackford made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Mauro, and so voted **2-0**.

**NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING** – The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2021 commencing at 4:30 pm in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,  
Town Administrator