

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
January 25, 2022
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present – William T. Lord, Josh L. Shackford, Michael A. Mauro

Others Present –DPW Director Jon Cyr; Chief Robert J. King, Jr; Officers Michael Mosher; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; MadTV Videographer Aysia Morency; Residents/Property Owners/Public Nick Borelli, David Cribbie, John Arruda, Shawn Bergeron, Cailee Bergeron, Mike and Donna Veilleux and others

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on December 23, 2021.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded Mauro by to approve the minutes from January 11, 2022 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to approve the Manifest of January 24 - 31, 2022 in the amount of \$89128.93. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$45,888.50 for Accounts Payable; \$32,977.17 for payroll; and \$10,263.26 for payroll liabilities, The motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Lord opened public comment.

Cailee Bergeron, resident, read aloud a letter referencing the recent Carroll County Superior Court decision for the Town of Conway that STRs are a residential use. Bergeron requested that the Board rescind their cease-and-desist letters immediately.

Julie Aronson-Bishop, property owner, is of the opinion that the petition zoning amendment will not allow the renting of any homes in town; Aronson-Bishop asked the Board for their opinion of the amendment. The Board did not offer their opinion.

Doug Melder, property owner, gave a time line and information from the Board's minutes from November 30 – December 28th regarding the progression of the cease-and-desist letters to STR owners. Melder asked when the Board discussed the letter, when did the Board make a motion and vote and when did the Board instruct the code officer to take action. The information is in the minutes responded Lord and apologized for not having them in front of him for reference. Lord stated that the December 1st joint meeting's discussion was disclosed and it had nothing to do with the STR letters but with the sequencing of how to present all the information to the voters in an understandable order. Lord stated that the decision to send the letters was made here at this table, granted there may not have been an official vote but the Board was in agreement.

Nick Borelli, resident, explained the intent of the petition zoning amendment stating that it is was not meant to say you cannot rent, just not similarly to day to day like a hotel or motel.

Veilleux & Scrub Oak Scrambler Lead Mine Road Berm – The Veilleuxs asked at the last meeting for the Board to ask Town Counsel for an opinion on placing a berm on Lead Mine Road for the snowmobile trail. Lord cited a letter from the Town Counsel that supported the Board’s decision stating that the Town can make a berm on a road to summer cottages and request that the club remove the berm at the end of the season. Lord offered a copy of the letter to Veilleuxs and the Scrub Oak Scrambler (SOS) Club. Cribbie thanked the Board on behalf of the SOS. Chief King noted that the area needs to have better signage for conventional motor vehicle traffic. Donna Veilleux stated that one of the signs that designates the road to summer cottages is missing. Cyr stated that he will order a new sign tomorrow. Donna Veilleux asked if opinions from the Town’s insurance company and counsel were received. The insurance from the Bureau of Trails covers this issue.

Donna Veilleux expressed her concern that the problem is that some trails close before others and she does not want it to wait until the end of the season if that particular trail is closed earlier. Cribbie noted that the club’s trail system closed all at the same time. J. Shackford asked if there is a date certain for when the trails close. The trails closed April 15th and cannot open prior to December 15th annually.

2022 Warrant – The Board reviewed the draft 2022 warrant. Articles 4-7 are the operating budget broken down differently from prior years. DRA allows an article by function format. L. Shackford will have this approved by DRA.

Article 8 is the annual \$200,000 for roads;

Articles 9 is for a police cruiser;

Article 10 is for a DPW pickup truck with finance information still to be received from the leasing company;

Article 11 is for ballfield repairs. Lord, noting that we have not received an estimate on the project, suggested removal of this article and using the funds the town already has in a ballfield account. The Board was in agreement and this article will be removed;

Article 12 -14 are adding funds to expendable trust funds;

Article 15 is \$4,000 for OHW fireworks;

Article 16 is the balance of MadTV’s franchise fees in the amount of \$24,708.00;

Articles 17-20 are petitioned charities.

Voluntary Change of Address 107-089 Difeo: The Board agreed to sign the Application for Voluntary Change of Address form for 107-089. The form is already signed by the owners. The address will change from 70 Appenvel Way to 13 Thusis Road which will allow the address to correctly reflect the road used to access the property. L. Shackford will submit to E911 for the change.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARPA Generator Quotes – Brooks reached out to three companies for quotes on generators to support the Town Hall and two DPW garages. Two companies, Generator Connection and Powers Guaranteed Services were able to offer quotes, with Milton CAT unable to offer a generator for our needs. Both bids included Kohler propane fueled 12W, 20W and 24W generators prices with Generator Connections price at \$43,150 and Power Guaranteed Services price at \$53,319.

Motion by Lord, seconded by J. Shackford to move forward with the Generator Connections bid of \$43,150 using ARPA funds for the generators, any electrical work and set up of fuel. The motion passed **3-0**.

Selectman Shackford's List – No items

Selectman Mauro's List – Mauro asked if any progress has been made on the school path with Cyr stating he has no new information on the project.

Selectman Lord's List - Lord began with offering his draft of the Selectmen's report for the 2021 Town Report. Mauro and Shackford were pleased with his report and it will be submitted for the Town Report. Lord also brought up:

- The Conservation Commission was not thrilled with the unwillingness of this Board to place an article on the warrant to ask town meeting to accept the RSA that gives the commission the authority to give money towards the acquisition of property that could not be owned by or in the Town of Madison. Two members of the commission have written a petition that included the wording that it would be property in town and subject to the approval of the local governing body;
- The Conservation Commission, with the assistance of Shawn Bergeron, is looking into the acquisition of the Chain of Ponds property with the assistance of other entities to fund the \$1.5 million dollar price;
- The McNair property around Durgin Pond was sold to Fadden and Whitaker. The Conservation Commission wants to be sure the easement requirements are upheld. Lord asked Town Counsel if the wording of the easement is powerful enough to protect the land from clear cuts. The recommendation Lord received was to ask that the new owners attend a conservation commission meeting for a discussion with the understanding that Article 9 of the easement allows for negotiations. This Board will be aware of any intent to cuts that come in for this property.

Department Heads' List:

Chief King: No new items

Chief Brooks: No new items

Director Cyr: Cyr began by giving the Board copies of a quote from OME for the updating of radios in the DPW vehicles. The estimate is just under \$6,000 with the Board in agreement with moving forward with the update and that this will be funded by the ARPA grant; and

- The brine system tanks are set to be delivered;
- The grader is back in service after the repairs recently performed;
- Green Mountain Conservation is using Madison as an example of treating roads using brine versus salt with Cyr noting that today's storm the brine system was used.

Administrator's List: A resident asked if the Town will be purchasing N95 masks for residents with funds received for COVID relief. Brooks offered to work with L. Shackford to finding an avenue to have some delivered to the resident's home that have been made available by a government program.

Doug Melder, asked the Board if they now have any comment on Cailee Bergeron's earlier request for comment regarding the Carroll County Superior Court decision. The Board said still no comment.

Julie Aronson-Bishop, again brought up her earlier comment regarding the petition zoning amendment noting that a 5-1 vote. She again asked if the Board believes the petition would ban all rentals. Lord responded he did not know, Mauro responded he had no opinion to offer and J. Shackford, stating he was the vote in favor of the amendment does not believe it would ban long term as the intent of the

writer has to be considered. J. Shackford spoke of his disgust of being cornered by the public into answering questions in the manner they are being presented.

SIGNATURE ITEMS:

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Report of Cut: Horn 21-283-17-T 222-038 \$127.55

Purchase Requisition: 2022-ZONI-001 Walz \$525.36

Abatement: 2021 State of NH DOT 204-010 \$1,213.00

5:15 PM – Lord made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Mauro, and so voted **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2022 commencing at 4:30 pm in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator