

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
April 19, 2022
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present –Josh L. Shackford, Michael A. Mauro, John Arruda

Others Present – TC/TC Fire Chief Michael Brooks; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; DPW Director Jon Cyr; Chief Robert J. King, Jr., Officers Jake Martin and Michael Mosher, Residents/Taxpayers/others Jay Buckley, Adam Price, Nick Borelli, Carol Penza, Simon Thomas, Nordel Gagnon and others; MadTV Videographer Aysia Morency

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 J. Shackford at 4:31 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Arruda seconded Mauro by to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2022 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:

Motion by Arruda, seconded by Mauro to approve the Manifest of April 18-28, 2022 in the amount of \$518,272.48. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$56,510.68 for Accounts Payable; \$31,206.77 for payroll; \$9,122.58 for payroll liabilities; \$21,432.45 for NHRS and, \$400,000 for MES. The motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Simon Thomas of 165 East Madison Road approached the Board looking for a solution to a drainage issue on this property. The natural run off that comes from further down East Madison Road, to under Pound Road, onto the Thomas property ultimately goes to the pond on the Worcester property (234-012). Thomas is trying to prevent flooding of his building. Brooks suggested to work with the neighbor to re-create the swale that went from his property to the pond. Thomas is having difficulty with that suggestion. Cyr noted that the Town is not allowed to spend funds on private property and no new water is being introduced or redirected on to the property, it is the same culvert that has been in place for well over fifty years. The Board reiterated the suggestion that Thomas needs to work with his neighbor.

Adam Price asked that the Recreation Department be given a spot on the agenda each meeting. It was agreed that the Recreation Department will be added to the lists section.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

VDOE Restoration of Merged Lots – Jay Buckley, VDOE Commissioner asked the Board for their consideration of restoring Map 101 Lot 020 back to the two lots as represented on the 1966 Plan when Eidelweiss was developed. The Village voted to sell the lot that contained the lodge. That would necessitate the Selectboard to approve the restoration of the involuntarily merged lots.

L. Shackford explained the timeline of the boundary changes to the Board. The explanation included documents that showed:

- The 1966 plan, Book 13 Page 100, that shows the property as four lots;
- The 1976 Tax Map that show it as two lots;

- The 1980 deed, Book 783 Page 352, with a written description that could be left to interpretation. Which it is surmised that the interpreter of the assessor/mapper back in 1980 brought the lots to the current three lot configuration as it presently is shown;
- The present tax maps that depict the property as three lots; and
- A plan from Ron Briggs Surveyors that depicts the property back as the four lots as shown on the original 1966 plan.

The Board reviewed and discussed the documents. There is no record of there ever being a formal merger of these lots. The Board was in agreement that these lots should be restored to the 1966 configuration. L. Shackford will complete the paperwork to have this be formally executed and re-presented it at the May 3, 2022 meeting.

Sale of Police Old Cruisers – Chief King is expecting to have the two newest cruisers upfitted and ready for service in the next 90 days. The two oldest cruisers will limp along in anticipation of their replacements. Once replaced, King has received two offers of \$3,000 each from two different people for the purchase of the old cruisers. The Effingham Fire Department would like to purchase the 2015 Explorer and King would like to purchase the 2017 Taurus. Arruda was in agreement with the sales as he knows that historically we would be fortunate to get even \$1,500 for an old cruiser. Mauro and J. Shackford were also in agreement with the sale once the new cruisers are in service.

NHMA SB249 Amendment – Correspondence was received from Margaret Burnes of NHMA about a request for the Town’s support of the most recent actions regarding SB249. The Board agreed to send letters to Madison’s representatives that ask them to support the Town of Madison and vote for the Interim Study regarding SB249 and should a motion of Inexpedient to Legislate be brought forward to the floor, we ask you to vote for that motion, too. J. Shackford will also call Mark McConkey regarding SB249.

Boat Ramp Completion Materials Quote – Cyr was able to get the boat ramp work done with the help of his crew and wanted to thank them for going above and beyond by entering into that cold water. The new section in the water looks great and Cyr asked the Board to consider the purchase of more slabs to be able to also replace the portion outside of the water. The monolithic slabs will work well as they will move with any frost. This part of the project is not subject to the lake level. Cyr obtained a quote of \$6,250 from Gilbert Block to purchase the remaining material to complete the installation. J. Shackford noted that the funds for the first round of improvements came from conservation monies and suggested these materials come from the same.

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to purchase the remaining slabs for completion of the boat ramp from the same conservation account as the first purchase. The motion passed **3-0**.

Current Use Approval Reconsideration 109-100 – Back in February the Board approved an application for Current Use for the Smith property at 109-100 for his bee farm as recommended by the assessor. Since that approval the assessor has found that as per the Current Use Booklet Rules, bee farms are not considered an agricultural use that is allowed to be in current use. The assessor recommended that the Board reconsider their position and deny the application. The property owner will have the opportunity to appeal the decision within 60 days. The Board agreed to sign the denial of the application based upon this new information.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none.

Selectman Mauro’s List – Mauro stated that the DPW has done a great job with the beach cleanup, they look great. Mauro asked if there is an update on the school path. Cyr is still working with the person to do the DES permit.

Selectman Arruda's List – An email was received from a resident hoping that the big raft at the Foot of the Lake beach could be fixed and installed this year. The resident cited reasons that the small replacement raft is not a great fit for the beach. Cyr stated that he had heard similar comments, with King offering a good natured “I told you so”, and has plans to get it repaired and back in the water this year.

The Planning Board attorney's office sent correspondence asking the Town to consider contacting their representatives regarding HB1073 that would take away the Town's attorney-client privilege with a change to RSA 91. The Board asked L. Shackford to send a letter to Madison's state representatives asking them to vote against that amendment.

Arruda asked Cyr if street signs are in the works for White Tail, Doe and Fawn. Cyr stated he is gathering a list and will be ordering soon.

Selectman Shackford's List - J. Shackford hoped to all get on the same page as to the improvement to the upper field at Burke field. King offered to get a soil sample out to UNH this weekend for testing adding that an irrigation plan will be a good idea at some point. Brooks reminded all that the new well could be used for irrigation but we would need a cost to see if it makes sense. Brooks added that he has received the dates from the little league and men's league for ballgames.

Administrator's List – No items

Department Heads' List:

Tax Collector Brooks – The tax bills for 2022 P01 will be going out in the mail on Friday. L. Shackford and Brooks have worked together on ordering a new flag pole to replace the damaged one at the ball field; a purchase requisition is in the signature items.

Fire Chief Brooks – Smokey the Bear signs are in the works to be installed at the Fire Station and the entrance to Eidelweiss to make all aware of the daily fire danger. The rescue truck is still on track to be finished sometime next month.

Director Cyr – Cyr will be coordinating with Bernie Edwards regarding the irrigation for the Garden Club, after overcoming some miscommunications. The blocks for the lower parking lot retaining wall have been delivered and that project is scheduled to start soon.

The old box culvert at the Route 113 end of East Madison Road needs to be replaced which necessitates the purchase of a 36" plastic culvert with an estimated cost of \$20,000. Cyr feels it may be worth considering redoing that whole section of E Madison Road before the bridge and put off some chip sealing and instead using those funds for the culvert project. Brooks reminded all that the Town did not do that section of E Madison Road when the other improvements were made hoping it would be done when that Forrest Brook Bridge was eventually replaced. J. Shackford would like to see the paving/chip sealing schedule keep moving along and not use the funds for the culvert. J. Shackford noted that it is a storm water issue that could be covered with ARPA funds.

The liquid brine seminar was hosted today here at the DPW garage and was well attended. Our system is being used as a roll model for other Towns with UNH being very interested. Cyr will put together a price for the repair/replacement of the guard rails at the boat launch. Mauro asked if he is considering wood or metal. Cyr has no preference but may reach out to SLAM for their thoughts. Along with the guard rails, the railing on the bridge also needs work and Cyr will get a price for that too.

J. Shackford would like to see the trees around Town Hall removed and would like to connect with Tim Nolin to see if it could be done in conjunction with the plan for a possible cut of the property behind Town Hall. Arruda expressed his concern of taking all the trees with all agreeing to keep any hardwoods and even planting more. The pines are damaging to the building and ballfield.

Cyr, adding to the tree removal discussion, noted that eventually it will be necessary to have a building for sand because of dust containment requirements per RSA. Coleman Rental has a quonset hut that can maintain 40 degrees, even in the winter, from sunlight. Brooks added that the Town of Freedom voted to build their new shed with an estimated cost of \$160,000.00.

King remarked that now that we have a Recreation Committee, he has mentioned to both Price and Brooks that maybe this could be the cohesive unit that could coordinate the long-awaited projects that include the pavilion and ballfield lighting. All agreed that this would be a good committee to coordinate and communicate with the Selectmen.

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Intent to Excavate: 249-013 Purity Spring Resort Inc

Yield Tax Levy: 228-017 Shackford \$1,957.83

Oath of Office – Planning Board: Marc Ohlson

Recreation Committee:

Adam Price

Carol Penza

Nancy Martin

Dawn McHenry

Amelya Saras

Susan Hirtle

Excavation Tax Levy: 21-283-04-E 202-026 \$800.00

21-283-06-E 110-002 \$420.00

21-283-05-E 202-008 \$200.00

21-283-03-E 202-001 \$2,034.80

Purchase Requisition: 2022-GGBL-001 The Flag Guys \$939.00

5:43 PM – Mauro made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING – The next Selectmen’s Meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2022 commencing at 4:30 pm at the Madison Town Hall meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator