

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
June 14, 2022
MINUTES**

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

Others Present – TC/TC Fire Chief Michael Brooks; DPW Director Jon Cyr; Chief Robert J. King, Jr.; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; Officers Mike Mosher and Jake Martin; MadTV Videographer Aysia Morency; Residents/Taxpayers/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 J. Shackford at 4:31 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Arruda, seconded by Mauro to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2022 with the following change: Page 4, Paragraph 2, strike “MCC presented some alternatives that include buying the standing timber to which both Mauro and J. Shackford are not in favor of.” The motion passed **3-0**.

Motion by Arruda, seconded by Mauro to approve the minutes made public of the May 17, 2022 meeting as written which hired Madison Garside for the Rec Program. The motion passed **3-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:

Motion by Mauro, seconded by Arruda to approve the Manifest of June 13-24, 2022 in the amount of \$107,940.69. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$44,005.37 for Accounts Payable; \$33,419.52 for payroll; \$10,473.69 for payroll liabilities; and \$20,042.11 for NHRS. The motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Paul McKenna gave the Board a flier he received by mail regarding property rentals.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

Paulette Lowry – Re-consider location of compost pile – Lowry asked the Board to reconsider the location of the compost pile decided upon at the May 31st meeting. Lowry explained that the location is up hill and many members of the garden club are older. After much discussion Mauro suggested that this item be tabled to the next meeting. The item was tabled with Arruda offering to take a look with Cyr and decide upon a location that will not interfere with the memorial.

Lowry asked that the Board appoint two new members to the Veteran’s Memorial Committee; Sharon Schilling and Gary Bent. Lowry affirmed that they both are willing to serve and suggested they could replace Henry Forrest and Franklin Jones. The Board will have the paperwork done to appoint Schilling and Bent at their next meeting.

Tax Collector Preliminary Deeding Review – Tax Collector Brooks reviewed the preliminary deeding list with the Board. The deadline for 2019 deeding is set for August 23rd at noon. Brooks sees possibly four parcels that could be deeded with Brooks returning on August 9th for another update.

Map /Lot	STATUS
108/028	Has paid in time in the past
117/037	Has paid in time in the past – vacant
227/013	Has an agreement
117/001	Unsure of status – no recent contact
233/030	Unsure of status – no recent contact
103/072	Expect to be taken – owners are deceased
205/025	Making payments
115/033	Has paid in time in the past
121/002	Unsure of status – defaulted on previous agreement
109/071	Has paid in time in the past
201/014	Has paid in time in the past
112/006	Unsure status – Suggests Code Enforcement review property
109/009	Has paid in time in the past
109/012	Has paid in time in the past

Request for Information on Broadband Coverage – Carroll County Broadband Committee (CCBC) Member Bill Lord was present with a request by himself and CCBC Member Mary Cronin’s for the Board’s support regarding a Request for Information (RFI) from Consolidated Communications and Spectrum. The RFI will be helpful in determining the underserved areas, noting that in Madison there are 167 addresses with no service, that could be eligible for assistance from the state wide \$100 million dollars in grant funding. The funds are at a 75/25% match with the 25% being paid by the companies as a corporate investment in the project. The Board appreciated Bill’s representation on the CCBC and thanked him for his presentation.

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to sign the RFI letters to Consolidated Communications and Spectrum. The motion passed **3-0**.

Nick Borelli – Short Term Rentals – Kathy Koziell, resident, read from a prepared statement, on behalf of a list of people, referencing that at the June 2022 Planning Board meeting it was announced that Short Term Rentals (STR) are not legal in Madison. Koziell asked that all property owners be notified by mail and asked the time line of the Board in terms of enforcement.

Shawn Bergeron, resident, asked all to realize that this is not only a problem in the Eidelweiss District; no where is immune. Bergeron still feels that STRs need to be regulated by letting the Planning Board do their work.

J. Shackford and Arruda agreed that the Board needs to meet with their attorney. The next steps need to be made with definitive answers that can stand up in court. J. Shackford is of the opinion that since Town Meetings vote on the definition of dwelling unit, there is no question that STRs are illegal.

Nick Borelli, resident, pled with the Board to at least put notice in the newspaper for STRs to stop in the Eidelweiss district and stop the fire, do your job.

Bill Dempster, resident, stated he sees through social media that people are trying to find ways around the issue.

Judy Taylor, property owner, added that STR owners pay taxes to the State and if fulltime residents increase, be ready for a new school. Taylor believes it is wise to consult with the attorney in advance of another notice to STR owners.

NH DOT – State Property Sale – A letter was received from the State of NH asking for the Board’s input or concerns regarding the sale of property to Coleman & Sons, Inc. The properties are on Map 202 Lots 034, 008-002 and 008-003. The Board has no interest or concerns regarding the purchase of these properties. L. Shackford will inform NH DOT.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

Selectman Arruda’s List – Arruda asked for an estimate of ARPA funds that are not committed to which L. Shackford responded approximately \$40,000. Concern of the condition of the upper ball field had Arruda asking if there are plans for improving it. King responded that a tentative plan for the fall is in the works with soil samples haven been taken but no results received yet. Brooks noted that the field are being used with use slowing down after Old Home Week.

Arruda brought up for consideration closing the Transfer Station on holidays with Cyr concurring and citing overtime holiday costs and finding it not that busy on the actual holiday. It was mentioned by J. Shackford to have the day after the holiday having the transfer station open. It was decided that the Transfer Station will be closed on holidays, following the Town Hall’s operating dates, with the station being open from 7am to 4pm on the Tuesdays after a Monday holiday. Notice of the closure of the Transfer Station on July 4th will be published in the Conway Daily Sun.

Arruda noted that the budget at 45% of the year is 43.3% spent. King’s budget has the \$24,000 boat from the equipment line that will be reimbursed with grant funds.

Selectman Mauro’s List – Mauro asked how the engineering of the beams for the school path are coming along with Cyr responding that he and Shawn Bergeron are working together on that. Cyr said he will take a look at the condition of the dock at the boat ramp after Mauro expressed concern that it is getting worse since it was dislodged a couple of weeks ago. The idea to bring a shed to the launch for the Lake Host worker has been put on hold, according to Cyr, at the Lake Host request.

Department Heads’ Lists:

Chief King – The newly acquired boat is docked on the lake and being used to check compliance of launch stickers which is at about 30%. Twenty-two letters were sent out with \$100 fines for boats moored without the permits.

King addressed everyone, present and on video, while he related stories of poorly behaved public being angry or belligerent to Town staff at the Transfer Station and Town Hall. Not caring who the offender is, King said offenders can be banned from Town property if it is not possible to have a calm, rational adult conversation with Town employees. The Board concurred with King’s oration and expressed their support.

Director Cyr – Cyr reported that things are going well in his department, receiving compliments on the construction of the retaining wall.

Recreation Committee's List – Adam Price reported that Rec Camp starts on Monday June 20th with sixteen full-time campers signed up. Price asked for a drinking water source with Brooks, after citing the cost and effort to get the bubbler running, offering to obtain bottled water. Price also brought up:

- The possibility of running swim lessons later this summer;
- Having flag football in the fall;
- Rec doing some OHW fund raisers;
- Utilizing the old recreation equipment upstairs in Town Hall;
- Offering parental volunteers \$100/day to assist to which the Board noted that they would need to be hired as employees. It was also noted that the Selectmen are the ones that will appoint volunteers;
- Price will be joining a local regional Recreation Committee which will give the opportunity to join in with other towns;
- Mauro asked about using the school for rainy day to which Price responded that they have plan that will prevent them from using the inside but can use the playground; and
- Price, knowing the path from the school is still under construction, stated that the Rec Camp kids will be crossing over at the DPW garage safely.

Selectman Shackford's List – Liming of the ballfield has been scheduled at \$150/ton with the expectation that it will take six tons. This will be paid from the ballfield account. J. Shackford also mentioned:

- Inquiring about the I-beams for the school path and the railing for the Cascade stairs, Bergeron responded that he has a template for the railings and if it is satisfactory, it can be sent to fabrication;
- The raft for the Foot of the Lake has new carpet, repaired ladder and is expected to be installed at the end of the week;
- The road side clearing of Downs Road was stopped by an owner when they asked us to leave, with the expectation that they can direct how to clear. This dead-end road mainly serves one family and is not often used in the winter months. J. Shackford would like it to be considered bringing this to Town Meeting and turning it into a Class VI Road citing the hindrances by the owners and without proper maintenance to the road, damage happens to Town vehicles; and
- Thank you to Officers Martin and Mosher for volunteering for the ZBA and Conservation Commission, respectively, stating it is great to see.

Administrator's List – No items.

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Historical Society Raffle Permit

Intent to Cut: Foley 228-064

Abatement: Trapani 112-010-002 \$500.00

Abatement & BTLA Settlement: Borchers 104-167 \$510.69

Oath of Office: Michael Mosher Conservation Commission

6:06 PM – J. Shackford 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 and **Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3II (a)** The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

Roll call vote: J. Shackford – aye; Mauro – aye; Arruda – aye

6:40 PM – Mauro made a **motion** to return to public session and seal the minutes under RSA 91-A:3II (c) and make public the minutes under RSA 91-A:3II (a) seconded by J. Shackford and so voted **3-0**.

6:40 PM – Arruda 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 June 28, 2022 commencing at 4:30 pm at the Madison Town Hall meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator