

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
May 16, 2023
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present – Michael A. Mauro and Adam Price

Selectmen Excused – John Arruda

Others Present –Town Administrator Linda Shackford; Town Clerk/Tax Collector/ Fire Chief Michael Brooks; Chief Robert King, Jr.; Officer Mike Mosher; Foreman Justin Chick; DPW Dave Swift; Librarian Sloane Jarell; MadTV Videographer Amanda Hayford; members of the public

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on December 20, 2022.

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

Pledge of Allegiance: Mauro led all in attendance in reciting the Pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Price, seconded by Mauro to approve the minutes of May 2, 2023 as written. The motion passed **2-0**.

Motion by Price, seconded by Mauro to approve the non-public minutes of May 2, 2023 made public as written. The motion passed **2-0**.

Motion by Price, seconded by Mauro to approve the non-public minutes of May 9, 2023 made public as written. The motion passed **2-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Motion by Price, seconded by Mauro to approve the Manifest of May 15-25, 2023 in the amount of \$270,598.75. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$28,407.00 for accounts payable; \$32,906.85 for payroll; \$9,284.90 for payroll liabilities; and \$200,000 for MES. The motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC HEARING: There were none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

2004 GMC Truck Bid Opening – Four bids were received for the 2004 GMC truck. The Board accepted the bid from Josh Shackford in the amount of \$7,504.58. The other bids were from R. Lee Deschambeault for \$1,500, D&A Motors for \$3,500 and Wayne Deyoe for \$1,101.

Boat Launch Grant Documents – Shackford needed confirmation from the Board regarding the future access and maintenance to the Boat Launch for the Boat Launch Grant offered by the State of NH.

Motion by Mauro, seconded by Price to commit to ensure perpetual access for residents and non-residents and to ensure perpetual maintenance of the Boat Launch at 389 East Shore Drive and its associated structures past December 31, 2026. The motion passed **2-0**.

Re-appointment Request from Darron Laughland - Local River Management Advisory

Committee – Shackford spoke for Darron Laughland, who apologized for not being in attendance,

requesting of the Board to reappoint him to the Local River Management Advisory Committee. The Board first appointed Laughland in April of 2021. Mauro was in favor stating that he is pleased to see his interest in the committee continue.

Motion by Mauro, seconded by Price to reappoint Darron Laughland to the Local River Management Advisory Committee. The motion passed **2-0**.

Donna Veilleux Regarding Draft Minutes – Veilleux asked the Board to consider a policy for putting draft minutes of all boards on the website. Mauro expressed his opinion that this meeting is live-streamed, recorded and draft minutes are available at Town Hall. The minutes are uploaded once approved and putting up the draft would be an added burden to the staff especially if you include all of the boards. Price agreed with Mauro. Chief King commented that RSA 91A is being met. Shackford explained that she will send copies of draft minutes via email when requested. Veilleux feels it would lead to more transparency with Mauro feeling it is already transparent.

Veilleux asked if the opportunity to comment on the minutes could be made as sometimes, she feels she may be misunderstood suggesting changing the order of the meeting to approving the minutes after public comments. With King's suggestion, it was agreed that the opportunity to make comments would be during the discussion portion after the motions to approve the minutes was made.

Kathy Koziell Regarding STRs – Koziell asked the Board when they would be addressing the forty new properties that have begun operating as STRs since March of 2022. The changes to the zoning ordinance clearly deemed STRs as a prohibited use after March of 2022. The Board has hired Attorney Johnston for his knowledge regarding STRs and hopes the Board will move forward. Mauro stated we are working with Town Counsel drafting letters for post 2022 STRs and moving forward. Koziell asked if STRs established prior to March of 2022 will be addresses. Mauro responded we can address those that began after March of 2022. No date was given by Mauro as to when the letters will be sent, expecting them to be sent out in batches versus all at once.

RSA Regarding Road Repairs for Culvert Maintenance – This item was requested by Arruda for discussion. It will be placed on the May 30th agenda.

OHW Member Appointment – Gary Bent – The Board has a request from Gary Bent to be a member of the Old Home Week Committee. The Board was pleased to appoint him.

Motion by Price, seconded by Mauro to appoint Gary Bent to the Old Home Week Committee through 2026. The motion passed **2-0**.

Letter of Support for Broadband Mapping – The Board agreed to support NH GRANIT in gathering information for broadband service in the area. The letter gave authorization to NH Department of Safety to share the Town's E911 data. Both Lord and Cronin, Madison's representatives to the County Broadband Committee support this action. The Board signed the letter of authorization.

Marcia McKenna Regarding Discrimination Claim – McKenna asked for an answer to her questions posed during public comment at the May 9th meeting regarding someone being allowed 31 years of service on the Conservation Commission and her being on for 22 years was considered too long. Mauro responded Planning Board Chairman Marc Ohlson was appointed to the Commission for being a member of the Planning Board which is an elected position and someone from the Planning Board does need to be a member of the Commission. McKenna stated that the Commission does not necessarily have to have a member of the Planning Board on it, it is only suggested.

Mauro stated that it has always been that way and asked McKenna if there has been an objection before; McKenna did not answer.

McKenna asked if she were a member of the Historical Society, which is the other dual-purpose position, would I be allowed to be on it as long as I want to be?

Mauro stated no other Planning Board members have asked to be on the Commission; there are no laws regarding discrimination with appointment to public bodies. The appointment had nothing to do with the fact that you are a woman and his is a man as you mention in your written statement; appointments are made at the total discretion of this Board. This has been discussed at several Selectmen's meeting and Conservation meetings and since there is no discrimination, we have talked about this as far as we are going to. Mauro stated that the numerous places McKenna has mentioned have no jurisdiction over public bodies.

Donna Veilleux asked if she can take from discussion that if Ohlson has not been a member of the Planning Board he would not have been reappointed for the same reason that McKenna was not reappointed. Mauro stated no, you cannot; McKenna came with a discrimination argument, there is no discrimination, the decision has been made and this has been talked about for the last time.

OLD BUSINESS: There is none

Selectman Price's List – Price and Chick will work together to replace the aged basketball hoops out behind Burke Field.

Selectman Mauro's List – Mauro asked for an update on the stumping at Town Hall. Chick answered that the last update was that Dig Safe was to come by and then a date to begin could be set. Mauro also mentioned:

- The stumps and roots at Burke Field are causing a tripping hazard. Chick stated that there is a plan in place for tomorrow to grind the roots/stumps and cover with soil.
- The footbridge update found that what is left to do involves some gravel and a gate that should be done by the end of the week.

Administrator's List – No items

Department Heads' List:

Tax Collector/EMD/Chief Brooks – Brooks is working with Chick to track the facts and figures that go along with the damage from the May 1st storm in hopes of getting the information to NH Homeland Security. There is damage that caused spending we did not budget for that includes the replacement of culverts. Brooks also mentioned:

- Fire permitting has not been shut down yet considering the dry conditions. Brooks asks that people be careful and hold off on burning brush until conditions improve.
- The water sample has been drawn and brought up for testing as per DES request within the 60-day window.
- The 2023 P01 tax bills went out in the mail last Friday with many already having been paid.

Foreman Chick – The department is using a rented grader from Burke Quarry as there is still a good three weeks that the Town's grader will be down for repairs due to the fire. Chick also mentioned:

- The Modoc Hill twin culverts that were damaged during the May 1st storm need to be replaced. Chick has received feedback from contractors interested in the job. Brooks worked with Chick to create something that can be given to contractors so all would be on the same page and have an equal chance at submitting a sealed proposal.
- The new concrete pads for the boat launch are on the docket for replacement. They are outside of the lake. The crew is working their way to that area of Town and while there they will be replacing a couple early each morning, before the launch gets busy, until it is done.

Chief King – Safety grants for 2024 have opened and King is working on applying. Mauro applauded the seatbelt grant work that is being done by the department with King noting that presence at the elementary schools has been producing great results.

DPW Swift – Plans are in place for Atlantic Recycling to be installing the new compactor for June 12th. This will produce the need for directional signage and traffic cone placement and Swift will work with Arruda.

Librarian Jarell – Jarell reported all is well at the library with Mauro commenting that he often sees patrons using their wi-fi from out in the parking lot.

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Oath of Office: OHW Gary Bent

ABC Joseph Dame and Sharon Schilling

Solar Exemption: Dubois 256-013

Yield Tax Levy: 22-283-10-T Town of Madison \$3,410.46

22-283-07-T Morrill \$1,768.05

Intent to Cut: Hatch 232-016

Request for Payment: Rec Revolving Fund: Adam Price Reimbursement \$761.04

Logo Team Sports \$679.00

Conway Embroidery \$588.00

Snow Sign \$135.00

Purchase Requisition: 2023-GGEQ-001 Northledge Technology \$2,003.83

Motion by Mauro, seconded by Price to adjourn. The motion passed **2-0**. The meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for May 30th, 2023 commencing at 4:30 pm at the Madison Town Hall meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator