

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
July 11, 2023
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present – Michael A. Mauro, John Arruda, Adam Price

Others Present –Town Administrator Linda Shackford; Town Clerk/Tax Collector/ Fire Chief Michael Brooks; Chief Robert King, Jr.; Officer Jake Martin; Foreman Justin Chick; DPW Dave Swift; Rec Director Heather O’Donnell; 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 Arruda, seconded by Price to approve the minutes of June 27, 2023 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

Motion by Arruda, seconded by Price to approve the non-public minutes of June 27, 2023 made public as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Motion by Arruda, seconded by Price to approve the Manifest of July 10-23, 2023 in the amount of \$601,697.13. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$174,145.54 for accounts payable; \$39,745.89 for payroll; \$11,145.46 for payroll liabilities; \$157,734.00 for VDOE, \$18,926.24 for NHRS; and \$200,000 for Madison School. The motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ron Ducharme of 748 Plains Road asked about the status of the petition for a speed limit reduction on Plains Road. Ducharme was informed the petition was sent to the State of NH and a copy was provided.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

Update of Facility Permit Guidelines – In light of recent issues, Shackford requested that the Board clarify the facility permit sticker eligibility guidelines. The wording is “a person with a rental agreement or lease for at least 1 year at a Madison home” with Shackford asking that “with proof of residency” be added. The Board was in agreement with making the change. Chief King asked the Board to consider revocation of facility permit stickers for misuse, citing cars at the beach with permits that are permitted to a different vehicle. The Board was in agreement with the addition. Shackford and King will work on incorporating the language into the guidelines.

2023-2024 Heating Fuel Prices – Prices for the 2023-2024 heating season for oil and propane were received from Eastern Propane & Oil and Irving Oil. Calculations made using last year’s gallons used with proposed prices, the saving of \$182 is not enough to make it worth changing providers considering tanks etc. would need to be swapped out.

The Board agreed to accept the numbers from Eastern Oil & Propane at \$2.979/gallon for oil and \$1.879/gallon for propane. An employee package was also offered that will be distributed by Shackford.

Transfer Station Trespass Notices – The Board signed two trespass notices for two people from Tamworth. The trespassers were found to be on the Transfer Station property near the power lines in vehicles.

2024 Highway Safety Grant Agreement #24-112 – Chief King present to the Board the paperwork for the highway grant that offers funds to do DWI and speed patrols along with text & drive and child car seat safety campaigns.

Motion by Mauro, seconded by Price to accept the parameters of the 2024 Highway Safety Grant Agreement #24-122. The motion passed **3-0**.

OLD BUSINESS:

Planning Board Meeting Recap – The Board met with the Planning Board on July 5th. The agreement made between the two board's was that the Planning Board would stand fast and allow the Selectmen to deal with the post March 2022 STRs and then move on to some form of rules for those established prior to March of 2022. The Planning Board will not be proposing new zoning ordinance changes regarding STRs for the 2024 Town elections.

Paul McKenna and Kathy Koziell were given a summary of the progress of letter being sent by the Selectmen's Office to post March 2022 STR owners.

Selectman Arruda's List – Arruda began with noting that at the 52.6% point of the year the overall drawdown is at 54.1% spent which to Arruda is out of line. Arruda noted that Article #2 has 58% spent stating he cannot remember a time we have been in this position. Arruda also mentioned:

- As of July 10th the Transfer Station has taken in \$33,174 vs \$27,831 last year at the same point;
- The compactor just acquired for the paper and plastic has been paid for from the recycling line. Arruda asked the Board if they would consider this to come from the Transfer Station ETF instead. The Board agreed and a **Motion** was made by Mauro, seconded by Price to pay this expense from the Transfer Station ETF. The motion passed **3-0**.
- Arruda noted that the paper/plastic compactor is working out well with patrons commenting they are pleased to see paper being recycled. This should cut down on trips to ECO- Maine. Arruda reminded patrons to remove the caps from plastic bottles.

Selectman Price's List – No items

Selectman Mauro's List – Mauro asked Chick if the blocks at the Transfer Station could be used to form a lean-to of sorts for sand behind the Fire Station with Arruda suggesting the same for compost.

Administrator's List – No items

Department Heads' List:

Tax Collector/Town Clerk/Fire Chief Brooks – Tax collection number are typical at 93% collected; the due date was July 6th. Brooks also mentioned:

- Old Home Week is coming up soon;
- The Fire department has been quiet. The PFAS remediation RFP has been sent with a due date of July 25th. DES has said we have to engage with a company to see what needs to be done.

This hot button political issue has put towns on the radar even though our numbers are inconsequential in comparison.

Foreman Chick – Despite the rain the crew has been fixing road edges around Town. The grader was almost back together at CAT. They said they were going to start it and give a call back, but Chick did not hear back from them. Chick also mentioned:

- Bruce Knox, Brooks, Chick and two contractors met for a pre-bid meeting regarding the improvements to Modoc Hill culvert issue. Knox is working on plans with it being a tight time line to get the project done prior to December 1st but Chick is confident that it can happen.

Chief King – King clarified earlier comments regarding facility permit sticker on windshields noting that the RSA that governs stickers being placed on the windshield is written so that it has to be proven that it is obstructing the drivers view.

Rec Director O'Donnell – Camp is doing well despite all the rain. The kids are all happy. Field trip day to White Lake State Park has been by far their favorite day. O'Donnell was happy to report no transportation issues for the 28 campers going to White Lake.

SIGNATURE ITEMS:

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Tax Collector Abatement: Calitri \$527.12

Intent to Cut: 231-006 Brown

Oath of Office: PT Officer Eldridge

Purchase Requisition: 2023-POLI-003 Funflicks Outdoor Movies \$1,030.00

Excavation Tax Levy 2023: Drew 232-037 \$269.46

Rec Volunteer Appointment Form: Joy Gray

Motion by Arruda, seconded by Price to adjourn at 5:11pm. The motion passed **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for July 25th, 2023 commencing at 4:30 pm at the Madison Town Hall meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator