

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
July 18, 2023
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present – John Arruda, Adam Price **Excused** – Michael Mauro

Others Present –Town Administrator Linda Shackford; Fire Chief Michael Brooks; Foreman Justin Chick; Officer Jake Martin

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on July 17, 2023.

Meeting Called to Order – By Arruda at 3:30 pm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

Colby Hill Road Storm Damage: Brooks presented a power point presentation he created from still shots and drone video obtained through Jason Bagley of the Center Conway Fire Department which was so encompassing that the Board decided a visit to Colby Hill Road unnecessary.

Damage to Colby Hill Road encompasses approximately 0.46 miles with a rough estimate of \$4.9 to \$6.24 million dollars of damage as provided by Noah Coleman.

The Board discussed the option for paying for such a repair with hopes that FEMA will be able to assist. The Town will still have to pay the bills until such time as assistance could be granted. A bond is an option with Shackford taking on connecting with Town Counsel and DRA for guidance and options.

Questions that were brought up to be asked of Town Counsel included:

- Can a betterment assessment be made on driveway culvert replacements? And can that assessment be made without a Town Meeting approval?
- Can the Town require Colby Hill Road property owners to make improvements to their driveway to stop water from coming into the road?

Brooks suggested considering designation of the Class VI portion of Modoc Hill Road to an Emergency Lane in anticipation of the reconstruction of Colby Hill Road along with any other roads that could enable the flow of traffic.

Brooks stated that Senator Maggie Hassan and her team will be in Town on Saturday, July 22nd to access the damages. Brooks will inform the Board of the time and place when he hears from her office, which could be within only 24-hour notice. Brooks will have the same power point presentation available for the meeting.

Motion by Price, seconded by Arruda to adjourn at 4:32pm. The motion passed **2-0**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator