

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
MAY 12, 2015  
MINUTES**

**Selectmen Present** - Chairman Josh Shackford and John Arruda. **Absent** - Michael Brooks.

**Others Present** – Town Administrator Melissa Arias; Deputy Town Administrator Sue Stacey; and Madison TV videographer Carol Dandeneau.

**Where and When Posted** - Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on May 6, 2015.

**Meeting Called to Order** – By the Chairman at 7:30 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – There were no minutes to approve at this meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS** – There was no manifest to approve at this meeting.

**THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**INSURANCE DISCUSSIONS** – The Town was notified by NH Property Liability Trust (PLT) in an April 15, 2015 e-mail that property-liability, workers compensation, and unemployment coverage will no longer be provided by their organization after July 1, 2016 due to present regulatory issues. Madison currently has its property-liability and workers compensation coverage with PLT and needs to decide whether to stay with PLT until July 1, 2016 or make a transition to another provider now. Stacey said she attended a NH Government Finance Officers Association (NHGFOA) training last week and the attending municipalities seemed split in how they were going to handle this recent discovery. Some towns want to find another provider now so they don't have to scramble next spring while others want to stay with PLT in the hopes that the decision is appealed. Arruda said he can't imagine the legislation allowing Primex to be the only organization providing coverage to NH municipalities and school districts through a group or "pool" system and wondered if Madison should stick with PLT in the hopes that they can continue beyond July 1, 2016. Stacey said the information received to date indicates this will not be an option. Stacey said a representative from Primex, another "pool" organization, came to meet with Madison department heads recently in order to get town-specific information and provide a proposal effective July 1, 2015. Arruda said Primex provided coverage for Madison many years ago. Stacey said Primex is a little more expensive than PLT but we haven't received PLT's rates for the coming year to compare against. Stacey estimates there will be an additional \$8,300 due to Primex that wasn't budgeted for. Stacey said she has also requested a proposal from a private insurance company but won't have figures back from them until mid-June. Last year a quote was requested from the same private insurance company but they were unable to provide figures because of the Town's high experience rating caused by recent claims. Shackford said he's inclined to transition to Primex now given the positive feedback he's received from neighboring towns who use Primex. Shackford was not interested in delaying this decision for the sake of receiving a proposal from the private insurance company. Stacey said the Town will need to send PLT a written notice that our coverage with them will be discontinued effective July 1, 2015. The letter needs to be received 45-days in advance according to our multi-year member agreement so the Selectmen should vote to have one member sign it once prepared.

**Motion:** Shackford made a **motion** to sign with Primex for property-liability and workers compensation coverage effective July 1, 2015, forego research into private insurance coverage, and have one Selectman sign a notification letter to PLT out-of-session at least 45-days prior to discontinuance, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **2-0**.

**Decision:** A letter will be drafted to PLT for signing out-of-session and Primex and the private insurance company representative will be notified of the Selectmen's decision.

**2015 1<sup>st</sup> ISSUE TAX WARRANT** – Arias presented the Selectmen with the 2015 1<sup>st</sup> issue property tax warrant to be signed. The Board voted to sign the tax warrant out-of-session at their last meeting and before we realized this special meeting was going to be scheduled so no vote in necessary at this time.

**SIGNATURE ITEMS** –  
2015 1<sup>st</sup> Issue Property Tax Warrant

**7:45 PM** – Shackford made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **2-0**.

**NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING** – The next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa S. Arias, Town Administrator  
Recording Secretary