

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
May 7, 2019
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present –Josh L. Shackford, John Arruda and Robert J. King, Jr.

Others Present – Madison Gardening Club Members CJ Everson and Paulette Lowry; Resident Robert Grazer; Fire Chief Richard Clark; Assistant Fire Chief/Tax Collector Michael Brooks; DPW Director Jon Cyr; Mechanic Rob Rand; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; TV Videographer Carol Dandeneau

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on December 31, 2018.

Meeting Called to Order – By Chairman Shackford at 5:30 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Arruda, seconded by King, to approve the minutes of April 23, 2019 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Motion by Arruda, seconded by King to approve the Manifest of May 6-15, 2019 in the amount of \$104,423.86. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$56,140.54 for Accounts Payable; \$26,787.33 for payroll; \$7,165.78 for payroll liabilities; and \$14,330.21 for New Hampshire Retirement System. The motion passed **3 -0**.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

Garden Club Water Supply- CJ Everson and Paulette Lowry approached the board asking to have the water supply at the ballfield near the road turned on for the purpose of caring for the flowers. The well had been shutdown due to contamination. Everson suggested and demonstrated a lock that can be easily attached to the spigot preventing anyone from drinking the water. The Board was in agreement with using the lock as long as a sign stating “Do not drink” is affixed. Brooks explained that the pump will need to be re-connected. Cyr stated that Alan Libby will be able to assist the club with turning on the water. A key to the lock will be dropped of with L. Shackford to be kept at Town Hall.

Lowry asked the Board to recall a conversation months ago about the installation of a sprinkler system for improvements to the gardens around Town Hall. Lowry has received a written quote from Bernie Edwards in the amount of \$1,800 and a verbal quote from a Laconia contractor of \$1,500. The Board would like to see the job go to Edwards. J. Shackford asked that we hold off on scheduling for a little while until property tax revenue begins to flow in. Lowry will come back in about a month.

Ambulance RFP – Mike Brooks is revising the 2015 Ambulance RFP as suggestions come in from each involved town. Madison’s and Freedom’s changes have been incorporated into this latest revision for review tonight. The next meeting is scheduled for May 20th in Freedom. J. Shackford attended the Freedom Selectmen’s meeting last night and they discussed how to incorporate the hospitals that the

contract would bring patients to. Brooks would not like to see a “list” of hospitals, rather verbiage stating to use the best hospital based on best patient care and patient choice.

L. Shackford spoke with Eric Damon of CarePlus today. Damon explained he has changed his management structure and made some procedural changes that will prevent outdated supplies on ambulances. Damon also asked for her to bring to the Board’s attention a discrepancy in the contract of dates of the contract and payments years. J. Shackford stated that Freedom invited Damon to their next meeting to discuss just that item.

Discussion of hearing that Effingham is considering to not participate in the Ambulance contract was made. Chief Clark will contact the Town of Effingham.

Trees on Winter Road – Arruda began discussion about the line of gigantic pine trees along Winter Road. These trees were planted in honor of WWI veterans along with a plaque. These trees have grown so large that they are consistently being scarred by snowplows and school bus mirrors. The Board would like to consider removing some of the trees. Brooks gathered information that includes deeds and maps. These deeds call out who owns the trees and who can make decisions regarding their removal. Arruda suggested moving the memorial over to the Veteran’s Memorial here at Town Hall and plant some trees.

J. Shackford asked Cyr to go out to Winter Road and come up with a preliminary assessment of which trees could need to be removed. Cyr agreed and mentioned that he submitted a drawing from Dick Eldridge that would build a new road by-passing the problem area. The expense of such a project and the wetlands in the area could make such a project very difficult.

Arruda suggested scheduling a public hearing on the idea; though it may not be required, he feels it would be a good idea remembering the acrimony that happened when this was discussed years ago. J. Shackford suggested inviting those property owners involved to have a discussion before a scheduling any public hearing.

Brooks stated the deeds say that the trees can be cut by the Town of Madison as long as we speak with the successors.

Progress of 2019 P01 Tax Warrant – The 2019 P01 Warrant has been printed and is ready for signatures. Tax Collector Brooks will begin the process for sending out the bills tomorrow morning with an expectation that they will be mailed by the end of next week. The due date will be Thursday, July 11th. The Board signed the 2019 P01 warrant.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

Selectman King’s List – No items.

Selectman Arruda’s List – Arruda asked Chief Clark if he has any information regarding the warranty on the repairs done to the fire truck recently. Chief Clark is still waiting for the warranty CD but will keep the Board in the loop.

Arruda noted we are at the 35% point of the year with 38% of the budget used. Finance Director Stacey has noted that the Town currently has \$925,521 in the bank with \$1,079,000 due to the school at the end of the month. Arruda hopes that taxpayers will begin paying soon.

The Town was notified by the State of New Hampshire regarding water testing. The notification was congratulating us on having the cleanest beaches in the State of New Hampshire.

Arruda complimented the DPW regarding the painting that has been done to the DPW trucks, it looks outstanding; Arruda sees this as showing respect for the taxpayers’ property.

Selectman Shackford's List – J. Shackford said that Freedom opened their paving bids last night and they were \$10-\$13 more per ton higher with Pike at \$81, R&D at \$77.32 and All State at \$74.95. Cyr was just estimating his paving and using \$78 for estimating purposes.

J. Shackford asked how the Goe Hill Road gates are coming along. Rand responded that he is finishing up the painting. Freedom has agreed to put a gate at their end and J. Shackford asked Cyr to coordinate with Brooks regarding placement on the Madison side.

Administrator's List – No items.

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Gravel Tax Levy: 18-283-01-E Drew \$328.44

18-283-03-E Coleman & Son Inc. \$809.92

18-283-04-E Coleman & Son Inc. \$4,500.00

18-283-05-E Coleman & Son Inc. \$924.00

18-283-06-E Baron Trust LLC \$1,208.00

L. Shackford explained that the Town received a visit from DRA's Mary Pinkham-Langer to review our gravel Intents and Reports. The Town was directed by Pinkham-Langer to assess dooamage for their late reporting.

Intent to Excavate: 232-037 Drew

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202-001 Coleman & Son, Inc

202-026 Coleman Revocable Trust

202-008 Coleman & Son, Inc

110-002 Coleman & Son, Inc

Class VI/Private Road Waiver: 248-031 Scotch Pine Rd – Pritchard

205-018 Deer Trot Lane – Fullerton & Hawkins

At an earlier meeting a question of what town projects were slated for 2019. L. Shackford looked them up and found the carpet in the meeting room and soffit repair at the fire station. Brooks added that the soffit project should be minimal as they should be able to re-use some of the materials.

6:25 PM – J. Shackford made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by King, and so voted **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – The next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator