

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
May 21, 2019  
MINUTES**

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

**Others Present** – Taxpayers Richard Eldridge, Robin & Scott Hain, Lawrence Carr and John DeYoung; SWAC Chairman Ted Kramer; Madison Garden Club Member Paulette Lowry; Fire Chief Richard Clark; 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 5:32 pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion** by Arruda, seconded by King, to approve the minutes of May 7, 2019 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:**

**Motion** by Arruda, seconded by King to approve the Manifest of May 20-31, 2019 in the amount of \$663,484.31. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$9,263.21 for Accounts Payable; \$26,822.28 for payroll; \$7,398.82 for payroll liabilities; and \$620,000 for Madison Elementary School. The motion passed **3 -0**.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ted Kramer, President of Silver Lake Association of Madison (SLAM) approached the Board with concern of run off from Route 113 going into Silver Lake at Monument Beach. Kramer stated that there is no RSA that defines how DOT does drainage into water bodies. Kramer spoke with Director Cyr looking for assistance with a better way to handle the drainage. Cyr agreed with SLAM's concerns and expressed his biggest concern of the engineering and cost of such an undertaking. King asked if DES would be involved. Kramer stated DES will not get involved unless there is scientific proof of a negative impact. Arruda suggested contacting our Executive Councilor knowing we could not do anything without state approval. Kramer had considered contacting Jeb Bradley. The Board would like Kramer to keep them and Cyr posted on his progress.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**DeYoung/Castillo Garcia - 15 Lucerne Dr Assessment** – John DeYoung approached the Board regarding the 2018 assessment of his house at 15 Lucerne that is under construction. J. Shackford stated a brief timeline of events regarding the property assessment. Mr. DeYoung stated that the assessor deemed his house at 100% completion in March of 2018 when doing pick-ups when it was actually only at 60% completion, as based upon a May 9, 2019 visit from the assessor. The assessor reduced the assessed value from \$199,400 to \$136,100 for the 2019 tax year. Mr. DeYoung stated that he was not receiving tax bills and while battling an illness was not working on the second home. J. Shackford stated that the window of opportunity to file for an abatement ended on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. DeYoung asked the Board to reconsider; J. Shackford believed they cannot, based upon RSA 76:16.

King recommended that the Board take this issue under advisement, do some research and see what the Board can legally do. L. Shackford will contact the assessor and town counsel.

**Albany's Broadband Initiative Committee Request** – The Board was asked by the Town of Albany to have a selectman consider serving on a committee about bringing affordable, high speed, fiber internet service to rural Mt. Washington Valley. The Board will send a letter thanking them for the invitation and they will take it under advisement, possibly joining at a later date.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Ambulance Services Agreement Letter of Commitment** – J. Shackford explained that last night the Board attended the Ambulance Committee meeting along with other local Selectboard members. The committee agreed that each town should sign a Letter of Commitment regarding their participation in the multi-town ambulance contract.

**Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Arruda, to sign the Letter of Commitment to participate in the Request for Proposal and execution of the contract. The motion passed **3-0**.

**Winter Road Trees** – Dick Eldridge, Robin Hain, Scott Hain and Lawrence Carr joined the Board in a discussion regarding the removal of pine trees along Winter Road. The large trees impede keeping up with maintenance of the road, along with school bus and emergency vehicle access. Eldridge asked for a traffic count on the road. Director Cyr asked the value of such a count. King assumes that the public will want to know. Cyr feels the count number is irrelevant as the reason for the work is safety related. The Board has the authority to cut the trees per deed however owners must be aware. The Town owns one side of the road and notice has been sent to owner, named Booth, on the other side. Booth has not responded, L. Shackford will send the information again by certified mail. Discussion of possibly re-routing the road through the Booth property was considered. Cyr feels that endeavor would be more costly than tree removal. Arruda would like to see some prices gathered for tree removal before going much further as a reasonable time timeline would be to have this done next year.

**Vote to Sign Release of Payment out of Session once the Excavator has Arrived** – **Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Arruda to sign, out of session, the documents to release payment for the excavator once it has arrived. The motion passed **3-0**.

**Selectman Shackford's List** - No items

**Selectman Arruda's List** – The town is at the 38.6% point of the year with 40.6% spent; the gap is closing and getting closer to in-line. Arruda announced that the tax bills were mailed on Friday, May 17 and reiterated these figures from the Finance Director:

- \$401,000 in the bank
- \$459,000 due to school on June 13<sup>th</sup>

**Selectman King's List** – No items

**Administrator's List** – No items

**DPW Director's List** – Director Cyr presented to the Board a list of roads he proposes to improve using the \$100,000 warrant article funds. Cyr also presented a spread sheet that breaks down the costs of roads and also prioritizes and groups for mobilization efficiency. J. Shackford thought this could be a great tool for the Budget Committee. The Board agreed that he move forward with the presented list.

Rand asked how Arruda felt the dust control on North Division Road has been. Arruda stated he hasn't had any trouble with dust but there are some potholes.

Director Cyr brought up for discussion the proposed irrigation around Town Hall. Cyr suggests an alternative to using the main water supply from the library well and possibly use one of the ball field supplies. Cyr will discuss with Contractor Bernie Edwards about the best way to do the project.

### **SIGNATURE ITEMS**

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Intent to Cut: 246-013 McNair

238-004 Hart

115-045-002 Sevigny

Land Use Change Tax: 226-013 Hilton \$8,000.00

Yield Tax Levy: 221-022 Crocket \$318.28

228-058 Fadden \$2,207.55

Application for Current Use: 120-004 Goodwin Rogers (amended)

Private Road Waivers: 121-017 Carr

117-009 Gray

Abatement: Jacobson 118-037 \$1,161.76

Census New Construction Program Participation

Deed: 115-004 Town of Madison to Tatiana Zahorova

113-121 Town of Madison to Tatiana Zahorova

120-005 Town of Madison to Tayzach Realty Trust

J. Shackford asked about the state of the Ami Kennett Road culvert. L. Shackford spoke with the forester on the timber job and he stated the area was impassible before the job began. J. Shackford fears that lack of documentation would make it difficult to hold anyone accountable. Chief Clark noted that the area should be accessible for fire protection safety. The Board will hold a public hearing at their next meeting to deem Ami Kennett an emergency lane which will allow the repair of the culvert for the reason of fire protection.

Arruda announced the results of the property auction done by the Town on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Parcel 120-005 sold for \$79,000, and parcels 115-004 and 113-121 sold for \$1,000 each.

Director Cyr asked the Board if he could reconsider his offer to use his department employees to pressure wash the Town Hall. The DPW has a lot on its plate this summer and Cyr thinks a professional would be better suited to do the job. Arruda agreed feeling the roads need his departments attention more than the building. Cyr and L. Shackford will work together to get some quotes.

**6:55 PM** –Arruda made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by J. Shackford, and so voted **3-0**.

**NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING** – The next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,  
Town Administrator