

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
July 2, 2019  
MINUTES**

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

**Others Present** – Taxpayers Robin and Scott Hain; 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 5:30 pm.

Chairman Shackford announced that the Board posted notice on June 28, 2019 of a non-public session commencing at 5:15pm, which ended at 5:27pm, under **RSA 91-A:3II (a)** *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.* The Board received the resignation of Police Chief Colby effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 citing health reasons. The Board appreciates Chief Colby's 12 years of dedicated service to the Town of Madison and accepts his resignation with regret. Shackford and Arruda decided to fill the position with Robert J. King, Jr. effective August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Chairman Shackford explained that per NH RSA a person cannot hold a Police Chief position and a Selectmen's seat simultaneously; therefore, the Board will appoint a person to fill King's Selectmen's seat until March of 2020; this decision will be made in the next couple of weeks as King's last meeting will be June 30, 2019. Arruda stated he is happy to have King take this position and please to not have had to look far or spend money and time on advertising. Congratulations were expressed from the Board and audience.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion** by Arruda, seconded by King, to approve the minutes of June 18, 2019 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:**

**Motion** by Arruda, seconded by King to approve the Manifest of July 1-12, 2019 in the amount of \$532,707.04. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$185,018.80 for Accounts Payable; \$25,954.88 for payroll; \$7,483.50 for payroll liabilities; \$14,249.86 for New Hampshire Retirement System; and \$300,000.00 for Madison Elementary School. The motion passed **3 -0**.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Robin and Scott Hain of Charlotte Point Road were in attendance asking about road signs and maintenance. Director Cyr responded that a "Dead End" sign was installed and regarding the paving, he is still waiting for hot top pricing so it will still be a couple of weeks. Robin Hain stated that she is in charge of watering the flowers at the Burke Field sign and is of the understanding that the pump is not working. Cyr explained that after years of not using the pump it is not working, however, he is coordinating with Bernie Edwards regarding the irrigation proposal brought to the Board by the gardening club earlier this year. Cyr proposes to use the old well with new lines for the irrigation system rather than the well that serves the buildings with their water for fear of demanding

too much from the system. Cyr expressed his concern that there may not be money in the budget for this year and may request it as a warrant article next year. Ultimately, Cyr hopes to eliminate the problems with one solution. Robin Hain will water by hand until she hears different.

Scott Hain asked when the state will be doing the culvert at the junction of Winter and Village Roads. Cyr does not know of such a project, stating that the lines painted are for Dig Safe.

Arruda stated that he and Cyr went out to Winter Road to look at the trees and surrounding properties. Arruda clearly saw 3' of water on the Booth property and if it is wet for more than 180 days per year, it is deemed a wetland. This tree removal project will not happen until after next Town Meeting adding that he cannot see the Town acquiring the Booth property and building a road as it would be too costly. Charlotte Point Road looked pretty good in Arruda's opinion with Scott Hain adding there is only one spot on Winter Road that is bad because of the recent rains.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Assessing Expandable Trust Fund Withdrawal \$9,049.85** – J. Shackford made a **motion**, seconded by Arruda to request a withdrawal of the Trustees of Trust Funds for \$9,045.85 from the Assessing Expendable Trust Fund to reimburse the general fund for the expenses incurred from January – June 2019 for the assessing contract to measure and list the town for 2020. The motion passed **3-0**.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was none.

**Selectman Arruda's List** – The budget has 51.8% spent at the 50.1% point of the year adding the 1.7% deficit is going in the right direction.

**Selectman King's List** – The Energy Advisory Committee is still working on the solar Power Purchase Agreement adding that the project does not look quite as alluring as it did when first presented in December. It was sent back to ReVision Energy's hands with new numbers being worked up.

SWAC is looking at purchasing new containers to relieve the amount of hauls each weekend ultimately saving money. Cyr added he is meeting with Atlantic Recycling next Monday to discuss future needs.

**Selectman Shackford's List** – J. Shackford complimented the DPW on the work done at the Transfer Station stating it looks as good as he can ever remember. Cyr gave kudos to the men in his department for their great job.

J. Shackford brought up the issue of overcrowding at the Foot of the Lake Beach and is open to discussion and suggestions. Cyr stated that Alan Libby has been spending a lot of time cleaning the beach, with help from those in the DPW department, which costs quite a bit with no return. A suggestion of a season's pass for renters/guests of \$100 was made. Arruda noted he saw in the newspaper an advertisement for a sunset cruise party boat operation to be held on Silver Lake. King saw the same and suggests we keep an eye out. King feels a \$25.00 fine for not having a sticker or pass for the beach is too low to be a deterrent. Shackford would like to have a public hearing to hearing to get input on the idea. L. Shackford will post a public hearing for July 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

**Administrator's List** – The church will be holding Sunday morning worship at the beach again this summer. Pastor Sean reserved the beach from 7:00-9:00am.

L. Shackford asked for guidance regarding 2019-2020 fuel bids. Schoolboard Chair Curran suggested pooling the SAU's fuel needs with town needs to get a better price. Arruda feels it may be worth at least looking into keeping in mind that the Town needs four different kinds of fuel.

A verbal estimate to clean the Town Hall siding was received from TCPM of \$1,440.00 with extra time over and above to do touch up painting and siding replacement where necessary. This price is with the donation from Shawn and Linda Bergeron for the lift. The Board agreed to get it done with J. Shackford asking that Cyr monitor the need for the extra repair hours.

Mike Brooks, with the Veteran's Memorial Committee, is in the process of buying six flag poles for the memorial with recent donation. The DPW will be assisting with their installation.

The new police cruiser will be in the possession of the Town this week. It will be sent to OME for setup. Arruda is on alert to sign paperwork once received.

### **SIGNATURE ITEMS**

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Notice of Lien Release 232-042

Supplemental Tax Warrant – 115-004 \$330.00

113-121 \$197.00

Class VI/Private Road Waiver – 113-001 Palomares

235-001 Rancourt

Radio Programming Grant MOA- Grant PL#107-296

Oath of Office: Hope Hutchinson – Madison Peg TV

**6:12 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, July 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,  
Town Administrator