

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
August 13, 2019
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present –Josh L. Shackford and William T. Lord

Selectman Excused – John Arruda

Others Present – Town Clerk Michael Brooks; Fire Chief Richard Clark; Police Chief Robert King, Jr.; DPW Director Jon Cyr; EAC Members Noreen Downs and Russ Dowd; 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 Lord, seconded by J. Shackford, to approve the minutes of July 30, 2019 as written. The motion passed **2-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:

Motion by Lord, seconded by J. Shackford to approve the Manifest of August 12-23, 2019 in the amount of \$295,952.17. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$29,220.77for Accounts Payable; \$24,471.39 for payroll; \$10,617.02 for payroll liabilities; \$21,462.99 for New Hampshire Retirement System; and \$200,000.00 for Madison Elementary School. The motion passed **2 -0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There was none.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

Tax Collector Deeding Update – Tax Collector Michael Brooks approached the board with a list of ten properties that are in jeopardy of deeding for delinquent 2016 taxes. The deadline to pay is noon on August 20, 2019. Brooks reviewed with the Board the list explaining any history he had regarding past delinquencies. The Board agreed that any vacant parcels not satisfied will be deeded and Brooks will continue his diligent work to obtain payment for the remaining parcels. The Board will post for a meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 3:00 pm with the tax collector to sign deeds or waivers.

Energy Advisory Committee Regarding Solar PPA – EAC members Noreen Downs and Russ Dowd brought to the Board an update regarding the Solar Power Purchase Agreement. At their last meeting the EAC voted to rejected the latest PPA from Revision Energy based on a 25-year contract as there was not enough savings because of a rate no better than what the Town is paying currently. Revision Energy has responded being open ended on how the Town would like to proceed.

Downs asked the Board if they would consider the EAC having another meeting to set a target for Revision to meet. That target may include finding a way to decrease the cost of the project maybe by adjusting the array size. Dowd would like to put this back in Revision’s court and get to a point that will reduce the Town’s risk because once the PPA is signed it is done for years.

J. Shackford has no problem with the EAC going back to Revision but expressed some frustration with the project being too good to be true. Lord asked if Revision have any pushback to the EAC spreadsheet analysis. Downs responded that they were surprised at the depth of the EAC analysis and said it was correct. Both J. Shackford and Lord agreed that it is worth the time and effort to schedule another EAC meeting to create a counter offer. J. Shackford asked for Bob King's opinion. King stated he would like to see this go back to the drawing board and attempt to include on the school board, adding that with the right system and size found it is still worthwhile to move forward.

Heating Fuel and Propane 2019-2020 Pricing – Prices were received from Eastern Propane and Oil for heating fuels for the next heating season. The amounts came in at \$2.549/gallon for 5,500 gallons of #2 heating oil and \$1.449/gallon for 3,500 gallons of propane. This offer included an employee price of \$2.63/gallon. J. Shackford stated that this used to go out to bid and for the last few years we have simply worked with Jesse Lyman Oil. J. Shackford was in attendance at the Freedom Selectman's meeting last night and they received heating oil bids as low as \$2.15 and propane as low as \$1.15. The Board decided to contact other companies to see what other offers are available.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none

Selectman Lord's List – Lord offered his assistance in revising the ordinance for the beaches taking into consideration the public hearing held on July 30th. J. Shackford welcomed the idea and suggested Lord work with the Town Administrator to draft a document to present at a public hearing. Kudos were expressed by Lord to the Old Home Week Committee volunteers for the great job they did this year with Old Home Week Cribbage Tournament Champion Director Cyr agreeing.

Administrator's List – The code car is on its last legs and will not pass inspection next year. L. Shackford asked if that should be something that would go on the CIP. It was decided that it would not go on the CIP but looking into the mileage, an option could be a lease or a used vehicle. The item will be kept in mind for budget consideration.

L. Shackford asked the Board if they were interested in getting a price on touch up painting the Town Hall. There are some bare wood spots that need attention. The Board would like to look into painting before winter.

Selectman Shackford's List – Several compliments have been received about the new flags at the Veteran's Monument. J. Shackford expressed this appreciation to all that made it possible.

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Class VI – Pvt Road Waiver - McDonald 120-001

Bank Signature Cards

Thank You Letters to Bergeron and Coleman

Supplemental Tax Warrant \$2,097.00 363 Danforth Lane 120-005

Supplemental Notice of Intent for 19-283-03-T McNair 246-003

Inspection Station Appointment Renewal Application

Purchase Requisition 2019-POLI-002 Admiral Fire & Safety \$751.29

A-5 Land Use Change Tax 239-013 George \$0.00

6:18 PM – J. Shackford made a **motion** to go into **Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A: (I)** Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present and **per 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.

Roll call vote: Shackford – aye; Lord - aye

6:52 PM – J. Shackford made a **motion** to return to public and seal the minutes of the non-public session per RSA 91-A:3II(1) and not seal the minutes of the non-public session per RSA 91-A:3II(a), seconded by Lord and so voted **2-0**.

6:52 PM – J. Shackford made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Lord, and so voted **2-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING – The next Selectmen’s Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator