

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
December 17, 2019  
MINUTES**

**Selectmen Present** –Josh L. Shackford, John Arruda and William T. Lord

**Others Present** –Police Chief Robert J. King, Jr.; Patrolman Jacob Martin; DPW Director Jon Cyr; Foreman Bill Chick, Jr.; Fire Chief Richard Clark; Assistant Fire Chief/Tax Collector/Town Clerk Michael Brooks; Fireman Dave Cribbie; Librarian Sloane Jarell; Residents Michael and Donna Veilleux; Scrub Oak Scrambler President Sean Pinard and SOS Member Craig Belcher; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; Madison 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 Lord, to approve the minutes of December 3, 2019 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

**Motion** by Lord, seconded by Arruda, to approve the two sets of non-public minutes from December 3, made public, as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:**

**Motion** by Arruda, seconded by Lord to approve the Manifest of December 16-26, 2019 in the amount of \$640,471.42. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$81,688.51 for Accounts Payable; \$36,754.70 for payroll; \$10,976.00 for payroll liabilities; \$346,176.50.00 to Village District of Eidelweiss; \$14,875.71 to New Hampshire Retirement System and \$150,000.00 for Madison Elementary School. The motion passed **3 -0**.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were none.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discuss Dual Use Lead Mine Road** – As per a recommendation made at a March 2019 meeting this discussion about the dual use of Lead Mine Road is happening before the snow season. Michael Veilleux began the discussion noting their main concern the safety of all that use the area of Lead Mine Road for outdoor activities. Snow machines should stay within the rules because if there is return of snow to the traveled way it causes a danger. Citing the dual use of the road Mr. Veilleux would like to see signage that directs snowmobiles to stay to the right and adherence to the 20mph speed limit and snowmobile regulations. Mr. Veilleux also suggested caution signs at his driveway to make snowmobilers aware of cars entering/exiting. The final turnaround at the end of the road was mentioned by Mr. Veilleux with hopes that it is opened wide enough to facilitate enough space for parking should an incident happen requiring emergency vehicles. Donna Veilleux mentioned installation of an actual sign stating dual use road, with Mr. Veilleux agreeing. J. Shackford stated that is something that can be done.

Cyr stated he does not see there being a problem this year as we are all working together. He requested of the snowmobile club that their groomer try not to pull snow into the road and if there are any large ice

balls in the roadway that they be removed. Cyr noted that as soon as things are frozen up, the turnarounds will be opened as much as possible.

Mr. Veilleux asked if groomers are allowed on Class V roads. Cyr responded that they are allowed to travel trailhead to trailhead over a Class V road. J. Shackford mentioned consideration of moving the trail, this was discussed but with it brings removal of trees and conservation easement restrictions. SOS President Sean Pinard stated that they are agreeable to putting up any signage that will help the situation noting that a dual use sign is not something available from the State of NH. Pinard will do what they can along with local police and Fish & Game to keep the roads clear.

Arruda read from the 2016 version of the Town's Snowmobile Regulations: Section C, and sees that Lead Mine is dual use for snowmobiles and those that live on the road. Seeing some ambiguity, Arruda feels this needs to be addressed with a review of the ordinance necessary. The Veilleux's agreed. Lord thought that perhaps the idea of widening the road could be looked into for the safety of all.

**Fire Department Budget Line Adjustments** – Chief Clark presented to the Board a rework of the numbers in his budget. With the bottom line staying the same, Chief Clark would like to bring the member reimbursement line up from \$40,000 to \$44,500 and other lines have slight adjustments. Chief Clark wants to be sure that he has enough in the reimbursement light in anticipation of new membership. Arruda was fine with the change as long as the bottom line does not increase. All members agreed. Chief Clark spoke with the Board about the possibility of paying for some hose out of this year's budget with the hope of removing the hose warrant article. Chief Clark will bring back to the Board more information and if there will be a need to encumber funds.

**DPW Director Transfer Station Discussion** – The Director had no new information to report and will plan to update the Board at their next meeting.

**Road Improvement Warrant Article Increase Discussion** – At the last Budget Committee meeting it was suggested to increase the amount of the \$100,000 road improvement warrant article citing no significant increases in warrant article amounts. An increase of \$30,000 - \$40,000 was suggested with Director Cyr stating roads cost \$31,000 to improve a road per mile. Arruda would like to see the final budget numbers before making any decisions.

**2020 Budget and Warrant Article Progress Review** – The ambulance budget line was adjusted to include only the amount due on the current contract for January - March with a warrant article for the new contract amount from April – December.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was none.

**Selectman Lord's List** – Lord was able to spend some time incorporating changes into the Town Property Regulations and Fee Schedule. It will be brought to the Board for another review and at that time a public hearing can be scheduled. Lord asked for ideas of how to mediate the abundance of boats being left on the beach. Citing enforcement of the Town's regulations, Lord suggests removing them from the beach with owners having to come retrieve them from the Town. Director Cyr was agreeable to assist as directed.

The ambulance contract meetings have all but finished with the exception of a review by Tamworth's counsel. Lord made a recommendation to approve the contract enabling it to be signed at the next meeting.

**Motion** by Lord, seconded by J. Shackford to approve the ambulance contract as written, pending legal review by the Town of Tamworth's counsel. The motion passed **3-0**.

**Selectman Shackford's List** – No items  
**Administrator's List** – No items

**Selectman Arruda's List** – Compliments were made to Librarian Sloane Jarell for the beautiful Christmas Tree in front of the library. Jarell noted and thanked the community effort in getting it done with the DPW crew helping and the donation of the lift from Coleman's Rentals to set the lights.

**SIGNATURE ITEMS**

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Abatement 109-166 Denial

Private Road Agreement 128-044 Fernald

Application for Current Use 120-011 Osgood

HealthTrust HRA COBRA/Retiree Rates and Plan Design

Purchase Requisition – 2019-FIRE-015 Frechette Tire \$1,700.00

2019-FIRE-019 The Kane Schools \$895.00

2019-HWY-016 Jon Cyr \$5,500.00

2019-HWY-017 White Mountain Overhead Doors \$1,040.00

Forest Fire Report/Bill 2019

Notice of Lien Release – 262-034 \$1,934.80

**6:23 PM** – J. Shackford made a **motion** to go into **Non-Public Session 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; and **Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3II (c)** Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Roll call vote: Lord – aye; Arruda – aye; Shackford – aye

**7:05 PM** – J. Shackford made a **motion** to return to public session and seal the minutes of the non-public sessions under RSA 91-A:3II (a) and per RSA 91-A:3II (c) seconded by Arruda and so voted **3-0**.

**7:05 PM** – J. Shackford made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Lord, and so voted **3-0**.

**NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING** – The next Selectmen's Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,  
Town Administrator