

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
April 6, 2021
MINUTES**

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

Others Present –DPW Director Jon Cyr; Town Clerk Michael Brooks; Officer Jake Martin; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; MadTV Videographer Carol Dandeneau

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on December 31, 2020.

Meeting Called to Order – By J. Shackford at 4:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Lord, seconded by J. Shackford to approve the minutes of March 23, 2021 as written. The motion passed **2-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:

Motion by Lord, seconded by J. Shackford to approve the Manifest of April 5 - 15, 2021 in the amount of \$286,295.44. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$51,121.37 for Accounts Payable; \$27,281.83 for payroll; \$7,892.24 for payroll liabilities; and \$200,000.00 for Madison Elementary School. The motion passed **2-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Darron Laughland, Local River Management Advisory Committee Nominee – Mr. Laughland, a resident of Town, approached the Board requesting support for a nomination become a member of the Local River Management Advisory Committee. J. Shackford read from the application the accomplishments that Mr. Laughland has achieved that included, but were not limited to, being a founding member and president of the White Mountain Swiftwater Rescue Team; Owner of Sawyer River Group LLC; and an Instructor at both the NH Fire Academy and Great Glen Trails.

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Lord to sign the nomination papers for Darron Laughland to be a member of the Local River Management Advisory Committee. The motion passed **2-0**.

HB111 Immunity Letter – Lord explained that this proposed House Bill could end qualified immunity for Town Officials and employees. Even if an action is performed with good faith, they can be personally held responsible. J. Shackford added that this appears to be directed towards law enforcement.

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Lord to send a letter to our State Representatives stating the Board's opposition to HB111 that will be signed out of session. The motion passed **2-0**.

Mechanical Permit Amendment/Addition – Code Officer Boyd had made an adjustment to the Mechanical Permit application in hopes to clarify who can perform electrical, plumbing and gas piping installations with the following wording: "Property owners may NOT do electrical, plumbing or gas piping installations unless they are licensed in NH for the applicable field, or the property is currently their primary residence." The Board was in agreement with this addition to the application.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none

Selectman Shackford's List – J. Shackford noted that there are some big issues coming up for the Planning Board in regards to short-term rentals and he understand that it may be addressed at the next Planning Board meeting. With the soon departure of Arruda as the PB representative, J. Shackford hoped that Lord would consider taking on that position and nominated him as such. Lord stated he was happy to take that on. And, in anticipation of the annual chairman appointment, J. Shackford nominated Lord as Chairman of the Board after election day with Lord accepting.

J. Shackford asked Cyr if he has had success with a second option on the guard shack for the Transfer Station. Cyr responded no.

Selectman Lord's List – Lord asked Cyr if repairs to the dam and launch are scheduled for while the boards are still out of the dam. Cyr has plans in the works and expressed his concern for the drought and letting the water out of the lake; adding that some water is required by DES to keep the area downstream flourishing. Lord reinforced that explaining that the Conservation Commission is willing to fund the project because this is positive for downstream flora and fauna and with Cyr noting this is not all just about boating.

Lord inquired if there have been new flags ordered for the Veteran's Memorial. L. Shackford responded yes, Mike Brooks will be replacing them closer to Memorial Day. Lord stated that an official Space Force flag is available and asked that it be ordered to be included in the memorial.

Lord offered a thank you to AJ Glass and Bergeron Building and Landscaping for repairs made to Town Hall.

Cyr responded to Lord's inquiry about the bollards and signage for Alexander Ave stating it is all set to go.

Lord calculated that with the Land Use Change Taxes recently billed the six conservation accounts are at a total of \$331,000.00.

Lord asked Brooks who is responsible for the Old School House. Brooks responded the school adding that funds have been applied for through the moose grant and L-Chip fund to rehabilitate it.

Department Heads' List:

Tax Collector Brooks announced that he just processed the 2020 property tax liens and this is the highest percentage collected at 98.86% since records began in 1994. Brooks feels it is due to the government stimulus money and that several of the usual lien property have new owners.

J. Shackford wished Mike Brooks a Happy 48th Birthday.

Director Cyr spoke about a request from the Conservation Commission and SLAM to consider a reduction in salt use on roadways as it eventually ends up in rivers and lakes that never goes away. Cyr has researched a salt brine solution that would lessen the amount of salt needed and in turn will save funds in the salt line. A system is estimated to be around a \$10,000 investment. Lord will bring this information to the Conservation Commission for their review.

Cyr spoke to a purchase requisition for a roll-off truck for hauling transfer station material to Mount Carberry. This purchase is prompted from the plan to begin hauling our own waste as the agreement with North Conway Incinerator ceases at the end of May. The dealership would take in trade the trailer we bought last year for the same amount paid. Cyr expects that the amount we save on hauling compared to the new

rates will pay for the vehicle. J. Shackford was able to see the vehicle with Cyr describing it as a fleet maintained with 560,000 miles. Cyr stated that we have the opportunity to get the vehicle and it is in line with the original hauling plan for this year. The Board was in agreement with the proposal and once the paperwork is received a manifest and check will be processed and signed out of session.

Cyr has an employee that he would like to increase their hourly rate as their performance has proven a raise and at the same time, need to be competitive with other towns in the area. Cyr stated he does not believe in across the board raises and assesses each individual employee on their merit. J. Shackford stated he feels that the department heads should be the ones to decide on increases. The increase will take effect retroactively to Sunday.

Administrator's List – No items

SIGNATURE ITEMS:

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Purchase Requisition: 2021-DPW-004 Noregon \$1,999.00

2021-DPW-005 McConkey \$2,000.00

2021-DPW-006 O'Connor GMC \$45,000.00

Veteran's Credit: Cugini 107-061

Solar Exemption: Corron 246-012

Yield Tax Levy: Sherwood 233-039 & 117-061 \$2978.90

Excavation Tax Levy: 249-013 Purity Spring Resort \$5.92

232-037 Drew \$281.70

232-038 Drew \$8.00

Land Use Change Tax: 117-006 Emerson \$3,900.00

Notice of Intent to Excavate: Coleman 202-001

Coleman 202-026

Coleman 202-008

Coleman 110-002

Purity Spring Resort 249-013

Drew 232-037

Drew 232-038

Class VI/Private Road Agreement: Jakub 256-008

Borges 118-011

Intent to Cut: Hathaway 222-025 & 027 & 031, 228-059

5:14 PM – J. Shackford made a **motion** to recess and reconvene at 7:00pm at the school for the Annual Budget Hearing, seconded by Lord, and so voted **2-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2021 commencing at 4:30 pm in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator