

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
April 20, 2021  
MINUTES**

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

**Others Present** –DPW Director Jon Cyr; Town Clerk Michael Brooks; Chief Robert J. King, Jr; Officer Jake Martin; Advisory Budget Committee Member Ron Force; Gardening Club Members Paulette Lowry, Jo Goodwin, Sandy Ames; Residents Nicole Nordlund, Robert Dutton, Kevin Clifford; 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 J. Shackford, seconded by J. Shackford to approve the minutes of April 6, 2021 as written. The motion passed **2-0**.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:**

**Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Lord to approve the Manifest of April 19 - 29, 2021 in the amount of \$318,819.07. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$83,667.45 for Accounts Payable; \$27,179.84 for payroll; \$7,971.78 for payroll liabilities; \$16,013.45 for New Hampshire Retirement and \$200,000.00 for Madison Elementary School. The motion passed **2-0**.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Lord opened the Public Hearing, that was noticed April 7, 2021 in the Conway Daily Sun and posted on March 16, 2021 at the Madison and Silver Lake Post Offices and the upper and lower levels of Town Hall, to accept comments to the proposed amendments and revisions to the Budgeting Ordinance.

Ron Force, Chairman of the Advisory Budget Committee, summarized the changes. He explained that the original ordinance that was approved in 1991 has been amended to reflect how the committee operates presently, along with corrections to some grammatical errors.

Lord explained that as a result of these proposed changes, an article on the ballot at this years Town Meeting will allow the residents to vote to accept the changes.

Lord asked for comments or questions. There were none. Lord closed the public hearing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Garden Club** – Members Paulette Lowry, Jo Goodwin and Sandy Ames, along with Bernie Edwards, were in attendance to discuss the irrigation system idea that had been proposed over the last few years. The landscaping ideas for Town Hall, Burke Field and the Veteran’s Monument cannot be maintained

without some sort of irrigation system. Edwards submitted a proposal that stated his theory on how to use the old well at Burke Field to supply water to the landscaping locations. Director Cyr offered his department's assistance in the project, agreeing with helping to obtain 4-5 yards of top soil and supporting Edwards' use of the old well removing the use of the well that supplies the buildings. Cyr did not know which line would be used to fund the project, with Lord suggesting the government buildings line, which will be determined at a later date. Lowry asked if the soil can be done allowing time for gardening to be finished for Memorial Day celebration with Cyr responding yes. Lowry thanked everyone for their time adding a special thank you for the DPW for taking care of the flower barrel at the end of last season.

**Request for Facility Sticker** – The Board received two written requests for relief to allow ineligible recipients Facility and Boat Launch permits. Lord cited several public hearings and draft ordinances that were held which led the Board to create the changes for permits. Lord also noted that the launch on East Shore Drive is the only legal location to launch a boat into Silver Lake based upon the Clean Drain and Dry law. J. Shackford agreed adding that there are specific ways to change the ordinance, all governed by NH statutes, adding the Board has taken a hard line in light of public sentiment. Both Lord and J. Shackford agreed to deny the requests.

**Mount Carberry Landfill Agreement** – The agreement with Mount Carberry presented at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting also needed signatures for the actual agreement not just the Contractor's Certificate. The agreement was signed by the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was none.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nicole Nordlund asked for the Board's reassurance that they will not engage in discriminatory practices to step into the lives of our citizens and hold the oath to the constitution in keeping with our "Live Free or Die" state. Nordlund's words focused on the issue of mask wearing with people making their own medical decision while citing a Stamford University study. J. Shackford stated that it is his personal opinion that the Board has not made any rules or taken any rights away or intentionally discriminated; the Board has been following the Governor's orders adding all along he hoped people were making their own decisions. Lord concurred with J. Shackford reinforcing that it has never been their intention. Lord rejected shaming of a mask or no-mask wearer's decision. Chief King noted that any ordinances to this effect would require public hearings. Kevin Clifford appreciated that the Board has no intentions of any additional restrictions and thanked them for listening to their position.

**Selectman Shackford's List** – J. Shackford brought up for discussion short-term rentals citing the recent decisions in Conway. If this is something that the Board would entertain taking on there are some options which include trying to regulate through the zoning regulations, which J. Shackford is opposed to; or the Selectmen can enforce that a commercial operation in a residential zone is not allowed by zoning. J. Shackford would like to speak with Town Counsel to see what other towns are doing. Lord reiterated that J. Shackford is looking to have the board just enforce the rules we already have in place. Brooks added that he sees the burden on our infrastructure with the Transfer Station coming first to mind. J. Shackford quoted the zoning ordinance in that it is to protect the rural character of the area and these short-term rentals are making places for people to live long term not available.

**Town Clerk Michael Brooks** – Brooks asked the Board for permission to hold the Old Home Week Memorial Day Breakfast at the Fire Station. The Board agreed and offered their permission.

**Director Cyr** – Citing an incident at the Transfer Station over the weekend, Cyr is appealing to the public to treat the attendant with respect as they don't make the rules, but they do have to enforce them. Brooks adding to extend the same respect to the Town Hall staff as they are in a similar situation. Chief King, citing the incident at the Transfer Station, asked the Board to review and sign a no trespass order for the arrested offender who cannot return to the Transfer Station until the Board rescinds the order. The Board signed the order.

Director Cyr stated that the boards have been put back in the dam as he has not heard about his permit request from DES for the repairs to the launch. The dam has had hose placed in the base to reduce the leak but it has not been dry enough for long enough to do the concrete work. The project may be delayed until the fall awaiting permission from DES.

**Chief King** – Chief King, in response to an email regarding enforcement of the use of the boat launch, suggested that for the first year he would like to have his officers patrol the launch versus hiring someone to monitor it specifically. The patrolling would come out of the over-time budget line. SLAM will be informed of this plan at their next meeting.

**Selectman Lord's List -  
Administrator's List** – No items

#### **SIGNATURE ITEMS**

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

2021 MS-636 Proposed Budget

Road Agreements: Chick 229-028

Barraclough 116-018

Intent to Cut: 251-010 Riss

251-015 Van Zinnicq Bergmann-Riss

234-045 Jones

227-015 Coffield

Intent to Excavate: 102-003 Pike Industries Inc

Excavation Tax Levy: 202-008 Coleman \$900.00

202-001 Coleman \$2,200.00

110-002 Coleman \$456.74

202-026 Coleman \$800.00

Yield Tax Levy: 227-046 Lord \$496.06

Purchase Requisitions: 2021-DPW-007 Viking Cives \$11,825.00

2021-DPW-008 Diesel Works \$11,608.33

2021-DPW-009 MB Tractor \$1,590.00

**5:44 PM** - 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.

Roll call vote: Lord – aye; Shackford – aye

**6:00 PM** – J. Shackford made a **motion** to return to public session and make public the minutes under RSA 91-A:3II (a) seconded by Lord and so voted **2-0**.

**6:00 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 is scheduled for May 4, 2021 commencing at 4:30 pm in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,  
Town Administrator