

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
July 13, 2021  
MINUTES**

**Selectmen Present** – William T. Lord, Josh L. Shackford and Michael A. Mauro

**Others Present** –DPW Director Jon Cyr; Town Clerk/Fire Chief Michael Brooks; Chief Robert J. King, Jr; Officers Michael Mosher and Jake Martin; Residents Nicole Nordlund, Callie Bergeron, Kevin Ackert, Robert Borchers, Ken Sweet; and several other residents and property owners; 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 Lord at 4:30 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to approve the minutes of June 29, 2021 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:**

**Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to approve the Manifest of July 12 - 26, 2021 in the amount of \$433,763.00. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$45,903.25 for Accounts Payable; \$32,236.52 for payroll; \$9,435.34 for payroll liabilities; \$27,121.86 for NHRS; and \$319,066.00 for VDOE. The motion passed **3-0**.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Comments were accepted by the Board:

*Kevin Ackert*, resident, took up the Short-Term Rental (STR) discussion. Ackert has done some research and found three categories of STRs, mega turnkey, communication broker and local manager with local manager doing the best job. Ackert suggest educating owners and licensing the STRs with a fee of \$100-\$200/year which will raise money for enforcement and management. This will enable the town to revoke the license for non-compliance.

*Ken Sweet*, resident, stated he does not have an STR and suggested permit fees as a way to manage, with the ability to revoke permission to have an STR based on a documented set of rules.

*Nicole Nordlund*, resident, quoted from the Town's Master Plan section addressing Vacation and Second Homes of which the last line states that "The town should consider actions which could make Madison more attractive to these potential homeowners." Nordlund also equated the amount of potential Room & Meals Tax paid to the Town to be \$325,000 essentially giving us a free police department based upon their budget.

J. Shackford asked to speak to Nordlund's comments noting that the amount of money the Town receives from STRs would still be the same amount collected by the stated from all sources. The funds are then divvied up based upon the town's population, so if we were to ban STRs we will not be losing a nickel of revenue. A member of the public stated that the state overall could receive less which would trickle down to the Town getting less, with J. Shackford clarifying that it wouldn't a police department budget worth of lost revenue.

Lord stated that the Planning Board will be taking this up for potential Zoning Ordinance changes that will require a public hearing and ballot vote next March. The Board is in receipt of two new emails regarding STRs with one in support and one against.

*Bob Borchers*, resident, stated that half of his local friends rented here before buying to get a feel for the area. He expressed his concern for the loss of property sales in Town.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**GOFERR ARPA 2021 Grant** – Funds are available to the Town from the Governor’s Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery for American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of \$272,821.00. This amount is based upon our 2019 population and calculated at 10% of the Town’s 2019 approved operating budget. The allotment will be disbursed half in 2021 and half in 2022 with the need to have expenses expected to be covered incurred by the end of 2024. The funds have specific criteria for use that include infrastructure improvements. L. Shackford explained that the Town has the opportunity to apply for these funds and has been advised by NHMA to do so. If the funds are not requested by the Town, they will be reallocated to either the state or other towns.

**Motion** by Mauro, seconded by Lord to apply for the GOFERR ARPA 2021 grant. The motion passed **3-0**. L. Shackford will process the online application prior to the August 18, 2021 deadline.

**Thank you Letter to Mark Lucy** – The Board signed a letter of appreciation for Mark Lucy’s years of service to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Lucy served the Town since 1994. The letter and an appreciation gift will be sent to Mr. Lucy.

**NH RSA 287-A:1-7 Raffle Permit** – A permit for the Police Department to hold a raffle benefiting the care and training of Police Dog Maverick was presented to the Board. The raffle will be drawn during Old Home Week on August 13, 2021 with the winner receiving a Henry .44 rifle.

**Motion** by Lord, seconded by J. Shackford to approve having the raffle. The motion passed **3-0**.

**Short-Term Rental Discussion** – Lord reiterated the receipt of two communications regarding STRs from Borelli and Gentile with opposing views. The Planning Board will now take up the issue and determine how much change could go into the Zoning Ordinance and/or what to enforce.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ledge Pond Rd Concern – Burnham** – A letter received from Donald Burnham, owner of a parcel on Ledge Pond Rd, expressed concerns over the condition of the area and the lack of action by the Town to enforce regulations regarding Coleman’s excavation. J. Shackford recalled discussion on this topic from a couple of years ago. This issue is not the for this Board to entertain, it should be dealt with by the Planning Board and DES. The Board asked that this letter and supporting pictures be sent to the Planning Board.

**Selectman Shackford’s List** – No items

**Selectman Mauro’s List** – No items

**Selectman Lord’s List** –

- Lord thanked Director Cyr for addressing the erosion concern at the s-turn on Winter Road.
- And, Lord will let the Conservation Commission know that the poison ivy in the same area on Winter Road has been killed.

- Lord asked Chief King for his opinion on the issue of stored kayaks at the Foot of the Lake Beach. There are about 19 of them, some with names and telephone numbers, some chained to a tree and some with holes or full of water. There is signage that states “no overnight storage”. Chief King responded that he recalls that certain parcels have deeded rights to store them, adding he will be happy to have them collected, especially the damaged or abandoned ones. L. Shackford was asked to look into which parcels may have the deeded rights.
- Appreciation and thanks were expressed to SLAM for their \$300 donation to assist with the repairs to the dam and boat ramp with the possibility that Silver Lake Boat Club may follow suit.
- Lord, Brooks, King and Cyr will be meeting tomorrow at 8:30 am with a representative of Ossipee Mountain Electronics to discuss what it would entail to be able to receive better radio communication for the departments. Lord thought aloud that perhaps some of the GOFERR ARPA grant could be used to improve this infrastructure problem.
- Questions from the public were posed to Lord if sea plane are allowed to land on Silver Lake, Lord asked Chief King if they are allowed. King stated yes, and cited *RSA 270:13-a Operation of Seaplanes or Helicopters on Public Waters* which states: I. Any seaplane or any helicopter on floats which lands on public waters shall be exempt from all laws and rules concerning the operation of boats for the purpose of landing and taking off from such public waters. II. Any seaplane or any helicopter on floats shall exercise due caution and respect for the rights and safety of any person or boat using the public waters.

**Administrator’s List** – No items

**Department Heads’ List:**

**DPW Director Cyr** – Cyr asked for permission to remove some trees at the ballfield in order to make room for the Bean Hole Supper hole. This will also help to stop damage to the field from the pine needles falling onto the field. The Board was in agreement with the removal with J. Shackford stating he be in favor of cutting even more. Cyr thanked the Board noting they wouldn’t have time to cut any more than necessary.

Paving on King Pine and Fox Roads is complete and Cyr is pleased with the outcome.

Cyr stated that his department has successfully completed one full month of hauling Town waste to Mt. Carberry.

**Police Chief King** – Officer Mosher and Maverick will begin their training next Monday. Raffle ticket sales have been well received with a day at the Transfer Station being two-fold, selling tickets and monitoring patrons’ behavior.

**Fire Chief Brooks** – Nothing to report regarding the Fire Department. Brooks did announce that the Old Home Week schedules are printed and on the website.

**J. Shackford** noted that we had agreed to have the Short-term Rentals as a reoccurring agenda item, he suggested it be removed unless something particular to speak about. The Board was in agreement.

**SIGNATURE ITEMS:**

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Oath of Office – James Buckley, Planning Board Alternate

Yield Tax Levy:

251-012 Bergman- Riss \$803.95

251-010 Riss \$2984.78

229-025 Martin \$217.59

229-025-003 Moulton \$75.54

Abatements:

104-168 Borchers \$1,629.06  
108-034 Flanagan \$59.79  
108-035 Flanagan \$263.54  
113-019 Foley \$1,057.78  
226-011 Hocking \$1,997.92  
104-078 Weatherbee – Denial  
104-068 Borchers – Denial  
131-025 Solomon – Denial  
131-002 Solomon – Denial

Tax Collector Abatements:

103-060 Basile \$260.00  
104-160 Doyle \$1,006.00  
106-010 Courtland \$86.00  
108-034 Flanagan \$58.00  
108-035 Flanagan \$255.00  
117-043 Thompson \$702.00  
134-028 Veilleux \$171.00  
210-002 Mudd \$443.00  
218-009 Hartshorne/Flanagan \$184.00  
233-028 Nordlund Enterprises LLC \$3,078.00

**5:17 PM** - Lord made a **motion** to go into **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; Mauro – aye; Shackford – aye

**5:45 PM** – Lord made a **motion** to return to public session and seal the minutes under RSA 91-A:3II (c) seconded by J. Shackford and so voted **3-0**.

**5:45 PM** – Lord made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by J. Shackford, and so voted **3-0**.

**NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING** – The next Selectmen’s Meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2021 commencing at 4:30 pm in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,  
Town Administrator