

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
November 16, 2021
MINUTES**

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

Others Present –DPW Director Jon Cyr; Chief Robert J. King, Jr; Officers Jake Martin and Michael Mosher; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; MadTV Videographer Carol Dandeneau; MadTV Doug McAllister; Residents/Property Owners Shawn Bergeron, Nick Borelli, Mike Veilleux, John Cancelarich, Nordel Gagnon, Kevin Clifford

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 Mauro, seconded J. Shackford by to approve the minutes from November 2, 2021 and non-public minutes of November 2, 2021 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to approve the Manifest November 13 - 29, 2021 in the amount of \$386,122.05. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$28,244.35 for Accounts Payable; \$30,437.97 for payroll; \$8,909.30 for payroll liabilities; \$18,503.43 for NHRS; and \$300,000 for MES. The motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Shawn Bergeron expressed his fear of unforeseeable components concerning the will of this Board and the will of the Planning Board regarding STRs. The Planning Board is moving forward with definitions and this Board intends to have a third ballot with either idea necessitating significant enforcement. Bergeron asked that this Board talk with the Planning Board and also to have the legal counsel for the Planning Board and Zoning Board meet.

John Cancelarich cited an online statement that stated Bergeron is working with the Planning Board's attorney. Lord stated he has seen that and it is wrong adding that the Town has gone after realtors asking them to correct incorrect statements. Cancelarich asked if this Board has spoken about enforcing no STRs in town. Lord stated that is has not happened citing little man power for enforcement. Cancelarich asked if any of the Board members, or their family own an LLC or have STRs. All members answered no.

Borelli asked if the Board has received a response from their attorney regarding an opinion of this legal opinion regarding STRs. Lord stated yes and that all of the Board members have not seen it adding it is a confidential document. Borelli cited reasons he believes STRs are a business that is not allowed and implored the Board to "Do your job." and send letters to violators.

Kevin Clifford cited a real-life example of how STRs impact rental properties stating that the 4-bedroom 2,500 square foot house he rents now has a lease of \$6,200/month. Clifford cited reasons he believes that STRs are not allowed.

Bergeron clarified that he is not an STR owner, though his son owns one. Bergeron offered his help regarding this issue not receiving anything for his efforts.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

MadTV Live Streaming Doug McAllister – McAllister stated that MadTV is testing live streaming via Zoom and YouTube with intentions of beginning the first of the year. McAllister asked if a new line with an ethernet connection could be installed as the wi-fi is not powerful enough to support livestreaming with an offer to pay for it out of the TV budget. The Board will get this in the works.

While on that subject, J. Shackford asked if it would be possible to get boosters for cell service here at the Town Hall property. McAllister asked if Verizon has been approached with King explaining that the Zoning Ordinance is very prohibitive making it virtually impossible for tower installation.

Veilleux’s Regarding Tree Cutting on Abutting Forest Property – Michael Veilleux asked the Board to reconsider their expectation regarding the trees cut in the forest next to their property. Veilleux asked that it not be required to be brought to the Cooks Pond Landing and that the Town retrieve it with access through their property. It was suggested to hire a logger to remove the trees with payment being with the lumber. Lord suggested leaving them where they fall. It was decided that L. Shackford will call Nolin and determine the best course of action that does not cost the taxpayers anything.

Facility/Fleet Manager Job Description – This new job allows to have one contact person who is aware of vehicles and buildings as per Cyr. The Board accepted and signed the new description.

Personnel Policy Amendment for Vacation and Compassionate Donation and Personnel Policy Fourth Edition 11/16/2021– As approved at the November 2nd meeting these additions to the Personnel Policy was presented for signatures. Cyr asked if vacation and sick must be exhausted before compassionate donation can be enacted. Yes, this is standard language for this kind of policy. The Board signed the amendment and the latest Personnel Policy Edition.

Transfer Station Guard Shack Funding Reconsideration – Lord explained that at the November 2nd meeting the Board approved to request funds from the Trustees to reimburse the general fund for the expenses incurred for the Transfer Station guard shack. Lord brings this up for reconsideration noting that this project had been considered as an APRA justified project.

Motion by Lord, seconded by J. Shackford to rescind the vote to withdraw funds for the Transfer Station guard shack from the Transfer Station Capital Improvement ETF and cover the expenses with ARPA justified funds. The motion passed **3-0**.

Eastern Mineral Inc Salt Pricing Agreement – The Board agreed and signed to commit to purchase winter salt from Eastern Mineral Inc for \$74.00/ton. Cyr explained that this is a 38% cost increase over last year but expects to be ordering less tonnage therefore he is not asking increasing his proposed salt line.

2022 Proposed Budget – Lord noted that at the 90% point of the year we have spent 80% of the budget. The 2022 proposed budget was reviewed noting a little over a 5% increase over 2020.

2022 Warrant Articles – Lord listed some proposed items for the warrant that included fireworks, two cruisers, parks & rec pick-up truck, \$200,000 for road improvements, \$10,000 for the assessing ETF, \$15,000 for the Transfer Station ETF, and possible improvements to the baseball fields at Burke Field. King suggested the idea to purchase one of the two cruisers with unreserved fund balance with a warrant article at Town Meeting seeing the benefit of not having to finance and pay interest.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none

Selectman Mauro's List – No items

Selectman Lord's List - Lord began discussion asking Cyr to speak to the issue of improper disposal of oil on Town roads. Cyr explained that someone appears to have emptied a heating fuel tank by driving around the area of Savary, High, Joy Farm and Dr. Mudd roads. The Town is working with DES to have the road's dirt contents tested and will move forward from there as to whether it needs to be removed and destroyed at the expense of the Town. Chief King is involved in the investigation. Lord also brought up:

- The boat ramp repair components have been delivered and we are now waiting for the level of the water to lower after significant rain before moving forward;
- We are waiting on FCC approval for the radio upgrades; and
- The Transfer Station has generated over \$53,000 year to date without including revenue from recyclables.

Selectman Shackford's List – No items

Administrator's List – No items

Department Heads' List:

Director Cyr:

- Cyr has a lead on a generator company;
- The road improvement plans for 2022 have been adjusted as we were able to eliminate a whole year of paving by utilizing the funds for paving or chip sealing in the areas where we are working versus using the money for mobilization;

Chief King:

- A just received email speaks to GM having Tahoe cruisers open for ordering. J. Shackford said it is not something generally done but suggested the Board consider to make the purchase with surplus 2021 funds ensure receipt in a timely manner.

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Lakeside Security System Monitoring Agreement

- Town Hall and Police

- Fire Department
- Library
- Mechanic Garage
- Historical Society

HealthTrust HRA Rates and Plan Design Agreement

Intent to Cut – 215-001 Ward

222-038 Horn

Purchase Requisition – 2021-DPW-016 Frechette Tire \$1,240.00

2021-DPW-017 Turbo Technologies Inc \$17,670.00

6:11 PM – Lord made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Mauro, and so voted **2-0**.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator