

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
December 28, 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 Town Administrator Linda Shackford; MadTV Videographer Aysia Morency; Residents/Property Owners/Public Sean Pinard, Shawn Bergeron, Cailee Bergeron, Nick Borelli, Paul McKenna, Daymond Steer, and others

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 Mauro by to approve the minutes from December 14, 2021 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to approve the Manifest of December 27 – 29, 2021 in the amount of \$449,464.04. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$111,279.67 for Accounts Payable; \$49,245.75 for payroll; \$14,091.62 for payroll liabilities; \$274,847.00 for Village District of Eidelweiss. The motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sean Pinard of Scrub Oak Scramblers is in receipt of a letter directing the club to not put a berm at the trail head on Lead Mine Road. Not being invited to the discussion at the last meeting, Pinard asked to express his concern for this directive. It is an unsafe situation for all involved without the berm because the riders and vehicle drivers could connect because of lack of site distance. J. Shackford said the purpose of not creating the berm is because it takes longer for it to go away after the season and prevents vehicular traffic for longer than necessary. Pinard stated that the club will knock down the berm on the last run of the season when the trails are closed at the season's end. The Board was happy with this solution and Pinard reiterated that it will be knock out at the end of the season.

Scott Rimrill, 15 Big Loop, spoke to the topic of STRs and ultimately concluded with that no one is asking for unadulterated freedom, but asking for rules that STRs can be regulated with.

Steve Stoddard, 21 Appenvel Way, spoke to the topic of STRs and expressed his opinion that banning STRs is not the right thing to do.

Owner, 2 Porridge Shore, spoke to the topic of STRs noting that they have rented in the past and feel that the Board has stepped too far too quickly on this issue.

Kristina, resident in Eidelweiss, spoke to the topic of STRs expressing the negative experiences regarding speeding, trash increase and beach use increase.

Shawn Bergeron, 93 Forest Pines Rd, asked if the Board has made any enforcement action. Lord responded yes, not all in Eidelweiss.

Makayla and Andrew Corson, 5 Little Shore Drive, spoke to the topic of STRs stating the positive monetary contributions that STR owners make in the area, contribution to Room and Meals Tax and employment of local tradesmen.

Lauren Carney, 2 Altdorf Place, spoke to the topic of STRs stating that a straight-out ban will hurt the local economy.

Terri Cancelarich, 108 Eidelweiss Drive, spoke to the topic of STRs stating she does not rent her property. Cancelarich spoke to the negative experiences she has encountered that include treats, nightly disturbances and that conscientious STR owners are the exception.

Nick Borelli, 4 Lakeview Drive, spoke to the topic of STRs noting that since 1989 there have been laws in place that do not allow business in the Eidelweiss district. The practice of STRs is tiresome and aggravating for residents.

Todd McCartney, 110 Eidelweiss Drive, spoke to the topic of STRs asking to find a solution that works for all instead of a knee jerk reaction and any litigation that that comes from that reaction is bad for tax payers.

Paul McKenna, 59 Oak Ridge Road, spoke to the topic of STRs expressing his concern of the havoc that STRs bring to the local water system.

Lord thanked the public for attending and voicing their opinion on both sides of the STR issue.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Encumbrances: Lord noted that we are just shy of 100% of the year passed and 93% of the budget spent. There are a few projects planned for the year that were not accomplished and the list below designates the funds to be encumbered in to 2022 to complete those projects. The requests were reviewed, discussed and approved.

Dept	Line	Vendor	Description	\$\$
FIRE	Uniforms	Bergeron	Turn out gear - 3 sets	\$11,717.00
GGB	Maintenance	Lakeside Security	Replace 20-yr old alarm panels	\$3,591.00
EMD	Maintenance	Power Products	School and Fire Dept Generators Maintenance	\$6,583.00
LIBR	American Air	Air Conditioning	Replace a/c and condenser	\$5,671.00

-	Gemini Sign	Library Sign	Replace library sign	\$1,360.00
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Police	Equipment	Witmer Public Safety	Handguns with trade-in	\$1,056.16
-	Equipment	NE Vehicle Outfitters	Upfit of 2021 Tahoe Cruiser	\$12,350.00
-	Equipment	Advanced Electronic Design	Equipment for 2021 Tahoe Cruiser	\$1,413.86
-				\$43,742.02

Motion by Lord, seconded by J. Shackford to encumber \$43,742.02 in funds for the purposes noted above. The motion passed **3-0**.

Letter to Bradley in Opposition of SB249: A letter to Senator Bradley expressing the Board’s opposition to the proposed SB249 regarding short-term rental regulation at the state level was considered. J. Shackford said that NH Municipal Association (NHMA) suggested that it is in the best interest of the Town to send a letter to the NH Commerce Committee members with our opposition and read from the newsletter that was received from NHMA. Mauro is of the understanding that this bill will allow towns to regulate but it will not allow a town to ban STRs and the other Board members concurred. The Board agreed to sign the letter and it will be sent to Senator Bradley.

OLD BUSINESS – There was none

Selectman Shackford’s List – No items

Selectman Mauro’s List – Mauro complimented the DPW crew for keeping the Town roads in great shape during the recent weather events. Mauro asked Cyr how vehicles are holding up with Cyr related the unusual story of the air tanks exploding on a truck. The reason appears to be that salt in between caused erosion and the parts for the repair were surprisingly easy to find; considering that we have been waiting a long time for an alternator but found the tanks easily.

Selectman Lord’s List - Lord began with confirming with Cyr that he is working towards the DES permits to create the new path from the school to Burke Field. Lord also brought up:

- Old discussion of work near Monument Beach about keeping water from running over the beach into the lake. Cyr reminded all of the need for State of NH cooperation on such a project, some logistical obstacles and the fact that if a sidewalk is created it would be the Town’s responsibility to maintain it, which includes snow removal. Lord was thinking that the project may be eligible for storm water ARPA fund use with Cyr seeing better uses for the funds;
- Lord asked Brooks is he know of anyone through his connection to the Veteran’s Committee that would be in need of an Acorn stairlift. Lord was contacted about a donation. Brooks will look into it through possibly contacting the Post 46 commander;
- Following through with Moderator Epstein’s desire to have discussion about what will be on the ballot regarding STRs, Lord looked to Brooks for advice on past meeting days. Brooks is not sure that the effort to change schedules around is worth the outcome. Lord feels that voters have multiple opportunities to arm themselves with the information with Bergeron noting that it is not the responsibility of any of the Town Boards. Brooks suggested a discussion time after the Public Budget Hearing. J. Shackford agreed that it is not us this Board but we can have a written document to hand out as long as it is written in a proper non bias fashion.

Administrator’s List – No items

Department Heads’ List:

Director Cyr:

- The brine system is up and functioning with the agitator doing a fine job of making brine at \$0.08/gallon versus buying it for \$0.85/gallon. It worked well during the recent ½” of rain.

Chief Brooks: Nothing to report

Chief King: Nothing to report

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Tax-Exempt Leasing Payment Certification Dingee Machine Co \$32,800.00

2022 Gasoline and Diesel Certificates of State Use

Yield Tax: 222-036 Laugo Properties \$830.93

Application for Abatement: NHEC 000-00A \$950.00

Oath of Office: ZBA Alternate Jacob Martin

ZBA Member Bebe Bartlett

Purchase Requisitions: 2021-POLI-011 Motorola Solutions \$5,245.51

2021 P02 Tax Refunds

128	8	0	BLOMQUIST, CARL J	\$127.00
104	168	0	BORCHERS, ROBERT C	\$40.00
232	38	1	DREW. BRANDON S	\$16.00
128	1	0	EMANUELSON TRUSTEE, ELLEN	\$1,119.00
129	30	0	GENTILE, NADINE K	\$8.00
113	75	0	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	\$122.00
248	22	0	KING PINE AREA ASSOCIATION	\$88.00
116	71	0	PITTS, BRYAN S	\$11.00
102	21	0	TOWN OF MADISON	\$158.00
104	165	0	TOWN OF MADISON	\$135.00
115	39	0	TOWN OF MADISON	\$161.00
115	42	0	TOWN OF MADISON	\$209.00

6:18 PM - Lord 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; Mauro – aye

6:45 PM – Lord made a **motion** to return to public session and seal the minutes under RSA 91-A:3II (a) seconded by Mauro and so voted **3-0**.

The action from that session was to appoint Chief Michael R. Brooks as the Fire Warden.

6:45 PM – Lord made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Mauro, and so voted **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2022 commencing at 4:30 pm in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator