

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
February 8, 2022
MINUTES**

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

Others Present –DPW Director Jon Cyr; Chief Robert J. King, Jr; Officer Jake Martin; TC/TC Fire Chief Michael Brooks; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; MadTV Videographer Aysia Morency; Residents/Property Owners/Public John Arruda, Shawn Bergeron, Cailee Bergeron, Adam Price and others

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on December 23, 2021.

Meeting Called to Order – By Lord at 4:32 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded Mauro by to approve the minutes from January 25, 2022 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to approve the Manifest of February 7 - 14, 2022 in the amount of \$416,429.58. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$67,435.14 for Accounts Payable; \$37,363.04 for payroll; \$11,631.40 for payroll liabilities; and \$300,000 for MES. The motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Lord opened public comment.

Shawn Bergeron, of Bergeron Tech Services and resident, came to the Board regarding a ZBA application for his client Hillary Twigg-Smith of Bickford Road. An approval for a B&B was appealed based upon the B&B's proximity to Class VI Churchill Road. Bergeron's extensive research all the way back to the Exeter Registry shows no reference to Churchill Road having been laid out. The only references made to Churchill Road as Class VI are from former resident King's research to which Brooks noted was contained in the Class VI Road binder at Town Hall.

Bergeron explained that predating the current building inspector a permit was issued to allow for the barn on the property to be placed in the road. Bergeron hoped the Board would consider the status of Churchill Road as it had done similarly with Ledge Pond Road. The Board asked Bergeron to share his research to which he was agreeable.

J. Shackford mentioned the vote that took place years ago at a Town Meeting that instructed the Board to defend Class VI roads to which Brooks added that there are three cases where the arguments of King's research have not sustained the arguments. Lord agreed to look at Bergeron's information.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

Sale of State Property 202-025-001 Offer to Town – The State of NH DOT, per RSA 4:39-c:1, offered the Town first interest in purchasing the property at 1566 NH Route 16 before it is offered to the general public. The Board reviewed the information regarding the property with a listing price of \$279,000 plus \$1,100 in administrative fees and decided against the purchase.

Motion by Lord, seconded by Mauro to send a letter to NH DOT thanking them for the offer and informing them of the Board decision to not purchase the property. The motion passed **3-0**.

L. Shackford will convey this decision in writing to NH DOT.

2022 Warrant Review – Lord began the review of the proposed 2022 Warrant with L. Shackford noting a change to the MadTV budget line. L. Shackford was able to obtain the amount to be received for franchise fees that fund the TV line; that amount will be \$44,492.

Lord spoke to Article #20 which was submitted by petition. The petition is for the Town to adopt RSA 36-A:4-a. The Conservation Commission asked this Board for their support of the RSA which allows the commission to give conservation funds to other organizations for the conservation of land that may not be in within the Town. This Board did not offer their support. Lord went on the explain that two members of the commission put together the petition that would allow funds to be spent on land only within the Town and with approval of the local governing body, i.e., Board of Selectmen.

The charity petition warrant article requested amounts have crept up over the last few years, as noticed by Lord. Some of the charities have good financial documentation with Lord offering his more obvious support of \$2,000 or \$3,000 articles but hesitates at \$7,000 requests. The total charities requests equal over \$27,000.

Article 1-9 are by ballot vote and include election of officers and eight changes pertaining to the zoning ordinance. The total amount of the warrant is approximately \$3.5 million.

Bryant Paving 2022 Proposal – Director Cyr presented to the Board an offer from Bryant Paving to do the annual paving at the same price as 2020 and 2021 with a 2.2% fluctuation in AC liquid pricing. Cyr recommends that we take Bryant’s offer. J. Shackford noted that according to the purchasing policy this should go to bid with Cyr noting that this is a contract extension at the same cost.

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to extend the paving contract with Bryant Paving for 2022. The motion passed **3-0**.

OLD BUSINESS: No business

Selectman Shackford’s List – No items.

Selectman Mauro’s List – Mauro related a question from David Cribbie inquiring about personal property being stored on Town property off Lead Mine Road in the form of firewood and vehicles. Mauro asked Code Officer Boyd to look into the issue.

Selectman Lord’s List - Lord began by offering the single item on his list which is to thank the employees of Madison and the two other Selectboard members for the wonderful things that they all do as this will be his last Selectmen’s meeting. He will join other taxpayers that have seen the day-to-day operations of the Town that appear invisible to most.

Administrator’s List – No items.

Department Heads’ List:

Chief King: King informed the Board of vehicle issues that now have a cruiser at the garage being diagnosed. There are several issues that include failing all-wheel drive and electrical system issues on the 110,000-mile cruiser. The garage is not sure when it can be taken as it is an 8-10 hour job to diagnose.

Chief Brooks: The department members participated in an all-day ice rescue training resulting in eight members being at the technician level and one at an operational level.

Director Cyr: Cyr began by noting that the “Road to Summer Cottage” signs are on order, and;

- The blue 5500 truck has had some engine issues that are being looked into and should be covered under the warranty; and
- Cyr presented a \$9,000 purchase requisition for work done to the grader's hydraulic system.

Code Officer Boyd: Boyd proudly reported no vehicle issues. He is anticipating an up tick in building permit requests to start and is seeing zoning complaints on the rise.

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Yield Tax: 246-011 Fadden Whitaker \$5,929.06

Request to Eversource for Detail Asset Report for Avitar Assessing

Petition and Pole License: PSNH# 45-0840 Pine Hill Road

Purchase Requisitions:

2022-DPW-001 HP Fairfield \$9,200.00

2022-DPW-002 OME \$5,714.65

2022-DPW-003 Fastenal \$2,753.30

Intent to Cut: Hagar 233-062

5:05 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: Shackford – aye; Mauro – aye; Lord – aye

5:35 PM – Lord made a **motion** to return to public session and make public the minutes under RSA 91-A:3II (c) seconded by Mauro and so voted **3-0**.

The action from that session resulted in adjustments to the DPW Director Job Description that include striking “daily working” from the Supervision Exercised paragraph to be replaced with “salaried” and striking “and designated” from paragraph 6. The Board agreed to pay the DPW Director a lump sum of eleven holidays annually in November in addition to the annual salary. It was agreed that should the director not complete the year, any holidays not earned will be refunded to the Town.

5:35 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 February 22, 2022 commencing at 4:30 pm in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator