

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
May 31, 2022  
MINUTES**

**Selectmen Present** – Josh L. Shackford, Michael A. Mauro, John Arruda

**Others Present** – TC/TC Fire Chief Michael Brooks; DPW Director Jon Cyr; Chief Robert J. King, Jr.; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; Officer Mike Mosher; Residents/Taxpayers/others JP Goodwin, Tom Rogers, Kathy Koziell, Bill Dempster, Paul McKenna, Hillary Twigg-Smith, Bob Tafuto, Sharon Schilling, Attorney Roy Tilsley, Jr; MadTV Videographer Aysia Morency

**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 J. Shackford at 4:30 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion** by Mauro seconded by Arruda to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2022 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:**

Motion by Mauro, seconded by Arruda to approve the Manifest of May 30 – June 6, 2022 in the amount of \$216,152.44. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$174,380.15 for Accounts Payable; \$32,102.57 for payroll; and \$9,669.72 for payroll liabilities. The motion passed **3-0**.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Bill Dempster gave the Board a list of STRs in town. Dempster cited discussion at the last meeting regarding Coleman using a residential piece of property as commercial and equated it to STRs. Dempster surmises that 93% of the STRs in Town do not comply with the Zoning Ordinance and he respectfully asks that the Board look into this adding that there have been eight STRs that have gone into business since March 12<sup>th</sup>. J. Shackford and Mauro would like our attorney to see this.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Escape and Explorer Bid Opening** – The 2007 Escape and 2009 Explorer were offered out to sealed bid with the deadline being at noon today. Two bids for each vehicle were received and opened.

**Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to award the Escape to Roger Howard for \$4,000 and the Explorer to Paul Bonner for \$1,200. The motion passed **3-0**.

**Churchill Road Classification** – Attorney Tilsley, representative for Schilling and other residents of Bickford Road, referenced correspondence sent to L. Shackford via email that was not received and had hopes that the Board had reviewed it regarding Churchill Road. Arruda, referencing the prior correspondence from Shawn Bergeron and Bob Tafuto of Ammonoosuc Survey, asked if the Town's Class VI Road Study data has been reviewed in his submission. The response from Tafuto was no. Arruda would like Tafuto to see that information and incorporate it into his opinion as this Board is bound to defend the road per Town Meeting vote. Arruda would need some proof that the study was faulty regarding that road. The Board preferred to review Attorney Tilsley's correspondence before

making any decisions. It was agreed that this will be placed on the June 28<sup>th</sup> agenda for further review. This decision is regarding the Twigg-Smith case before the ZBA.

**JP Goodwin – Danforth Lane Subdivision** - Goodwin expressed her huge concerns about the proposed subdivision at the 363 Danforth Lane property before the Planning Board. Goodwin feels the proposal for the road contradicts itself, there are drainage issues causing water to come in her basement and this is in total non-compliance of the Zoning Ordinance. J. Shackford added that to improve a Class VI road the Board must approve those improvements, then any further classification changes would have to come before Town Meeting.

**Budget Reviews with Department Heads** – J. Shackford asked for a review at this meeting from Department Heads of their budgets year to date. It was noted that at 42% of the year, the percentage spent of the budget is 40.1.

**Fire:** Arruda asked Chief Brooks if his department is equipped to handle electric cars should it be involved in a crash. Brooks stated that thus far there is no special equipment necessary and his members are being trained for this. Brooks feels fine about his budget other than fuel and completing the reprogramming of the department's radios. Arruda mentioned looking into seeing what the state pump price is on fuel. Brooks is going to Dingee Machine on Friday for a first walk through of the rescue truck chassis job.

**Financial Administration/Election:** Brooks feels his Clerk and Tax Collector budget is in line and remaining elections for this year will not be costly going forward as the state supplies all printed ballots.

**Police:** Chief King's main concerns are that his vehicle maintenance line is at 82.79% spent and his fleet will still need tires and oil changes. The over-time line is at 62% spent and that is attributed to callouts after midnight when no other agencies are on patrol. Mauro, with knowledge as a CCSD dispatcher, praised King's department as the department that consistently responds to over night calls.

**DPW:** Director Cyr feels that his over-time line should balance out this year. He will be putting off the guard rail project on East Shore Drive, is keeping an eye on fuel costs and hopes salt and sand prices stay stable. Cyr, with Arruda's support, wants all Transfer Station patrons to know that keeping glass out of the MSW compactors saves the Town money in haul costs, please put the glass in the designated area. Arruda estimates 3,000 cars over a weekend come to the Transfer Station and Cyr added that we are hauling 6 or 7 loads to Mount Carberry weekly.

Cyr, regarding replacement of the truck that was totaled, has found a used truck for \$105,315. Using the Primex insurance money would require \$17,800 additional to acquire it versus a new truck at \$265,000. Arruda can see the possibility of finding that \$17,800 in the DPW budget. Mauro asked if any commitments have been made with Cyr stating he has spoken with the dealer about the truck but hopes to get another quote regarding plow equipment. It was suggested to possibly pay for the truck with the insurance money and wait on the plow frame as an option. Later in the meeting the Board committed to obtaining the truck.

J. Shackford said that word from Town Counsel has advised us that the funds used for conservation purposes over and above that voted by the Conservation Commission needs to be returned regarding the dam/boat ramp project and brine system. J. Shackford expressed his disappointment that the

Commission did not want to assist more. The Commission is coming on the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and Arruda asked to have the approved versus spent numbers for discussion.

Cyr submitted a list of projects that was reviewed. The railing at the Cascade Trail entrance needs to be done for safety purposed and the guard rails at East Shore Drive and Ossipee Lake Road will be scratched for this year. I-beams and planking are needed for the school path. Other projects on the radar include but are not limited to East Madison Road culvert drainage repair, railing at the dam, Quonset hut for salt and sand, and transfer station improvements.

ARPA expenditures were reviewed with a balance of approximately \$43,000 not committed. The Pavilion project was mentioned as a potential project for those funds.

It was agreed that the budget appears in good shape.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was none

**Recreation Committee's List** – Rec Director Susan Hirtle asked the Board if the trash barrels at Burke Field could be removed requiring patrons to remove their own trash when they leave citing alcohol cans being left behind after adult softball games and not wanting to not have them around for the Recreation kids in the morning. The Board was in agreement and will get Hirtle a key to the shed where the Rec's barrel will be stored nightly and emptied into the dumpster as needed by the Rec Department. Cyr said his department will take care of that tomorrow and make sure Hirtle has a key.

King has noticed that the upper field is being used as a dog park and feels it is time for a sign similar to the ones at the beaches that explain the rules. And the softball league may need to be reminded of those rules.

**Department Heads' Lists:**

**Chief King:** Officer Mosher and Maverick have obtained all their certifications. King is planning another K-9 fund raising raffle with a second-place prize this year. Mauro asked about the vest for Maverick to which King responded it is expected to be delivered this week. The boat will be picked up on Thursday.

**Director Cyr:** The Park & Rec pickup truck financing will be done with L. Shackford this week. Mauro asked that the dock at the boat launch be moved back into place for safety's sake after someone apparently forgot to untie their boat before launching and moved the dock.

**Selectman Arruda's List** – No items.

**Selectman Mauro's List** – Mauro is of the opinion that it is not necessary to have a representative to the Conservation Commission as it is not governed by RSA as a requirement. Mauro's feelings stem from accusation that this Board "stole" money from the conservation funds. J. Shackford concurred with Mauro's sentiment.

**Selectman Shackford's List** - J. Shackford was taken aback at the last meeting when the this Board was accused of taking conservation funds. J. Shackford was the Selectmen's rep to the MCC and expressed his frustrations that the MCC was not holding up their statutory obligations as a reason for no longer being the rep. Former Selectmen Lord did research and conferred with former Counsel and

concluded that by default the Selectmen were the agents to expend on conservation accounts and J. Shackford cited those dates of meeting minutes where the MCC supported those projects. However, new Counsel offered a different opinion that does not have the Selectmen as agents to expend. J. Shackford feels that the \$350,000 that is sitting in those accounts should be used and that the MCC is not the 'Madison Trails and Land Acquisition Committee' and that actual conservation projects should be done.

J. Shackford reported that he attended a meeting of the MCC with Fadden/Whitaker on the McNair Easement property on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. J. Shackford then met with Nolin and Fadden to look at cutting trees around Town Hall leaving the hardwood and cutting the pines. This is something that may be done in November.

**Administrator's List – Compost pile location** – Garden Club Member Lowry will be coming to the next meeting to revisit relocating the compost pile decision from the last meeting. Mauro does not want it near the memorial.

Resident Ted Krautmann asked to purchase the cedar shingles on the third floor of Town Hall making a written offer of 4 boxes at \$50/each or the all boxes at \$30/each. The Board was in agreement to sell them all at \$30/box with L. Shackford contacting Krautmann regarding the decision.

## **SIGNATURE ITEMS**

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Abatement 2020 & 2021 BTLA Settlement 109-125 \$975.26

Purchase Requisition: 2022-POLI-010 NEVO \$1,765.00

2022-SOLI-001 Coleman's \$6,050.00

Yield Tax Levy: 21-283-08-T 221-008 \$852.50

Oaths of Office: Hope Hutchinson, MadTV

Henry Forrest, Veteran's Advisory Committee

Franklin Jones, Veteran's Advisory Committee

Eric Edwards, Veteran's Advisory Committee

Paulette Lowry, Veteran's Advisory Committee

Michael Brooks, Veteran's Advisory Committee

Candy Sue Jones, Old Home Week Committee

**6:35 PM** – Arruda 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 June 14, 2022 commencing at 4:30 pm at the Madison Town Hall meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,  
Town Administrator