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**MINUTES**  
**November 4, 2021**

**MEMBER ROLL CALL:**

Marcia McKenna, Chair – Excused  
Marc Ohlson – Present  
Ralph Lutjen - Excused  
Noreen Downs - Present  
Bill Lord - Present  
Robert Stone - Present

Ted Slader – Present  
Emily Bass - Excused

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Kim Cyr - Land Use Administrator, Carol Dandeneau - Madison TV, Peggy Cromwell

**MEETING POSTED:** October 27, 2021 at Madison Town Hall Upper & Lower, Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices

Mr. Ohlson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**ELEVATE ALTERNATE:** Mr. Stone made a **Motion** to elevate alternate Noreen Downs, seconded by Mr. Slader. All approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Peggy Cromwell of Davis Pond Association stated their organization's support of the GMCG effort to purchase and protect the Blankenstien property. She mentioned they would like to be considered for 'first-right-of-refusal' if/when GMCG ever considered disposing/selling this property, after they acquire it. Davis Pond Association would consider purchasing it to protect this adjacent property to theirs. As amended by MCC, 2 Dec 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Yearly Monitoring of Town Properties** – Mr. Lord volunteered to walk Cedar Swamp with Tim Nolin. Mrs. Downs asked to have the walk posted to the MCC members so they can join if they would like to. Mr. Ohlson suggested having Tim do the monitoring of the conservation easements at his convenience.

**Bird Boxes with Scouts** – Mr. Slader reported there isn't much going on due to Covid19. The local Scouts have joined with the Moultonborough troop. He has also reached out to Girl Scouts but has not received a response back. Mr. Slader plans on trying again in the Spring.

**ADMINISTRATION:** Mrs. Cyr had nothing to report.

**PLANNING BOARD:** Mr. Ohlson reviewed the November 3<sup>rd</sup> Planning Board meeting. They had a public hearing to review the definitions that are being considered for presentation at Town Meeting. There was discussion about having the Planning Board and the BOS meet to discuss STR's.

**SELECTMAN'S REPORT:** Bill Lord reported the following items from the BOS, with added discussion from MCC:

1. The MCC received a letter from the Madison Historical Society (MHS) thanking them and DPW for solving the erosion at the head of the Cascade Trail (adjacent to the MHS) with a set of stairs. The Town installed and will maintain the stairs – and are designing the railing which will be built and installed by DPW. The BOS have received numerous positive comments on the DPW work, and MCC funding assistance. This soil conservation effort was included in the GMCG quarterly newsletter, *The Watershed*.
2. The Madison dam and boat ramp repair is still scheduled for completion after lowering of the lake (on-going). The NH DES permit is now fully approved. The Town notified DES that work will begin 8 Nov. All the materials are on site.
3. The new brine tank project continues to get notoriety. GMCG has asked Madison to set up a day when all the local towns may come and look at the equipment and ask questions of the MCC and DPW. It appears the Town may use 1/3 less hard salt this year – the price of salt has risen from \$50/ton to \$75/ton. The additional purchase of a brine mixer will further reduce Town costs and the amount of salt used on the roads – it will allow the Town to mix its own brine and avoid purchasing it from Colemans. This mixer will be purchased using ARPA funding.
4. Lord notified the MCC that the GMCG annual \$1500 was paid for water quality testing as well as the NH Conservation Committee Association annual fee of \$250. The MCC budget is not shown as 'over-expended' (due to the two \$1500 dollar payments to GMCG this year) but does reflect the 2020 and 2021 testing costs.
5. A volunteer has agreed to do the milling of the Winter Road logs, with his personal sawmill, and is now only awaiting a trailer to transport the portable sawmill to the Town property. Additionally, folks have volunteered to assist him with the milling. The lumber can then be used for both the transfer station and ball field projects. The MCC previously agreed to fund his gas and saw blades.
6. The LUCT account was recently credited with \$12,000 from land changes in the past year and an additional \$12,000 will be processed into the account because of new property owner requests.
7. The Veilleux's request of the BOS for the removal of Town trees adjacent to their property was approved with the following caveats: they bear any costs, signed waiver of liability, proof of insurance, only trees jointly marked by them and Town Forester (done), and logs moved to the landing for pick-up and use by the Town as fuel for the Bean Hole Supper cooking fire.
8. The Town Council reported to the Town Administrator that a proposed MCC donation of \$5K to GMCG for assistance in purchasing the Blankenstein property as a conservation property is not legally permitted. The Town did not specifically vote to include the provision to make such donations per RSA 36-A:A-4, when the Commission was first formed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The October 7, 2021 Draft Minutes were reviewed. A **MOTION** to APPROVE was made by Mr. Lord and seconded by Mr. Slader. All Approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mrs. Downs made a **Motion** to adjourn; Mr. Stone seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Submitted by:  
Kim Cyr  
Land Use Administrator