

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
July 12, 2022
MINUTES**

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

Others Present – TC/TC Fire Chief Michael Brooks; DPW Director Jon Cyr; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; Officers Mike Mosher; Rec Chairman Adam Price; MadTV Videographer Aysia Morency; Residents/Taxpayers/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 J. Shackford at 4:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Mauro, seconded by Arruda to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2022 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:

Motion by Mauro, seconded by Arruda to approve the Manifest of July 10 - 18, 2022 in the amount of \$452,633.41. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$79,656.02 for Accounts Payable; \$35,983.07 for payroll; \$10,367.06 for payroll liabilities; and \$296,927 for VDOE. The motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Sharon Schilling, resident, asked why the Board does not recite the Pledge of Allegiance? J. Shackford stood and led the meeting in the Pledge.

John Cancelarich, property owner, offered his thoughts on property rights to which he asked the Board to enforce the laws regarding STRs.

Larry Soldano, property owner, presented to the Board the written results of a recent STR survey to which 83% of respondents support STRs.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:

George Mottram Running for State Representative – Mottram introduced himself as running for NH State Representative. Mottram is all for accountability, term limits, pro-life, and support for our public safety employees and military. “For change to begin it has to start at the local level” is the attitude that Mottram expressed asking for support of his campaign.

Shawn Bergeron to Discuss STRs – Bergeron stated that the Planning Board is talking about presenting regulations regarding STRs to the voters in March. The avenues that are being discussed are conditional use permit, licensing and special exceptions. Bergeron feels that until this Board and the Planning Board are working together some good effort could be wasted as he feels the Selectmen are ultimately driving the bus. Bergeron asked the Board to state their position on how they intend to act on STRs between now and March. The Board did not respond with an answer.

Shawn Bergeron to Discuss Churchill Road – Bergeron asked the Board if they would be willing to consider a formal agreement to relocate Churchill Road. J. Shackford stated that he would like to see the current location of the road, adding that he is in support of moving the road and made it clear that he does not want to give it up.

Mauro would like to make a plan to go see the road to which Bergeron was asked to send a list of possible dates and times to L. Shackford and she would schedule a meeting.

Heating Fuel Pricing – Annual pricing for heating fuel for the 2022-2023 heating season was received. Eastern Oil and Propane offered the Town up to 5,500 gallons of heating oil at a fixed price of \$4.05/gallon and up to 3,500 gallons of propane at a fixed price of \$2.25/gallon. An employee pricing plan for propane was offered, with an explanation that oil fixed pricing is not an option offered this year for employees. The pricing offer is good through July 15th.

Motion by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to accept the pricing for the 2022-2023 heating season with Eastern Oil and Propane. The motion passed **3-0**. L. Shackford will inform Eastern.

Request for Support of Fiber-Optic Installation Grant Funding – The Board signed letters of support for New Hampshire Electric Co-Op and Consolidated Communications regarding the grant funding of fiber optic high speed internet for Madison and other local towns. These letters had the support of both Bill Lord and Mary Cronin as the Town's representatives to the Carroll County Broadband Committee.

Confirm Change of Treasurer – J. Shackford announced the hiring of Jordann Firman in the position of Town Treasurer to replace outgoing Alyssa Mosher. Tamara Flannigan shall remain as the Town's Deputy Treasurer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Conservation Accounts – The Board agreed to make the correction of a transfer of \$12,945 from the Conservation Account to the LUCT Account. The deposit was made to the incorrect account.

Selectman Arruda's List – The drawdown shows us at 53% of the year with 50.6% spent. Arruda gave statistics regarding the impact from the front page of the Conway Daily Sun that spoke to Conway's Transfer Station closing on Sundays and Monday and mentioning that Madison's station takes waste at \$5/bag. Arruda stated that the weekend of July 4th the station took in \$250 in \$5 bag revenue. The weekend of July 11th, which was after the newspaper article, the station took in \$450 in \$5 bag revenue. While one week does not create a trend, it is something to watch.

Selectman Mauro's List – Mauro said the shed at the boat launch is working very well for the Lake Host employee and the dock has been nicely repaired. Mauro asked Cyr to see if the footpath between the school and Burke Field can be completed before the school employees return for the start of school.

Department Heads' List:

Tax Collector/Town Clerk/Fire Chief Brooks – The tax collection for 2022 P01 is in line with other years at 92% collected. The rescue truck is back in Town and once the radios are installed it will be in service. OHW is coming up quickly.

Recreation Committee's List - Price is pleased with how the camp is running. Fund raisers are being planned and L. Shackford will look into how to handle those funds properly. There has been approximately \$6,000 in registration fees collected which covers the director's salary. Price would like

to join the Carroll County Recreation Directors Association, \$275/year enrollment, to allow access to other towns for joining in on soccer, baseball, field hockey, etc. Price will submit a request for payment so he can attend the September meeting.

Price asked for the Board's position on hiring a full-time recreation director next year. Arruda feels it should be done as a warrant article because it is not a regular portion of the budget any longer. Brooks relayed history that the rec department was dissolved by the Town when the school took it over with the 21st Century Grant. Arruda suggested creating a warrant article that states the amount of money needed, present it to the Budget Committee and then to Town Meeting. J. Shackford was in agreement asking to see a broken-down budget that he would be willing to place on as a warrant article with no petition necessary.

Selectman Shackford's List – The Conservation Commission's effort to have the McNair Easement amended has failed. The current owners Fadden and Whitaker are not interested in making a change. Laurie Corron, current easement owner and granddaughter to the easement grantee, was not interested in a change as she felt her grandfather's work was sufficient.

Director Cyr – Cyr presented paperwork to the Board showing a 2018 Peterbilt with 14,000 miles available in Ohio that would be a good replacement for the totaled truck. The truck is \$86,700 with a \$1,900 delivery fee which could be covered with the insurance money received for the old truck. The estimate to set up for plowing and sanding is about \$50,000 with Cyr not knowing where those funds would come from. Arruda's concern was getting the truck but having to wait until Town meeting to outfit it and not using the truck. Cyr says we have to replace it and if it isn't replaced plowing will be slowed up this winter.

J. Shackford noted that at the last meeting we voted to buy the 5500 and outfit it with plow and wing, we need to replace the totaled truck. Brooks asked that if we had the funds are we able to get the plow equipment to which Cyr responded yes. Brooks suggested asking for an emergency expenditure of unreserved fund balance from the Department of Revenue.

J. Shackford feels that since we have the money for the truck lets get it with Arruda agreeing to get the truck and see if DRA will allow the \$50,000 expenditure of unreserved fund balance.

Schilling asked Town Meeting's history on approving purchases and in general the Meeting does not say no.

Arruda asked about hearing of some plan for acquiring a small rubber-tired excavator. Cyr explained that the backhoe at the Transfer Station needs to be decommissioned due to a repaired steering box, hydraulic leaks, hard to get parts and needing to bring the 420 up from the DPW garage to load MSW containers. Arruda asked what a small excavator would do for the Town. Cyr said it would allow us to work as two crews to do roadside ditching and mowing. J. Shackford explained that Volvo has offered us a deal of \$17,000 towards the trade of the 416 back hoe for the excavator or the use of the excavator until March for the 416 back hoe.

Cyr informed the Board that the fence for the new retaining wall needs a commercial height of 42" which is not something that is in stock. He is still waiting to hear on the price.

Administrator's List – Signage for Burke Field – L. Shackford feels the need for signage at Burke Field to remind patrons that glass, dogs and alcohol are not allowed at the field per Town Ordinance. The expense of signs that may just be stolen or damaged has L. Shackford asking for the Board's advice

on whether or not to buy them. Arruda suggested just simple laminated signs for now with all in agreement.

Price asked if the police could pop in during softball games citing the litter and beer cans that are left on the field when the summer rec campers arrive the next morning. Mosher offered to make more of an effort to check.

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Intent to Cut: Ward 215-001

Supplemental Intent to Cut: Fadden 246-013

Motion by Shackford to enter **Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3II (l)** Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present and **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: J. Shackford – aye; Mauro – aye; Arruda – aye

6:01 PM – Mauro made a **motion** to return to public session and seal the minutes under RSA 91-A:3II (l) and make public the minutes under RSA 91-A:3II (c) seconded by J. Shackford and so voted **3-0**.

6:50 PM – J. Shackford made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Mauro, and so voted **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING – The next Selectmen’s Meeting is scheduled July 26, 2022 commencing at 4:30 pm at the Madison Town Hall meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator