

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
September 6, 2022  
MINUTES**

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

**Others Present** – TC/TC Fire Chief Michael Brooks; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; Chief Robert King, Jr.; Officer Mike Mosher; Foreman Justin Chick; DPW Dave Swift; Rec Chairman Adam Price; Residents Donna and Mike Veilleux; Nick Borelli; Kathy Koziell; Jay Buckley; Shawn Bergeron; MadTV Videographer Carol Dandeneau

**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.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** J. Shackford led all in attendance in reciting the Pledge.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion** by Mauro, seconded by Arruda to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:**

Motion by Mauro, seconded by Arruda to approve the Manifest of September 6 - 12, 2022 in the amount of \$33,863.10. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$92,361.31 for Accounts Payable; \$29,874.31 for payroll; \$8,627.48 for payroll liabilities; and \$200,000 for MES. The motion passed **3-0**.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

J. Shackford announced and opened a Public Hearing, pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, to obtain input and discuss the Town's acceptance of \$87,111.86 in unanticipated funds from the Special One Time Highway Payment in Accordance with Senate Bill 401 Payment for Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction of Class IV and V Highways. This was posted at the upper and lower levels of Town Hall, and both the Madison and Silver Lake Post Offices and published in the Conway Daily Sun on August 18, 2022.

Donna Veilleux suggested that these funds be used to lower the amount annually asked for at Town Meeting for road improvements. Veilleux cited the last few years of \$200,000 warrant articles and suggested that it be lowered to \$100,000.

Kathy Koziell asked if the Village District of Eidelweiss is eligible for any of those funds. Jay Buckley explained that the population of Eidelweiss' full-time residents is used in the calculation however VDOE is not eligible for the funds. Buckley gave history of past years where petition warrant articles were submitted offering a donation to VDOE in lieu of block grant funds.

It was confirmed and clarified that these funds are to be used for Class IV and Class V roads.

There was no further discussion amongst the Board.

**Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to accept the \$87,111.86 in unanticipated funds from the Special One Time Highway Payment in Accordance with Senate Bill 401 Payment for Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction of Class IV and V Highways. The motion passed **3-0**.

J. Shackford closed the public hearing at 4:40pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Donna Veilleux asked for a list showing the ARPA funds received and what it has been spent on. Arruda stated that he has a list that will be reviewed later in the meeting and a copy can be obtained from L. Shackford.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Vehicle Review:** Arruda took on the review of Town vehicles from the Vehicle Maintenance Spreadsheet. Arruda did each department separately:

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Mileage as of 1/1/22</u>	<u>Maintenance on Vehicle \$</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Mileage as of 1/1/22</u>	<u>Maintenance on Vehicle \$</u>
<b>FIRE:</b>			<b>DPW:</b>		
2016 HMEI	8,465	\$3,454.70	2020 3033R Tractor	n/a	n/a
2009 Ford F250	48,568	\$140.00	2015 Honda mower	n/a	n/a
2006 Kawasaki ATV	717	\$0.00	2019 Excavator	n/a	\$2,192.47
2005 GMC	9,874	\$0.00	2014 420F		\$1,032.63
2005 International	6,634	\$529.74	1982 Oshkosh	111,765	\$197.96
2001 Freight Liner	15,195	\$42.49	2019 International	15,594	\$2,293.38
2019 Chevy Tahoe	18,580	\$230.46	2016 Kenworth	33,955	\$0.00
2022 Mack	New in '22	New in '22	2011 Kenworth		\$8,988.33
1977 AM General	13,256	\$0.00	2005 GMC 8500	109,426	\$2,095.96
Snowbalance Trailer	n/a	n/a	2021 International	5,823	\$1,438.83
			2005 Peterbilt		\$2,147.64
<b>POLICE:</b>			2009 Peterbilt	91,853	\$4,786.21
2022 Chevy Tahoe	New in '22	New in '22	2014 Kenworth	50,758	\$4,740.22
2021 Chevy Tahoe	New in '22	New in '22	2021 Cat 920		\$1,757.07
2021 Silverado		\$535.55	1987 Cat Grader		\$1,483.60
2019 Dodge Charger	33,840	\$214.71	1997 Cat 416		\$956.84
2022 Mirro Craft	New in '22	New in '22			
2007 Speed Trailer	n/a	\$256.98			
2017 Ford Taurus	Sold				
2015 Ford Explorer	Out to bid				
2013 Ford Expedition	Out to bid				

Arruda would like to see about getting a quote to have the 416 backhoe at the Transfer Station repaired. Arruda feels it is worth it to see if we could spend \$10,000 to \$15,000 to bring it up to working order. Chick is waiting for a call back from Mark Forde for just that reason.

**APRA Review:** The Town has received both installments of \$136,410.61 each. There is an estimated balance available of approximately \$81,000. It is estimated as there are still some expected expenses/invoices related to the improvements of the East Madison Road culver that have not been received. L. Shackford hoped the Board would consider using the remaining funds towards the construction of the pavilion citing we still have two years to spend the grant.

**Explorer Bid Opening:** Three bids were received for the 2015 Ford Explorer:

- James Curran \$1,200.00
- Janine MacArthur \$2,001.00
- Francis Thomas \$2,000.00

**Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to award the 2015 Ford Explorer to the highest bidder of \$2,001.00. The motion passed **3-0**.

**Expedition Bid Opening:** One bid was received for the 2013 Ford Expedition:

- James Curran \$1,500.00

**Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Mauro to award the 2013 Ford Expedition to the lone bidder of \$1,500.00. The motion passed **3-0**.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ellis Facility Permit Request:** As directed at the August 23, 2022 meeting, L. Shackford sought the advice of Town Counsel regarding the facility sticker process in regards to family eligibility. Mr. Ellis of 44 Bern Drive produced a document that showed his daughters would become trustees should he not be able. Counsel was of the opinion that the document does not show that Mr. Ellis' daughters are eligible for facility permits because they are not current trustees or residents of Madison.

**Selectman Arruda's List** – Arruda has learned that the logs taken down on Winter Road have sat for two years and are now not in a condition to be used as lumber which is saddening to Arruda. He has found that Madison Lumber would have milled them for the Town. Arruda also brought up:

- There is a small 1.4% spread on the drawdown and noted that the over-time line for the DPW is burning up quickly;
- Arruda would like some history regarding why the Solid Waste recycle line is \$33,500. Not very much of it has been spent to date. L. Shackford offered to get some reports from QuickBooks from past years;
- The large cement blocks at the Transfer Station need to be used or returned. There is no known plan for the project. Mauro asked if they can be returned. Chick will contact Colemans and see, with Arruda saying if it is going to be a large restocking fee, let's see if we can use them somewhere else;
- Arruda feels the parking area idea in front of the Historical Society is not a good idea citing neighbor comments and the very tight fit. The Board concurred.

**Selectman Mauro's List** – Mauro knows that the beams for the footbridge are in the works with Chick explaining that once it is all finalized it would be a 2-3 week delivery time and the beams will cost approximately \$4,100.00.00. Mauro thanked Swift for his work at hauling the Town's refuse through the notch, great job.

**Selectman Shackford's List** – There is a bad problem with beavers on the Lead Mine Road that needs to be addressed by hiring a company as the DPW does not have the time and resources to solve it. King knows someone that can help; J Shackford will look into a solution. J. Shackford also mentioned:

- The DPW crew was called out on Monday night as the road almost washed out at the base of Goe Hill on E Madison Road near the goat farm. After 4 hours the culvert was opened and the road was saved from certain washout. Most of the roads are looking pretty good considering the amount of rain received;
- October 24<sup>th</sup> is the paving date for the junction of East Madison Road and Route 113. The crew may need to work the weekend before to prep the area;
- The PTO asked the DPW crew to remove the tetherball and swing set at the school in anticipation of new equipment. It was supposed to be done today but the washout area on E Madison Road needed attention. Price hoped that they would also consider assisting in the installation of the new equipment;
- The metal around the garages needs to be cleanup and J. Shackford had the agreement of the Board to clean it up and see what kind of revenue the scrap metal and old equipment can bring to the Town; and
- The dock at the Foot of the Lake Beach needs repairs. Swift would like to see something similar to that of the one at the boat launch. Swift will call around and get prices on an aluminum replacement.

#### **Department Heads' List:**

*Chief King* – The intention of recognizing Officer Martin for this life saving actions over the summer is planned for the Selectmen's meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>. King also mentioned:

- The Reach the Beach run is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>; and
- The new radar trailer should be delivered on next Monday and King hoped the DPW could assist with some forks for unloading, the old trailer will be sold.

*Fire Chief Brooks* – The compressor and air packs are going to have maintenance performed on September 16<sup>th</sup>. The radio is scheduled to be installed in the new truck on September 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be put into service with a portable radio in the interim.

**Recreation Committee's List:** Price noted that the swing set project had already been spoken about and Price also mentioned:

- Soccer uniforms were ordered and a purchase requisition is in the signature items;
- A stipend of \$1,200 is requested from the Rec Program line to pay the director of soccer for the season adding that this is the reason a full-time director is wanted for the program and the plan to place the request on the warrant for next year. Arruda noted that the current drawdown with \$7,000 in the line would support the \$1,200.00 and the Board was in agreement with that;
- Price requested permission to purchase four new 12' soccer goals that are more suited for the elementary students as the ones available are for high school age players for about \$2,500. Arruda again checked the budget and the funds are there. If the old goals are worth anything they could be sold. The Board approved the use of the credit card versus reimbursing a committee member for that purchase; and
- Price asked if any plans are in the works for the upper ballfield. J. Shackford would like to do something this year starting with killing all the weeds. King recommending aerating and turning this year and then maybe a warrant article next year for much needed major rehab. Brooks agreed that it needs work and we still have some time to begin this year. All were in agreement to get it done with J. Shackford offering to work with King on a plan.

**Administrator’s List:** The Town of Freedom will be hosting the annual ambulance contract meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to review the percentages paid by each town. Mike Mauro and Mike Brooks volunteered to attend. L. Shackford also mentioned:

- The geese are causing water problems at Kennett Park and Ted Kramer has asked if the Town has any solution now that there are no volunteers that try to cull the geese. J. Shackford, citing the geese on Burke field as well, is willing to put his name on a depredation permit that the Town applies for and he knows that there are a few other people that would add their names. Arruda has received questions why no dock at Monument beach and cited the geese using it and making huge messes that, again, pollute the lake;
- Doug Prescott has tried to work on the building committee idea but L. Shackford has not been available over this last week; and
- The Danforth Lane hearing is scheduled for 5:00pm at the next meeting on September 20 and L. Shackford suggested beginning that night’s meeting at 4:00 to ensure enough time for regular business. The Board was in agreement.

**SIGNATURE ITEMS**

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Yield Tax Levy: Khiel for UNH 128-046 \$2,148.56

Big Pea Porridge Pond Watershed Preservation Assoc Letter of Support

Oath of Office: Nancy Martin, Recreation Committee Regular Member

Purchase Requisition: 2022-REC-001 Sports Gear Swag \$1,447.87

**Motion** by Shackford to enter **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: J. Shackford – aye; Mauro – aye; Arruda – aye

**7:10 PM** – J. Shackford made a **motion** to return to public session and one seal one set of minutes, and make public two sets of minutes under RSA 91-A:3II (a) seconded by Mauro and so voted **3-0**.

**7:10 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 September 20, 2022 commencing at 4:00 pm at the Madison Town Hall meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,  
Town Administrator