

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
October 4, 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 Jake Martin; Foreman Justin Chick; DPW Dave Swift; Sharon Schilling; OME Craig Belcher; 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 three sets of minutes for September 20, 2022 and one set for September 20&22, 2022 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:**

Motion by Mauro, seconded by Arruda to approve the Manifest of October 3 – 7, 2022 in the amount of \$280,960.74. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$42,566.41 for Accounts Payable; \$29,711.73 for payroll; \$8,682.60 for payroll liabilities; and \$200,000 for MES. The motion passed **3-0**.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were none.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Sharon Schilling Veteran's Committee** – Schilling asked the Board to consider an expansion of the Veteran's Monument Committee to include being a support for Madison veterans. Arruda asked what this would look like to which Schilling responded she envisions assistance as liaisons for navigating services. Schilling mentioned Gary Bent and Cheryl Harris as volunteers.

J. Shackford liked the idea with Arruda asking if there are local services. Schilling stated that the State offers services but she'd like something more local. It was discussed that as a sub-committee it would be governed by RSA 91-A and have no independent authority, similar to the Rec Committee. The Board asked if Schilling had a format in mind to which Schilling responded she'd like to incorporate the old and new and with the Board's favor she will put together a construct.

**Craig Belcher Radio Update** – Belcher, invited by Brooks, spoke with the Board and Department heads about where the radio replacement and repeater installation stands. The license has been obtained along with frequency and location of the county tower. The final steps are deciding the type of repeater and ordering/programming the radios. Belcher offered to formalize a complete proposal in two separate quotes; repeater separate from radio replacement. Belcher will work with Swift to gather radio counts. Once received it will be decided if this should be put up as a warrant article in March.

**Transfer Station Hours** – Arruda did a survey of neighboring towns transfer station hours of operation per week. He found 44 hours at Conway, 34 hours in Ossipee, 28 hours in Madison, 24 hours in Freedom and 21 hours in Tamworth. Arruda suggested changing from 7am-4pm on Saturday and Sunday to 7am-3pm. Arruda cited a saving in payroll of approximately \$4,500 annually. It was decided that notice will be made of the change with a start date of Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Changes to the Transfer Station flyer were discussed. The following deletions were made, see strike-through:

**RECYCLING:** Madison supports recycling to promote environmental sustainability. And, recycling reduces taxes by avoiding sending material to the landfill in the case of metal, ~~paper~~, glass, textiles and other items.

**Please separate the following items and dispose in their designated signed locations:**

**Appliances with coolant:** separate from any other metal appliances (see fee schedule)

**Cardboard**

**Metal**

**Electronics** (see fee schedule, see Attendant)

**Fluorescent Bulbs** (See Attendant)

**Corrugated Cardboard** (flattened)

**Plastic containers & ~~tin cans~~** (caps removed)

**Aluminum beverage cans**

**Glass Bottles** (no windows or dinnerware)

**Masonry** (Bricks and concrete, no porcelain toilets or sinks)

**MIXED PAPER:** Mixed Paper consists of:

Newspapers ————— Magazines

Office Paper ————— Manila Folders

Computer Paper ————— Envelopes

Greenbar Paper ————— Junk Mail

Telephone Books ————— Posters

Soft Cover Books ————— Egg Cartons

Brown Paper Bags ————— Cereal boxes

**Hard Cover Books ~~with covers removed~~**

The following **IS NOT** mixed paper:

Gift Wrap ————— Tyvek Envelopes

Carbon Paper ————— Blue Print Paper

Drink Cartons ————— Dirty Paper Goods

~~Hard Cover Books with covers intact~~

~~Saran wrap~~

**CONTRACTOR USE:** Building contractors must present a copy of a current building permit prior to disposal. ~~Up to one pick-up load or 150 cu feet of debris~~ may be disposed of ~~weekly~~ for \$2.00/cu ft.

The Town of Madison **does not** accept the following items:

Animal carcasses

Antifreeze

Tires

~~Car batteries~~

Hypodermic needles

Stumps	Paint (oil based)
Railroad Ties	Asbestos
Gasoline	Oil tanks

~~Up to one pick up load or 150 cu feet of debris may be disposed of weekly for \$2.00/cu ft with valid facility permit.~~

J. Shackford mentioned the poor condition of the gate at the transfer station. Swift will look into pricing on a new gate that will be weather friendly.

**NH DOT Sale of 490 Tasker Hill Road** – Pursuant to RSA 4:39-c: I, the NH Department of Transportation is soliciting interest from the Town regarding 490 Tasker Hill Road before offering it to the general public. The asking price is \$259,000 with a \$1,100 administrative fee. The Board was of unanimous agreement they have no interest in obtaining the property. L. Shackford will inform NH DOT of such.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Conservation Commission Letter** – L. Shackford asked for this to be tabled again. The information requested to be gathered is still being worked on. L. Shackford informed Conservation Commission Chairperson Marcia McKenna of this in a phone conversation today.

**Selectman Arruda's List** – At the 75.9% of the year, 72.5% has been spent. This is a slight increase to 3.4% from last meeting. Arruda made his predication of a surplus of \$100,000 at the end of the year.

Gasoline delivery by Eastern Oil and Propane has been discontinued. It was agreed that the Town will partner with Dennis Burke, the vendor suggested by Eastern for that service.

**Selectman Mauro's List** – Mauro expressed his concern that someone is cutting the tape that blocks off the bridge at the dam. Swift suggested placing a jersey barrier there to prevent use which was deemed as an acceptable solution by the Board. The slabs for the remaining section of the boat launch are in the launch parking lot, Mauro asked if there is a plan for this fall. Chick responded once the lake is lowered and all the boats are out it will begin. J. Shackford added that the boards are being removed from the dam in anticipation of the October 15<sup>th</sup> lake lowering.

**Department Heads' List:**

*Tax Collector/Town Clerk/Fire Chief Brooks* – The absentee ballots for the November 8<sup>th</sup> election have been received and will be going out in the mail tomorrow. The refurbished rescue truck has a radio installed and is full service.

*Chief King* – King cited a past issue with a junk yard and told of another in Town that is being dealt with that has required police response lately.

King attended the public safety meeting regarding the Albany Route 16 area which was prompted by two recent fatal accidents. There is an immense amount of traffic through the area with 78% of the traffic that passes Exit 16 making its way to Albany on a road that was designed and built in 1938. The road is not built to handle that amount of traffic at the high speeds. Brooks added that improvements could cost 30 million dollars and would not start for years. There was also much discussion about the intersection of Wildwood, Route 113 and Route 16. Both King and Brooks feel that the NH DOT is taking the issue seriously.

*Foreman Chick* – Chick reported the department is completing its winter road grading. They have hauled sand and the bridge beam have been delivered.

**Selectman Shackford's List** – J. Shackford spoke about a webinar that was offered by the NH Bar Association regarding Short Term Rentals. The presenters were NHMA Director Margaret Byrnes and the Planning Board's attorney Laura Spector-Morgan. J. Shackford is of the opinion that the Board needs to make a move and send out letters to at least the STRs that have started since March Town Meeting.

J. Shackford recalled the last Planning Board meeting where the Planning Board decided to go in a different direction than was suggested by their attorney by creating permitted use regulations for STRs. Attorney Spector-Morgan specifically stated not to do what the Planning Board is proposing.

King expressed his concern of so many locals being outbid on homes being purchased by out of staters rhetorically asking how many does it take to cause the downfall of our Town? Arruda stated that he has heard that people have to die for their children to be able to live here. Mauro fears the loss of our residential community when homes are being bought up for businesses.

Arruda states that zoning protects the neighbors, look at Master Plan that speaks to keeping the rural character of the Town, businesses in a rural residential zone is not rural. Goods or services in exchange for money is commercial.

J. Shackford wants to start slow with 10 or so letters because no town can go after them all at once, but we will get to them all eventually. The vision for the process would consist of:

1. Letter stating please stop, STRs are not allowed;
2. Letter that puts the owner on notice of a \$275.00/day fine;
3. The owner could apply to the ZBA;
4. The court system.

J. Shackford would like the letters to go out forthwith.

J. Shackford gave some Room and Meals statistics that showed the top grossing STR in town did \$158,000 in business and the Town of Madison's portion of the Room and Meals for that property was just over \$5.00.

The paving of East Madison Road will begin October 20 with the reclaiming and the paving will be done on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Two quotes for the repair paving of the Town Hall parking lot were received Bryant's quoted \$16,600 and Perma-Pave quoted \$8,700.

**Motion** by J. Shackford, seconded by Arruda to have Perma-Pave do the paving at the Town Hall. The motion passed **3-0**.

**Administrator's List** – No items

Recreation Committee's List – No representative present

**SIGNATURE ITEMS**

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

Oath of Office: Rec Committee - David Baumgartener

Advisory Budget Committee – Sharon Schilling, 2023

Adam Price, Alternate

Nicole Nordlund, Alternate

**Motion** by Shackford to enter **Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3II (b)** The hiring of any person as a public employee.

Roll call vote: J. Shackford – aye; Mauro – aye; Arruda – aye

**6:50 PM** – J. Shackford made a **motion** to return to public session and seal the minutes under RSA 91-A:3II (b) seconded by Mauro 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 October 18, 2022 commencing at 4:30 pm at the Madison Town Hall meeting room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,  
Town Administrator