

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
April 16, 2024  
MINUTES**

**Selectmen Present** – Adam Price, Joy Gray

**Selectman Excused** – John Arruda

**Others Present** –Town Administrator Linda Shackford; Fire Chief/Town Clerk/Tax Collector Michael Brooks; Police Chief Robert King Jr; Admin Asst. Kate Young; DPW Director Josh Shackford; Videographer Kasia Scontsas; members of the public

**Conservation Commission Members/Alternates Present:** Ralph Lutjen, Mike Brooks, Josh Shackford, Marc Ohlson, Marcia McKenna, Ted Slader, Noreen Downs

**Where and When Posted** – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on December 27, 2023. The Conservation Commission’s attendance was posted on April 11, 2023 in the same locations.

**Meeting Called to Order** – By Price at 4:30 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Price led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion** by Gray, seconded by Price to approve the minutes of April 2, 2024 with Gray’s request for clarification on page 2 that the suggestion for a bond on the Banfield Hollow roads was not communicated to her directly. The motion passed **2-0**.

**Motion** by Gray, seconded by Price to approve the of non-public minutes made public of April 2, 2024 as written. The motion passed **2-0**.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFESTS:**

**Motion** by Gray, seconded by Price to approve the Manifest of April 15 -25, 2024 in the amount of \$358,641.24. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$48,943.52 for accounts payable; \$32,353.96 for payroll; \$10,282.54 for payroll liabilities; \$17,061.22 for NHRS; and \$250,000 for Madison School. The motion passed **2-0**.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**Meet with MCC Regarding Tree Removal at Black Brook Crossing** – Tim Nolin was in attendance to speak to the tree damage on the Town Forest. Nolin explained the concern for the seven large pines and three maples that fell into the bog near the Black Brook culvert that sits under Lead Mine Road. They need to be removed fairly quickly to avoid pieces breaking off and blocking the culvert. Nolin can have a crew with a cable machine that can get them taken out, it would take a couple of days to do the job with 2 men and machines at \$160/hour plus moving expenses with a ballpark guesstimate of \$4,000.

Gray asked if the culvert is actively being blocked. Nolin responded no, but soon limbs will break off with the water movement causing a massive problem over time, estimating a couple of months before problems arise.

McKenna expressed her concern that this work would use funds that she would rather see go towards legal fees to obtain an easement on the “Chain of Ponds”, with those fees estimated to be \$7,000 - \$8,000, and have the annual monitoring be forgone. Nolin expects the trail clean up work to be a disaster because of the storm and that was not taken into consideration in the annual forest work plan.

Shackford spoke of a very large pine near the culvert that is leaning into Lead Mine Road that needs to be professionally removed with a crane. Shackford referenced a purchase requisition in the signature items.

Price stated it needs to be done and Brooks seeing it as urgent enough to ask the DRA how to access more funds from the Forest Maintenance account than the \$10,000 granted at Town Meeting.

McKenna questioned if it could wait a year noting that trees that have fallen in the past have been left; it is the beavers that block the culvert causing problems, not trees because they are deep in the mud.

L. Shackford will look into the process for access to more funds from the Forest Maintenance account.

Both Price and Gray agreed that the clean up of the trees needs to be done.

J. Shackford can have that one large tree removed on Thursday morning with the payment coming from the DPW contract services line. The road will need to be closed during the removal. Veilleux asked how long the removal would take and had the expectation of being notified. The answer to those questions was that the Black Brook Road end of the road would be closed for one day and that this discussion is notification that Lead Mine Road will be closed, on that end, beginning Thursday morning at 8:00 am.

The discussion was ended with an agreement that the trees needed to be removed from the bog. Price thanked the Commission members for their attendance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were none.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS Continued:**

**Historical Society Bids for Painting-** Nancy Martin was in attendance on behalf of the Historical Society with two bids for painting of the Historical Society roof and building. The bids were received from Jedrey & Sons Painting and Bdworks Painting. Price asked Martin if the Society had a preference with Martin suggesting Bdworks Painting. It was confirmed that as of 2024 Town Meeting there is \$30,000 available in the Historical Society Building Improvement ETF.

**Motion** by Price, seconded by Gray to use \$23,200.00 out of the Historical Society Building Improvement ETF to have Bdworks Painting perform the painting of the building. The motion passed **2-0**. Shackford will contact the contractor to arrange scheduling.

**Request \$17,833.84 of the Trustees from the Silver Lake Dam Improvement ETF – Motion** by Price, seconded Gray to request the withdrawal by the Trustees of Trust Funds from the Silver

Lake Dam Improvement Expendable Trust Fund in the amount of \$17,833.84. This will reimburse the general fund for payments to MSK Engineers for Invoices #16348 and #16508 and to Bergeron Technical Services, LLC for invoices dated January 11<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The invoices were for an H&H Analysis, a Breach Analysis, review and report of the same for the Silver Lake Dam. The motion passed **2-0**.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Conservation Commission Alternates** – This discussion is tabled until after the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Conservation Commission meeting.

**Selectman Gray's List** – There has been a release of \$9 billion dollars made federally available for PFAS remediation related to drinking water, as reported by Gray, which she will get everyone the information about. Gray also touched upon:

- Following up regarding the suggestion of a bond for the Banfield Hollow roads, L. Shackford will bring this to Town Counsel's attention upon his return;
- In response to a request for details on the organic materials to be added to the ballfield, J. Shackford offered some paperwork which Gray intends to distribute to interested folks;
- Gray confirmed that an ad has been placed advertising for two open DPW general maintenance positions.

**Selectman Price's List** – Thanks was expressed by Price to the DPW, first responders and line crews for their work in the aftermath of the recent storm.

**Administrator's List** – No items.

#### **Department Heads' Lists:**

*DPW Director Shackford* – Shackford relieved Slader's concern and said the crew will be filling in pot holes on Forest Pines soon. Shackford also mentioned:

- Glines Hill Rd was opened today requiring some snow removal;
- Price commented that Lead Mine Road looks great;
- Brush is being burned at the Transfer Station with a lot more expected to be processed;
- The wood chipper clutch went today, parts are trying to be obtained for the 30+ year old unit, Shackford expects the need to rent one in the meantime. Shackford plans to look into hiring a logging truck to pick up piles of wood on the sides of the worst roads;
- Consolidated Communications finally got the lines back up on Horseleg Hill Road on Friday;

Donna Veilleux asked if Modoc Hill Road has been fixed yet. The answer given is that it is closed until a permanent fix is made which will come after the water level is down and the ordered culvert is delivered.

Donna Veilleux stated Lead Mine Road is loaded with trees and brush to which Shackford replied it is all on the list but they are currently dealing with a broken chipper.

*DPW Director Shackford con't -*

- NHEC pole repairs were made to 8 broken ones out between Lead Mine Road and Ossipee Lake Road with a compliment by a line worker that Lead Mine Road was in great shape for a dirt road.

*Chief King* – Caution was suggested by King when encountering water covered roads as demonstrated by a driver that almost made it over the washout on Modoc Hill Road. King complimented the Fire Department for a good save at the King Pine Traditions restaurant.

*Rec Director O'Donnell* – Softball and T-ball are starting very soon reported O'Donnell. Other Rec information included:

- Godzilla v King Kong is the Friday night teen movie;
- Sign-up is open for the Mother's Day Tea and Picnic on May 5<sup>th</sup>;
- Summer Camp registration is still open with 24 of the 40 spots taken;
  - There are have been new counselors hired for this summer with one being a “soon-to-be” certified swim instructor having been hired;
  - O'Donnell received approval from the Board to use the Foot of the Lake Beach on Mondays and Wednesdays for summer campers and Tuesdays for non-camper swim lessons;
  - The benefit of accepting electronic payments has been made apparent by the uptick in traffic at Town Hall. L. Shackford, reminding all that this issue was going to be re-addressed after Town Meeting, offered to contact the bank to begin the set up with discussion of the associated fees to be done at the next meeting.

**SIGNATURE ITEMS:**

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

NHEC RFI and Eversource RFI Assessing Letters

Oath of Office: Old Home Week Committee – Denita Dudley and Jacob Martin

Excavation Tax Levy: Pike Industries Inc. \$222.60

AJ Coleman & Son Inc \$20.00

AJ Coleman & Son Inc \$290.54

AJ Coleman & Son Inc \$2,632.74

Coleman Revocable Trust \$914.72

Intent to Cut: Dennis & Jan Brown – Map 231 Lot 006

Intent to Excavate: Pike Industries Inc 102-003

Purity Spring Resort 249-013

Rec Volunteer Appointment: Remington Snowdon

Purchase Requisition: 2024-DPW-002 Barry's Tree Service \$6,000.00

**5:29 PM Motion** by Price to enter Non-Public Session per **RSA 91-A:3II (b)** The hiring of any person as a public employee.

Roll Call Vote: Gray – aye; Price – aye

**5:42 PM Motion** by Gray, seconded by Price to return to public session and make public the minutes of **Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3II (b)** The hiring of any person as a public employee.

Roll Call Vote: Gray – aye; Price – aye

**5:42 PM Motion** by Price to enter Non-Public Session per **RSA 91-A:3II (b)** The hiring of any person as a public employee.

Roll Call Vote: Gray – aye; Price – aye

**5:58 PM Motion** by Gray, seconded by Price to return to public session and make public the minutes of **Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3II (b)** The hiring of any person as a public employee.

Roll Call Vote: Gray – aye; Price – aye

**Motion** by Gray, seconded by Price to adjourn at 5:58 pm. The motion passed **2-0**.

**NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING** – The next Selectmen’s Meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2024 commencing at 4:30 pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,  
Town Administrator