

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
August 6, 2024
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present – John Arruda, Adam Price, Joy Gray

Others Present –Town Administrator Linda Shackford; Chief Robert King; Lieutenant Jim Hayford; Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Fire Chief Michael Brooks; Videographer Carol Dandeneau; member of the public

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on December 27, 2023.

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 Arruda to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2024 as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

Motion by Gray, seconded by Arruda to approve the non-public minutes of the July 23, 2024 made public as written. The motion passed **3-0**.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST:

Motion by Arruda, seconded by Gray to approve the Manifest of August 5 - 12, 2024 in the amount of \$817,195.57. The manifest breakdown is as follows: \$434,288.26 for accounts payable; \$46,320.57 for payroll; \$11,586.74 for payroll liabilities; and \$325,000 for Madison Schools. The motion passed **3-0**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Cheryl Brooks of Goe Hill Road asked if there are any prerequisites or knowledge that is required for people that would like to serve on Town boards or committees; and if the Town has a conflict of interest policy. The consensus of the Board was that there are not prerequisites other than residency. Price said that though there is no Town policy on conflict of interest, there is an RSA that covers it and it is a personal decision for recusals.

Health Insurance Review – Shackford offered some preliminary information gathered about health insurance. The information received was from HealthTrust and School Care. Shackford wanted this Board to see the information prior to offering it to the Advisory Budget Committee next week. The Board will look at the information again soon with 2025 rates from HealthTrust being announced mid-October and more comparison research being made. Price would like to hear an opinion from people who have School Care.

NHMBB Bond Information – Shackford offered some information regarding the method for obtaining a bond. The Board has spoken about possibly obtaining a bond to pay for the repairs to the Silver Lake Dam. Arruda would like a solid number on the repairs. Shackford will reach out to Town Counsel for advice on the process.

OHW Alcohol Policy Waiver – An annual request from the OHW committee for a waiver of the no alcohol on Town property portion of the Town Property Ordinance was requested in writing.

Motion by Arruda, seconded by Gray to grant the OHW Committees request to waive the Alcohol Policy from August 2nd – 12th, 2024. The motion passed **2-0-1** with Price abstaining as a member of the committee.

Rec Field Trip Money – This item is tabled with Shackford awaiting return phone calls for guidance.

Rec Revolving Fund Requests for Payments: Requests for Payment out of the Rec Revolving Fund were submitted: A Dash of Glitter by Dee for \$1,050.00 and Sea Dog Field Trip - \$840.00.

Motion by Price, seconded by Gray to approve the payment of both. The motion passed **3-0**.

SAU #13 Letter of Recognition for DPW – A letter was received, signed by Superintendent Whaland and School Board Chair Curran, thanking the DPW for their exceptional work in preparing the site at the elementary school for the early childhood program playground. Gray and Price recognized the SAU’s appreciation with Price noting the playground area looks great.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none.

Selectman Gray’s List – The damaged raft at the Foot of the Lake has rallied three different volunteers to fix it offering time and funds. Arruda is of the understanding that the damage was cause by improper use and doesn’t mind fixing it because it wore out but not by intentional abuse. Price took a look at it earlier today and is inclined to fix it with help from the volunteers; Price would like to see it put out again. Price was in contact with Lucas Jesseman and he has volunteered to handle coordinating and performing any repairs. Price would like to take his offer and allow him to obtain necessary supplies from Silver Lake Home Center; the Board was in agreement with Price and appreciate Jesseman’s offer.

Price paused the meeting to enter into non-public session:

5:11 PM Motion by Price, seconded by Arruda to enter **Non-Public Sessions under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a)** The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, 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: Arruda – aye; Gray – aye; Price – aye

5:24 PM Motion by Price, seconded by Arruda to return to public session and make public the minutes of **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. The motion passed **3-0**.

Roll Call Vote: Arruda – aye; Gray – aye; Price - aye

Selectman Arruda's List – The transfer station income is in line with 2023 numbers at a 3% increase. Arruda also mentioned:

- The hauls brought to Mount Carberry from the Transfer Station passed their recent random inspections with two loads passing as clean. Arruda thanks the attendants and patrons for their conscientiousness;
- Arruda spent an informative morning in Concord today at continuing education for his Solid Waste Operator Training class; and
- The operating budget is in line with 61.1% of the budget spent at the 60% point of the year.

Selectman Price's List - Price offered a Rec Program update for O'Donnell noting:

- Registration for field hockey, soccer and flag football are open;
- Summer camp is going very well;
- Heather would like to paint the lower shed at the ballfield with a donation of white paint. Arruda would rather see it be dark green suggesting if the white paint donation falls through, there is green paint at the Transfer Station left over from the guard shed.

Administrator's List – Shackford announced Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday, September 21. Madison residents can take their items to Conway's Transfer Station for no direct fee to them. More information is available at our Transfer Station or on our website.

Department Heads' Lists – DPW Director Shackford offered a written list of projects that the department did over the last two weeks.

SIGNATURE ITEMS

Manifest

Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks

OHW Permit for Raffle

Motion by Price, seconded by Arruda to adjourn at 5:34 pm. The motion passed **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2024 commencing at 4:30 pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator