



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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**Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Madawaska Town Office Board Chambers
April 12, 2022, at 5:30 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard J. Dionne, Christopher Braley, Jason Boucher, Doug Cyr, Manon Raymond
TOWN MANAGER: Gary M. Picard
RECORDING SECRETARY: Nathalie Morneault
OTHERS PRESENT: Denise Duperre, Paul Lausier, Keren Morin

Board of Selectmen Chairman Richard J. Dionne calls the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and established a quorum with Selectmen Christopher Braley, Jason Boucher, Manon Raymond, and Doug Cyr.

- Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Participation.
This portion of the meeting is to allow the public to inform the Board regarding their concerns. Public Participation is limited to ten minutes, of which two minutes will be allotted individually. Please be advised that individuals addressing concerns will be placed on the Board's next regular meeting agenda unless the issue addressed is one of an emergency nature. The Chairperson or Acting Chairperson will use his/her discretion as to whether action on any particular issue should be taken at this meeting. Items regarding personnel issues or town employees cannot be discussed in open session.

Paul Lausier noticed Madawaska Public Works filling in the potholes with cold patch. He stated instead of using a shovel they should look into getting a roller.

Manon Raymond was asked if the Board of Selectmen would sign a flag for Maria Toussaint. She provided the flag and markers for this. She is collecting 13 Maine State Flags signed to signify their support for the families of the Service Members who were killed in Kabul, Afghanistan on August 26, 2021. One flag from each state will be presented to each family.

By Consensus, the board will sign the flag at the end of the meeting.

ARTICLES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF BUSINESS

Article 1 To Consider Other Business and Adjustments to the Agenda.

A request came in by the school to issue a proclamation for Merilda Plourde. She has dedicated 50 years of service to the School Department as an educator. Mrs. Plourde will be recognized in May by the school. The proclamation will be framed and given to her at that time.

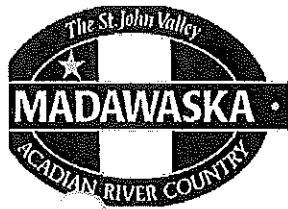
5:33 P.M. Jason Boucher motioned to accept the request and read the proclamation out loud. Douglas Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 2 To Consider the Board Meeting Minutes of March 17, 21 and 31, 2022

5:35 P.M. Christopher Braley motions to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of March 17, 21 and 31, 2022 as presented. Douglas Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 3 To Consider the Treasurer's Warrants.

5:36 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to accept the Treasurer's Warrants as presented. Douglas Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.



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Article 4 To Consider a Proclamation to Declare May 2022 as Community Action and ACAP Month in Madawaska.

ACAP is celebrating 50 years of service in Aroostook County. May is annually designated as Community Action Month nationally. They would like the Town of Madawaska Board of Selectmen to pass a proclamation declaring May 2022 as Community Action and ACAP Month for Madawaska.

5:39 P.M. Jason motions to approve the request for the Proclamation to declare May 2022 as Community Action and ACAP month in Madawaska and designated Christopher Braley to read the proclamation out loud. Christopher Braley seconded the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 5 To Consider the Amended Caribou Solar Power LLC Tariff Agreement.

Caribou Solar Power LLC was awarded the contract earlier this year. The Agreement Payment in Lieu of Taxes needed to be clarified in the event a completed solar project does / does not come to Madawaska the agreement would remain in effect. The projected timeline for the Presque Isle project is set to be completed this fall.

5:39 P.M. Christopher Braley motions to accept the proposed amendment and execute the agreement with Caribou Solar Power LLC's Tariff Agreement. Douglas Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 6 To Consider a Request for the Board of Selectmen to Place a Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for Consideration by the Townspeople.

Keren Morin gave a presentation to the board of Selectmen about Food Sovereignty Ordinance. Right now, someone who makes food products in their home kitchen needs to apply for licenses through the Department of Agriculture, needing inspections of their kitchen, and sending products to be tested before selling their products. If the towns people would vote in a Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance this would eliminate the licenses, inspections and testing. Under this Ordinance, any sale of product could be taken place at home. This also excludes the sale of meats, poultry, online sales, and mail delivery. If a seller wants to sell at a farmer's market they would need the proper licensing due to selling outside their home.

5:51 P.M. Jason Boucher makes the motion to place the Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Christopher Braley seconds the motion.

The Town Manager stated this will need to have a Public Hearing first before being placed on the Annual Town Warrant.

The Farmer's Market is supposed to be governed by Farmers not a board. It is not a structure it's a community. The Farmers market is run by paying a fee for membership to utilize the market.

All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 7 To Consider an Update by the Code Enforcement Officer Regarding Updated Permit, Variance and Appeal Applications, and Associated Fees.

Code Enforcement Officer, Denise Duperre updated the board on various applications she has been working on updating and creating a PDF version for better access. As of 2022 Shoreland is requiring Before and After pictures to be taken. The CEO still has some applications that have not been completed yet to be viewed such as After the Fact permits, and driveway opening applications. *The Board will wait to consider the applications when the whole package is ready.*



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Article 8 To Consider an Approval for a Shortened Nomination Period for One Vacant Position on the School Committee, as authorized by M.R.S.A 30-A 2528 (4)(E).

The School Board has a vacancy on the committee, they can appoint a person until the next election. Because of the filing deadline from the election is passed, they can elect for a shortened nomination process per the boards authorization.

6:22 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to approve the Shortened Nomination period for the one vacancy on the School Committee. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 9 To Consider a Request by the Public Works Dept. to Transfer Funds from the Road Projects Reserve Account.

Public Works is requesting a transfer of funds to pay for Caron's Paving & Sealing in the amount of \$59,075 from the Road Project Reserve Account.

6:23 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to transfer the funds to pay for Caron's Paving & Sealing in the amount of \$59,075 from the Road Project Reserve Account. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 10 To Consider a Request by the Parks & Recreation Dept to Transfer Funds from the Fitness Center Equipment Reserve Account to Purchase a New Water & Bottle Filling Fountain.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to replace a water fountain with a Water Fountain with Bottle Filling Station with filter for the Fitness Center. 1 quote was received in the amount of \$1,720.42. Selectmen asked if someone had checked on amazon due to a cheaper price. The one from amazon does not have any installation, warranty, and service like the one quoted.

6:25 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to approve the request by the Parks and Recreation Department to transfer funds from the Fitness Center Equipment Reserve account to purchase a new Water and Bottle Filling Fountain. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Next Board Meeting: Saturday, April 16 for Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee

Adjournment

6:29 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to adjourn. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.