



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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**Madawaska Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes
Madawaska Town Office Board Chambers
August 24, 2021, 5:30 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard J. Dionne, Christopher Braley, Jason Boucher, Manon Raymond, Doug Cyr
TOWN MANAGER: Gary M. Picard
RECORDING SECRETARY: Nathalie Morneault
OTHERS PRESENT: Grace Cammack, John Gantner, Bill Francis all from Engie, Connor McCarthy from Novel, Jason Houston, Hannah Catlin

Board of Selectmen Chairman Richard Dionne calls the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m. and established a quorum with Chris Braley, Jason Boucher, Manon Raymond, and Doug Cyr.

- **Pledge of Allegiance.**

ARTICLES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF BUSINESS

Richard J. Dionne asked the board if they would allow other business due to some pressing matters to be taken at the end of the meeting.

5:30 P.M. **Jason Boucher motions to allow the other business after the presentations. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 1 To Hear a Proposal from Engie / Madawaska Solar, LLC to Provide the Town of Madawaska Solar Energy Supply for the Town's Facilities.

Engie is the number one distributed energy storage company in the United States. They are the top 3 largest commercial electricity provider in North America. Wind, Solar and energy services are available throughout New England, California, Texas, and Illinois. They do give money to the community's committees as a financial benefit. There are currently 4 areas in Aroostook County, Caribou, Ashland, Grand Isle, and Madawaska. They buy or lease Land up to 30-40 years. Construction of the site in Madawaska is set to begin preliminary site work and road building in September 2021 then resume in the spring. Engie installs native vegetation at its projects. No maintenance will be required from the town. The panels sit 3 feet off the ground. Anyone is eligible for credits, values of the credits can change or be on a fixed rate. Credits can be carried over but only good for 12 months. Given the data the Town of Madawaska shared, Madawaska could have a savings of \$16,600 on a fixed discount of 15% at a 20-year contract length. There are penalties for canceled contract. Advance notice would give time to find a new subscriber.

Article 2 To Hear a Proposal from Novel Energy Solutions, LLC to Provide the Town of Madawaska Solar Energy for the Town's Facilities.

Novel Energy Solution LLC is a Minnesota family-owned farm business. They do community support also as a financial benefit. They currently have partnered with the St. John Valley Technology Center for education classes. They have 6 sites in the Aroostook County. No upfront cost. Discount rate of 15% for a contract of 5 years, with a term replacement of 2 years. No change on how electricity is received.

- To Consider a Proposal from Nordic Solar Power, LLC to Provide Solar Energy Supply to the Town of Madawaska's Public Facilities.



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Nordic Solar Power, LLC is based out of Aroostook County. They would offer 15% discount. They were not present at the meeting to present but did include a letter that was provided to the board members.

No action was taken.

Other Business

- To Consider a Quit-Claim Deed for Account #2718, Property Located at 116 5th Avenue, Tax Map 3 Lot 118A.

116 5th Ave was a Tax Acquired property, by law the owner has the right to redeem if all taxes are paid.

7:02 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to approve the quit-claim deed for Account #2718, property located on 116 5th ave. Chris Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

- To Consider a Catering Permit Application for Country Farm Market, LLC, for an Event at Chapel & Green Point Road.

A catering permit was submitted by the Country Farm Market, LLC for an event on September 17, 2021, on Chapel Road.

7:03 P.M. Chris Braley motions to approve the catering permit application for Country Farm Market, LLC, for a private event at Chapel Road. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Adjournment

7:04 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to adjourn. Chris Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.