



TOWN OF MADAWASKA  
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**Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Thursday December 12, 2019 at 6:00 pm  
Madawaska Town Office Council Chambers**

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** Donald Chasse, Doug Cyr, Laurie Gagnon, and David Morin

**TOWN MANAGER:** Gary M. Picard

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Nathalie Morneault

**OTHER PRESENT:** Paul Lausier, Larry Fournier, Jason Boucher, Aaron Cyr, Scott Gendreau, Jim Soucy, Kevin Dube, Gerald Ouellette, Ross Dubois, Dana Gendreau, Donna Leonard, Keith Cyr, Robert Bosse, Michael Cowie, Ken Dionne, Rodney Albert, Yves Lizotte, Albert Lachance, Morgan Mitchell, Dan Pelletier, Dan Daigle, Scott Levesque, Bryan Albert, Jacques Lizotte, Michael Chamberland, Gary Dufour, Paul Lausier, Joel Lavoie, Dick Gendreau

**Chairman Donald Chasse calls the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. and established a quorum with Selectmen Doug Cyr, Laurie Gagnon, and David Morin.**

**Article 1** Pledge of Allegiance.

**Article 2** To Consider Other Business and Adjustments to the Agenda.

*No Other Business and Adjustments to the Agenda.*

**Article 3** To Consider an Executive Session for Personnel Matters per: 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(A).

**6:02 P.M.** Doug Cyr motions to enter into executive session per "1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(A)" to discuss personnel matters. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**6:32 P.M.** Doug Cyr motions to exit executive session per "1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)" discussing personnel matters. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

*Post Executive Session Action:*

The Board of Selectmen addressed issues that was brought up at the November 25 informational meeting.

1. 3 Mil Tax Increase
  2. Undesignated Fund Balance
  3. Employees/Social Media/Accusations
- Petition - Questions were asked regarding the petition:
    - Any information or evidence that the town manager has done contrary to what the Board has asked him to do?
    - Any evidence the town manager has acted improperly?
    - Any evidence the town manager is not forthright?
    - Any information that the board should know that the town manager has done something wrong?
  - Auditors – A statement was read from RHR Smith, there is no evidence of missing monies/fund balance.

**6:56 P.M.** Doug Cyr makes a motion to terminate the petition at this time, recommended by Rudman & Winchell (Legal Opinion). David Morin seconds the motion. Donald Chasse, Doug Cyr, and David Morin are in favor, and Laurie Gagnon abstains.



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**Article 4** Public Participation.

A resident gave some advice on leaving the past behind and bringing the numbers/facts to the table.

A resident voiced Orchids Restaurant was closed until further notice.

A resident voiced how the Board should take a proactive stance on the online gossip.

***Donald Chasse gave the meeting over to Doug Cyr and stepped down to the audience for public participation.***

A resident gave a statement about personal attacks and cyber bullying.

A resident gave a statement regarding the situation with Twin Rivers should have been looked at before spending money.

**Vice Chairman Doug Cyr gives the meeting back to Chairman Donald Chasse.**

A resident asked if the Town of Madawaska can go back after Twin Rivers?

**Article 5** To Consider the Treasurers Warrants.

**7:20 P.M.** Laurie Gagnon motions to accept the Treasurers Warrants as presented. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 6** To Consider the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2019, and the Board of Selectmen / Madawaska School Committee Joint Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2019.

**7:22 P.M.** David Morin motions to accept the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of November 19, 2019 as presented. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**7:23 P.M.** David Morin motions to accept the Board of Selectmen/Madawaska School Committee Joint Meeting minutes of December 2, 2019 as presented. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 7** To Consider one Board of Selectmen to be Appointed to the Finance Committee.

**7:23 P.M.** David Morin motions to appoint Laurie Gagnon to the Finance Committee as a Board of Selectmen Representative replacing Donald Chasse. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

The Board of Selectmen would like the Town Manager to advertise the open positions available on the different committees.

**7:25 P.M.** Doug Cyr motions to appoint Donald Chasse to the Library Committee replacing Alan Nash-Pelletier position. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.



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**Article 8** To Discuss the Town's Prior Dumping of Snow in Public Ways Ordinance.

No motion was made; The Board of Selectmen will continue to follow state law and have the police department handle with warnings/tickets.

**Article 9** UDAG Business Account # 5327; To Consider Placing Insurance Coverages on Collateralized Business Equipment.

**7:53 P.M.** **Doug Cyr motions to not place insurance coverages on collateralized business equipment for UDAG Business Account# 5327 at this time. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. 3 members are in favor and David Morin is opposed.**

**7:55 P.M.** **Laurie Gagnon motions to continue the Board of Selectmen meeting due to exceeding the 2-hour maximum. Doug Cyr seconds the motion, but not to exceed ½ hour if possible. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Article 10** Updates by the Economic & Community Development Director.

- Update on PTAC Meeting
- CDBG Façade Program
- Update on Route 1 Sidewalk Project

**Article 11** To Consider Approval of Property Tax Account Amendments.

A listing was provided of 2019 Town of Madawaska real estate accounts that require supplemental billing/abatements due to oversight and not being updated in the billing system.

**8:05 P.M.** **Laurie Gagnon motions to accept the proposed supplemental billing and abatement listing. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Article 12** To Consider the VRF and NARAA Committee Reports.

No VRF and NARAA Committee Reports at this time.

**Article 13** Town Manager's Report.

No Town Manager's Report at this time.

**Article 14** To Consider an Executive Session for Economic Development Purposes per: 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6)(E).

**8:08 P.M.** **Doug Cyr motions to enter into executive session pursuant to "1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(E)" to discuss Economic Development purposes. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**



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**8:58 P.M.** Laurie Gagnon motions to exit executive session pursuant to “1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(E)” discussing Economic Development purposes. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

*Post-Executive Session action:*

Laurie Gagnon motions to approve the proposal for services by NMDC, to create an application and for the \$5500 to come out of the downtown revitalization fund. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**9:02 P.M.** Laurie Gagnon motions to adjourn. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Next Board Meeting: *January 13, 2020 at 6:00 PM*