



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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Madawaska Board of Selectmen / Madawaska School Committee Joint Meeting Minutes
Monday December 2, 2019 at 4:00 pm
Madawaska School Council Chambers

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

TOWN MANAGER: Gary M. Picard

RECORDING SECRETARY: Nathalie Morneault

OTHER PRESENT: Eric Cyr, Scott Cyr, Paul Desjardins, Jackie Albert, Dana Gendreau, Jim Soucy, Gerald Ouellette, Samuel Cyr, Guy Dube, Bryan Albert, Tim Poitras, Paul Cyr, Morgan Mitchell, Jessica Blalock

Chairman Donald Chasse calls the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. and established a quorum with Selectmen Doug Cyr, Laurie Gagnon, and David Morin.

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

Other Business will take place after Article 4; Selectmen will go downstairs

Article 2 Discussion / updates on the Valley Unified School Process.

- Currently on Step 6 out of 21
- Meeting Dec 10 for Site Selection recommendation for Frenchville Site
- Public Hearing will be held Jan / Feb, 3 separate communities for a straw poll
- Projected 2-3-year construction time for the school

The Board of Selectmen presented the school committee with a Resolve of the Board of Selectmen.

4:13 P.M **Doug Cyr motions to accept the resolve for discussion. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion for discussion.** A couple of members have a problem with the wording. **Don Chasse and Doug Cyr are in favor, David Morin and Laurie Gagnon are not in favor. Motion did not pass.** Will revisit tonight after Article 4 when meeting moves downstairs.

Article 3 Discussion / updates regarding the 2019 Town Mil Rate and Upcoming Budgets.

- Twin Rivers Arbitration
- Looking for Reductions – Increase in revenue sharing, Homestead increase
- 7 months left of budget

Article 4 Discussion / updates on the Madawaska Community Gym Agreement.

A review of the Madawaska Community Gym Agreement was presented. This agreement is good for 24 months and both committees need to agree.

4:45 P.M. **David Morin motions to accept the 2020-2022 Madawaska School Department and Town of Madawaska Agreement for the Madawaska Community Gym as presented. All are in favor and motion carries.**



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Representatives from School Committee Robert Poiesz motioned to accept the 2020-2022 Madawaska School Department and Town of Madawaska agreement for the Community Gym as presented. Tom Kent seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Board of Selectmen quorum reconvened at 4:50 P.M. downstairs in the Town Office Council Chambers.

Other Business:

1. To Consider a Liquor License Renewal Application for the American Legion.

4:51 P.M. Laurie Gagnon motions to accept the liquor license renewal application for the American Legion as presented. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

2. Discussion on the Budget
 - Work with Department Heads
 - Need to get to 90 days operating funds
 - Need a “work session” to overlook the next 7 months of budget

3. Revisit Resolve of the Madawaska Board of Selectmen (Tabled upstairs)

Resolve of the Madawaska Board of Selectmen

Whereas, the Valley Regional Site Selection Committee recently came to unanimous consensus in selecting Frenchville as the best site for a new Regional Middle/High School;

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Madawaska Select Board goes on record as formally endorsing the Site Selection Committee’s unanimous recommendation of Frenchville as the best site for the new school.

5:15 P.M. David Morin motions to accept the Resolve as present. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

A discussion was made regarding how to reach out to Madawaska Citizens to keep them informed of the meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Laurie Gagnon motions to adjourn at **5:25 P.M.**; Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Next BOS Meeting: December 17 at 5:30 P.M.