



TOWN OF MADAWASKA  
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**Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday February 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM  
Madawaska Town Office Council Chambers**

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** Denise Duperre; Chairman, Donald Chasse, Brenda Theriault, and Alan Nash-Pelletier

**TOWN MANAGER:** Gary M. Picard

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Nathalie Morneau

**OTHER PRESENT:** Kevin Dube, Morgan Mitchell, Dana Gendreau, Jim Soucy, Gerald Ouellette, Keith Cyr, Mark Carter

**Chairman Duperre calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and established a quorum with Selectmen Donald Chasse, Brenda Theriault, and Alan Nash-Pelletier.**

**Article 1** To consider the January 15, 2019 and January 29, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting minutes.

**6:31 P.M.** Brenda Theriault motions to accept the minutes of January 15 and January 29, 2019. Donald Chasse seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 2** To consider a period of public participation.

*No Public Participation.*

**Article 3** To consider other business and adjustments to the agenda.

*No Other Business and Adjustments to the agenda.*

**Article 4** To Consider the Treasurers Warrants.

**6:32 P.M.** Brenda Theriault motions to accept the Treasurers Warrants. Alan Nash-Pelletier seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 5** To Consider a Change Order Proposal to the Downtown Building Demolition Project.

**6:35 P.M.** Donald Chasse motions to award a change order in the amount of \$125,550 to Ed Pelletier and Sons for the work included in the demolition of the structures located at 342, 344, and 346 Main Street. Brenda Theriault seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 6** To Consider appointments to the Kmart Plaza Advisory Group.

**6:39 P.M.** Brenda Theriault motions to appoint the top 11 members to the Mid-Town Shopping Plaza Committee. Alan Nash-Pelletier seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.



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*Town Manager, Gary M. Picard read the appointed members as follows: Keith Cyr, Gary M. Picard, Donald Chasse, Denise Duperre, Vince Sirois, Kevin Dube, Alex Daigle, J.J. Roy, Nick Guerrette, Denise Hebert, and Corey Pelletier.*

**Article 7** To Consider an Application for Abatement of Property Taxes by the Twin Rivers Paper Company LLC, previously tabled for further consideration at the January 29, 2019 Emergency Board of Selectmen Meeting.

**6:43 P.M.** Donald Chasse motions after due consideration of Twin Rivers Paper Company's Abatement Application for the April 1, 2018 property tax year, timely filed by the taxpayer on January 16, 2019, the Board denies the application. The taxpayer has failed to demonstrate that the assessment is manifestly wrong. It is acknowledged that the taxpayer came forward with further arguments which amplified its reasons for abatement set forth in Attachment A to its Abatement Application warrant a lower valuation, in a meeting with the Trac Committee on February 7, 2019, the Board is not convinced of the merit of those arguments. The taxpayer is now able to appeal this denial within 60 days of the date of this decision to the State Board of Property Tax Review. It is, however, this Board's hope and expectation that the taxpayer will continue to engage in dialogue with the town assessors so that this matter can be resolved on fair and equitable grounds. Twin Rivers will also receive a copy of this motion in writing, with a cover letter signed by the Chair of the Board. Alan Nash-Pelletier seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

*Danielle Campbell enters the meeting at 7:00 P.M.*

**Article 8** To Consider Proposals from RealTerm Energy and Emera Maine for a Street Light Upgrade Project of Existing High-pressure Sodium Street Lights to LED.

A presentation was done by Mark Carter, RealTerm Energy Representative. No action was taken by the board at this time, will revisit on the next board meeting.

**Article 9** To Consider an updates on Grand Plan Madawaska.

- None of the committee's have met this month.
- Town Manager did report that the building demolitions on main street is set to be demolished around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Brenda Theriault motions to adjourn at 7:37 P.M.; Alan Nash-Pelletier seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

*Next Board of Selectmen Meeting: March 11, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.*