



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Tuesday February 18, 2020 @ 4:30 PM
Madawaska Town Office Council Chambers

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

TOWN MANAGER: Gary M. Picard

RECORDING SECRETARY: Nathalie Morneault

OTHER PRESENT: Paul Lausier, Gerald Ouellette, Kevin Dube, Keith Cyr, Jim Soucy, Donna Leonard, Real Hebert, Gary Dufour, Jamie Pelletier, Brent Bridges, Sharon Boucher, Dana Gendreau, Pete Williams, Kelsie and Robert Dionne, Melissa Williams, and Leo Cyr.

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 Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 2 Public Participation.

A resident voiced an FYI about Shop and Save no longer ordering plastic bags in April. He also voiced how the town should reach out to Save A Lot.

Article 3 To Consider Other Business and Adjustments to the Agenda.

- 1) Authorization of the Mercedes-Benz Master Installer Lease Agreement for the Public Works 2019 Plow Truck.

4:37 P.M. A motion was offered by Laurie Gagnon, seconded by Doug Cyr, and carried by a vote of 4 to 0 to approve entering into a Master Installment Purchase Agreement with Mercedes-Benz Financial Services USA LLC for the purpose of purchasing, via a financing contract, the equipment listed on the attachment. The cost shall not exceed the figure specified in agreement letter. Motion Carried.

The 2019 Plow Truck was approved at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting on June 10, 2019. The plow trucks estimated time can take up to 9 months to receive.

- 2) Acceptance of Donation of Police Car Lighting Upfit Equipment to the Madawaska Police Department.

4:40 P.M. David Morin motions to accept the donation for Police Car Lighting upfit equipment for the Madawaska Police Department. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

- 3) Request by Bob Neighborhood Store for Snowmobile Access on Town Property near the Central Building Supply Materials Lot.
 - A landowner has some safety concerns regarding the access trail by their house/business. Snowmobilers are using their driveway to connect to the sidewalk.
 - A resident posed a question regarding speed limit signs and if the trail can be re-routed.
 - Bob Neighborhood Store owner presented the board with a worksheet on distance, intersections, road and driveway crosses for area gas stations including their own.



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4:55 P.M. Doug Cyr motions to table the discussion until the snowmobile club can be present. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Donald Chasse asked to add an article to the agenda as other business and read a statement resigning as the Board of Selectmen effective after the local election in June 2020.

5:05 P.M. David Morin motions to accept Donald Chasse resignation effective after the local election in June. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Adjustment: Article 9 & 10 will follow after Article 3

Article 9 To Consider the Downtown Revitalization Pocket Park Projects, Discussion with the Town's Engineers Woodard & Curran.

Brent Bridges gave a presentation with year to date expenditures, work / service contracts executed but no paid, and showed the board some pictures of 2 pocket parks deigns. *The board would like to meet to discuss further into the 2 parks, for solutions/modifications to be made.*

Article 10 To Consider the Downtown Revitalization Street Light Upgrade Project, Discussion with the Town's Engineers Woodard & Curran.

Brent Bridges gave a presentation on the Downtown Revitalization Street Light Upgrade projects. These lights will help with pedestrian safety on the sidewalks, have lighting away from intersections, and have lights facing towards the buildings. *No motions was made.*

6:30 P.M. Doug Cyr motions to continue the board of selectmen meeting due to the 2-hour maximum. David Morin seconds the meeting. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 4 To Consider the Treasurers Warrants.

6:53 P.M. Laurie Gagnon motions to accept the Treasurers Warrants. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 5 To Consider the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2019, January 13, 2020, and the Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2020.

6:54 P.M. Doug Cyr motions to accept the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2019, January 13, 2020 and the Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2020 as presented. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 6 To Consider Property Tax Abatement Request for Accounts # 865, 828, 2648 and 1201.

6:57 P.M. David Morin motions to accept the tax abatement request for account 865 due to decrease in property value. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.



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- 6:58 P.M.** Doug Cyr motions to accept the tax abatement request for account 828 due to a grade reduction on the building. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.
- 7:00 P.M.** David Morin motions to accept the tax abatement request for account 2648 due to shed being removed from property for many years. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. 3 board members are in favor and Laurie Gagnon abstains due to being an employee. Motion Carries.
- 7:02 P.M.** David Morin motions to accept the tax abatement request for account 1201 due to garage not built before the April 1 deadline. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.
- Article 7** To Consider 2020 Resolution for Membership, and Appointment of Voting Delegate / Alternative Delegate to the Maine Service Center Coalition.
- 7:05 P.M.** Doug Cyr motions to appoint Gary M Picard for Voting Delegate and Dana L. Gendreau as Alternate Delegate to the Maine Service Center Coalition. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 8 To Consider the VRF and NARAA Committee Reports.

No VRF and NARAA Committee Reports to present, no monthly meeting was held.

Article 11 Town Manager's Report.

- Public Works furnaces are not functioning properly. They will need to be replaced at some point. Selectman, David Morin volunteers to check out the furnaces as another opinion.
- Flood Insurance for the Campground is due to renew. Town Manager recommends to not renew this year.
- Public Works will have an employee resigning. There will be a posting for an anticipated opening with no deadline.
- Facebook Page – Discussion was had on comment section.

ADJOURNMENT

7:35 P.M. Laurie Gagnon motions to adjourn. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Next Meeting: Budget Meeting February 25, 2020 at 6:00 PM
Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting March 9, 2020 at 5:00 PM
Budget Meeting March 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM