



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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**Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday January 13, 2020 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: Gerald Ouellette, Paul Lausier, Arleen Cyr, Kevin Dube, Sharon Boucher, Dana Gendreau, Eric Cyr, Ken Gendreau, Chris Braley, Bert Lachance, Jamie Pelletier, Keith Cyr, Sam Cyr, Jason Boucher, Dan Daigle, Ross Dubois

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 Public Participation.

A resident asked if the Public Works plow crew can be put on 12 hour shifts to eliminate slushy/slippery roads.

A resident commended the Town Manager for heroic effort upon arrival of a crash scene and removing the trapped lady inside.

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

Article 10 will be removed, article was done on December 12 meeting.

No other business or adjustments to the agenda.

Article 4 To Consider the Treasurers Warrants.

6:06 P.M. Doug Cyr motions to accept the Treasurers Warrants as presented. Laurie Gagnon 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.

6:07 P.M. Laurie Gagnon motions to accept the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2019 as presented. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 6 To Consider a Sewer Abatement Request for Account # 158.

6:08 P.M. David Morin motions to accept the sewer abatement request for account #158, due to being billed at an incorrect rate table. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.



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Article 7 To Consider a Property Tax Abatement Request for Account # 2606.

6:19 P.M. **Laurie Gagnon motions to deny the property tax abatement request for account #2606. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 8 To Consider Board Appointments for Vacancies on the Finance Committee.

6:21 P.M. **Laurie Gagnon motions to appoint Chris Braley and Ken Gendreau to the vacant positions on the Finance Committee. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 9 To Consider one Board Appointment to the Northern Aroostook Airport Authority.

6:23 P.M. **Doug Cyr motions to appoint Paul Chasse to the Northern Aroostook Airport Authority. Dave Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 10 ~~To Consider one Board of Selectmen to be Appointed to the Madawaska Public Library.~~

Article 11 To Consider Discussion Regarding Vacancies on the 2020 Acadian Festival Committee.

Discussion was had on the 2020 Acadian Festival Committee members, currently Sharon Boucher at the Chamber will be the point person. Jane Carter will be helping Sharon for planning purposes, and a treasurer will remain the same. The Festival committee would be required to continue fundraising for the event. The town of Madawaska will provide some resources and manpower. (*ex. Police, Public Works, Ambulance, Rec Department*). No Motion was made.

Article 12 To Consider a Request by the Madawaska Police Association (MPA) to Abolish the MPA and Join the New England Benevolent Police Association.

No more was made; Police Lieutenant Jamie Pelletier gave a presentation on behalf of the Madawaska Police Association on their plans on moving forward with the New England Benevolent Police Association.

Article 13 To Consider the Draft Town of Madawaska Communications & Social Media Policy.

6:57 P.M. **Dave Morin motions to accept the draft for the Town of Madawaska Communications & Social Media Policy as presented. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 14 To Consider 2019-2020 Year-to-Date Town Financials.

A review of the current budget and potential spending reductions was presented. No motion was made.

Article 15 To Consider the VRF and NARAA Committee Reports.



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No motion was made; A review of the minutes was presented.

Article 16 Town Manager's Report.

- MEMIC Workers Compensation dividend.
- DECD Downtown Revitalization Grant.
- Aroostook County Fiscal Year Change.
- Employee Years of Service Recognitions.

ADJOURNMENT

7:43 P.M. Laurie Gagnon motions to adjourn. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Next Board Meeting:

Finance Committee Meeting: January 27, 2020 @ 4 pm
Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting: January 30, 2020 @ 4:30 pm
Board of Selectmen Meeting: February 10, 2020 @ 6 pm