



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Madawaska Town Office Board Chambers
January 20, 2022 at 5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard J. Dionne, Christopher Braley, Jason Boucher, Doug Cyr
TOWN MANAGER: Gary M. Picard
RECORDING SECRETARY: Nathalie Morneault
OTHERS PRESENT: Caryl Albert, Denise Duperre

Board of Selectmen Chairman Richard Dionne calls the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and established a quorum with Selectmen Christopher Braley, Jason Boucher and Doug Cyr.

- **Pledge of Allegiance.**
- **Public Participation.**

This portion of the meeting is to allow the public to inform the Board regarding their concerns. Public Participation is limited to ten minutes, of which two minutes will be allotted individually. Please be advised that individuals addressing concerns will be placed on the Board's next regular meeting agenda unless the issue addressed is one of an emergency nature. The Chairperson or Acting Chairperson will use his/her discretion as to whether action on any particular issue should be taken at this meeting. Items regarding personnel issues or town employees cannot be discussed in open session.

No Public Participation at this time.

ARTICLES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF BUSINESS

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

Jason Boucher asked if the board could discuss masking at the multi-purpose. This will be Article 9.

Article 2 To Consider the Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, and 28, 2021.

5:32 P.M. **Jason Boucher motions to approve the board meeting minutes of December 14, and 28, 2021 as presented. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 3 To Consider the Treasurer's Warrants.

5:33 P.M. **Christopher Braley motions to accept the Treasure's Warrants as presented. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 4 To Consider Authorizing the Tax Collector & Town Manager to Process and Approve Tax Abatement Applications for Tax Accounts Having Billing Errors.

This article was brought to the boards attention because personal property was keyed into trio and called some billing error. Homestead Exemptions were also removed y accident. The Tax Collector and Town Manger would make a report on what was done to present to the board.



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5:36 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to approve the authorization of the Tax Collector and Town Manger to process and approve Tax Abatement applications for tax accounts that have billing errors made internally including errors done by the assessor. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 5 To Consider the Appointment of Denise Duperre as Information Access Officer.

Currently, Town Manager Gary M. Picard was board appointed for the Information Access Officer. Denise Duperre did take the Maine Municipal Association Public Service Training for Managing Freedom of Access Requests class.

5:38 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to appoint Denise Duperre as Information Access Officer. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 6 To Consider a Request by the Police Dept. to Withdraw Funds from the Capital Repairs Reserve Account for the Upfitting Costs of the New Police Cruiser.

5:40 P.M. Christopher Braley motions to approve the request for the Upfitting Costs of the New Police Cruiser to withdraw the funds from the Police Departments Capital Repairs Reserve Account in the amount of \$8,612.58. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 7 To Consider an Agreement with the Zerbini Family Circus for a Family Circus Event on August 13 & 14, 2022.

This event is no cost to the town of Madawaska. The agreement between the Recreation Department and the Zerbini Family circus is the Circus will be charged \$250.00 for the use of water and garbage collection. This event will be August 13 and 14, 2022.

5:42 P.M. Christopher Braley motions to accept the agreement with the Zerbini Family Circus for a Family Circus event on August 13 and 14, 2022 as presented. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 8 To Consider Amendments to the Town of Madawaska Employee Vaccination, Testing, Face Covering, and COVID-19 Paid Leave Policy.

An amendment to the current Town of Madawaska Employee Vaccination, Testing, Face Covering, and COVID-19 paid leave policy is needed due to taking out OSHA's requirements for testing.

5:44 P.M. Christopher Braley motions to accept the amendments to the Town of Madawaska Employee Vaccination, Testing, Face Coving, and COVID – 19 Paid Leave Policy as presented. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 9 Mask Issue at the Multi -Purpose Center.

The reasoning behind the mask issue is because the school works hard for pool testing and masking indoors for Students.

By consensus, the board strongly recommends posting that mask are strongly recommended in the building.



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Adjournment

6:00 P.M.

Jason Boucher motions to adjourn. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.