



TOWN OF MADAWASKA  
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**Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Madawaska Town Office Board Chambers  
January 24, 2022, at 5:30 pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard J. Dionne, Christopher Braley, Jason Boucher, Doug Cyr, Manon Raymond  
**TOWN MANAGER:** Gary M. Picard  
**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Nathalie Morneault  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Caryl Albert, Denise Duperre, Emily Jerkins, Sam Cyr via Zoom

**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, Manon Raymond, 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.

By Consensus, the board will talk about Masking at the Multi-Purpose and a request by a taxpayer.

- Last Meeting, there was discussion on Masking at the Multi-Purpose for ice skating. Signs have been placed at the entrances of the Multi and skate room, stating "Mask Strongly Recommended." The feedback from over the weekend is a majority of kids ice skating and walkers are not masking regardless of the signs. The Multi-Purpose is seeing an average of 60 kids in attendance a night. Jason Boucher attended a PTA event hosted by the school last week, volunteers were at the entrance making sure masks. Questions were asked about staff enforcement, and other activities that the multi-purpose hosts.

**5:45 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to have mandatory mask at public events at the multi-purpose with the exception of sport activities / hockey. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. 2 board members are in favor, 3 members are against. Motion defeated.

- Linda Anne Cyr wrote a letter to the board wanting to donate 30 chairs to the Madawaska Recreation Department.

**5:48 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to allow Sam Cyr, Recreation Director, to decide to accept/deny the donation after viewing the chairs. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.



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**Article 2** To Consider the Board Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2022.

**5:49 P.M.** **Jason Boucher motions to accept the board meeting minutes of January 20, 2022 as presented. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Article 3** To Consider the Treasurer's Warrants.

**5:50 P.M.** **Jason Boucher motions to accept the Treasure's Warrants as presented. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Article 4** To Consider a Recommendation to Award a Contract by the Town Engineers, Woodard & Curran for the Kmart Plaza Buildings Demolition Project.

2 Bidders were submitted for the Kmart Plaza Building Demolition Project. Ed Pelletier and Sons Company came in with a bid of \$464,940.00 and J.R. Vinagro Corporation had a bid of \$1,134,000.00. They have both done similar projects for Woodward and Curran. Both Woodward & Curran and Town Manager would recommend accepting Ed Pelletier and Sons Company's bid.

**5:52 P.M.** **Jason Boucher motions to accept the recommendation and award the Contract for the Kmart Plaza Building Demolition Project to Ed Pelletier and Sons Company in the amount of \$464,940.00. Douglas Cyr seconds the motion.**

Pre-Construction meeting is set to begin on Thursday, and the project could begin to next couple of weeks. Public Works is looking into salvaging the furnaces, circulating pumps and controls.

**All board members are in favor and motion carried.**

**Article 5** To Consider a Work Order Proposal by the Town's Engineer's, Woodard and Curran, for the Next Phase of Planning & Engineering of the Kmart Plaza Infrastructure & Revitalization Project.

Brent Bridges is unavailable to present on this article and will be available February 7, 2022.

**5:55 P.M.** **Jason Boucher motions to table the article 5, regarding a work order proposal by the Town's Engineer's Woodward and Curran, for the next phase of Planning and Engineering of the Kmart Plaza Infrastructure & revitalization project due to Brent Bridges being unavailable. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Article 6** To Consider Bids Received for Tax and Sewer Lien Acquired Properties.

1 Bid was received for the 296 Main Street property. A bid of \$15,250 with a \$1,525 10% deposit was included from Pell-Four Properties LLC.

**5:57 P.M.** **Jason Boucher motions to accept the \$15,250 bid for the 296 Main Street property. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

No bids came in for French Street property.

**Article 7** To Consider the Scheduling of Budget Meeting Dates.

The Finance Committee will be invited right away to the meetings. There may be a possible Saturday budget meeting if schedules can align. This would be held at the safety complex to allow more room.



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Biggest unknown is cost of fuel, energy, heating oil and Labor cost.

**Article 8** To Consider the Annual Evaluation of the Town Manager, Executive Session Recommended per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A).

**6:07 P.M.** Manon Raymond motions to enter into executive session recommended per “1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) for annual evaluation of the Town Manager. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

**7:03 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to exit out of executive session recommended per “1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(A) discussing the evaluation of the Town Manager. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Post Executive Session Action:**

Good Evaluation with the Town Manager. Positive and areas to work on discussed.

**Adjournment**

**7:05 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to adjourn. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Next Meetings:** February 7, 2022, at 5:30 P.M.