



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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Madawaska Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting Minutes
Thursday January 30, 2020 at 4:30 pm
Madawaska Town Office Council Chambers

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Donald Chasse, David Morin, (*Doug Cyr entered at 4:45pm; and Laurie Gagnon entered at 4:55pm*).

TOWN MANAGER: Gary M. Picard

RECORDING SECRETARY: Nathalie Morneault

OTHER PRESENT: Chris Braley, Joel Deschaine, Dana Gendreau, Gerald Ouellette, Keith Cyr, Gary Dufour, Jason Boucher, Dan Daigle, Ken Gendreau, Ray Beaulieu

Chairman Donald Chasse calls the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Quorum was only established at 4:45 pm.

Article 1 Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 2 Public Participation.

A resident expressed the following concerns:

- 1.) If the budget can be worked on pre-2018 level and go from there.
- 2.) Why part-time employees are paid full-time benefits, or why part-time employees have benefits at all.
- 3.) Nix the Amphitheater site (no parking, limited amount of people, no entry way, distraction from Twin Rivers)
- 4.) Look into the 11th Ave parking site (9x18 parking sites are not accommodating to full size trucks)
- 5.) Freeze Downtown Revitalization (bring the town mil-rate to a level of affordability)

A resident voiced the Finance Committee is in attendance as residence not as a committee.

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

Other Business:

1. To Consider Submission of Comments for the New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA) Petition for Unit Determination, Bargaining Agent Election of Decertification.
 - o Voting Articles will be taken out of order until a quorum can be established.
 - o David Morin would like to add an article to the agenda to discuss Downtown Parks.

Articles taken Out of Order:

Article 6 To Consider the Proposed Governing Body Expense Budget, Department 100.

300-Public Officials & Liability -flagged for further review- typically it is paid yearly
900- Travel & Training- decrease \$500

Doug Cyr enters the meeting at 4:45 p.m. and established a quorum.

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4:53 P.M. Doug Cyr motions to give the Town Manager authorization to sign the NEPBA Petition for the police department where required. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 4 To Consider the Treasurers Warrants.

4:55 P.M. David Morin motions to accept the Treasurers Warrants as presented. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Laurie Gagnon enters the meeting at **4:55 P.M.**

Article 3 Adjustment taken out of order:

Article 3: To Consider a discussion on Downtown Parks.

Discussion was had regarding the downtown main street locations where proposed parks/parking/Amphitheater was set to develop.

- Not a good return on investment
- Employees need a place to park in downtown, along with customer & tenant parking
- Changes need to be made with the 11th Ave proposed plans regarding parking
- Recycled steel from bridge, create spots with history

5:18 P.M. David Morin motions to put a hold on these parks pending review by the Board of Selectmen, put a hold on the contracts, to schedule a meeting with all the information presented, and have public input. (With Full Board present, awarded contractors will be notified of the pending hold on project, and have a further discussion of possible modifications). Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 5 To Consider a Catering Permit Application for the Northern Maine Brewing Company.

5:21 P.M. Laurie Gagnon motions to accept the catering permit application for the Northern Maine Brewing Company. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 7 To Consider the Proposed Governing Town Administration Budget, Department 110.

900- Travel & Training – Flagged to revisit

Article 8 To Consider the Proposed Governing Public Health & General Assistance Budget, Department 120.

400-Employee Safety/Wellness – Flagged to revisit

Article 9 To Consider the Proposed Municipal Expense Budget, Department 130.

300- Heating Oil – Bids will be going out shortly

Article 10 To Consider the Proposed Safety Complex Expense Budget, Department 135.



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000- Roof Repair – can the roof repair hold off a year?

ADJOURNMENT

6:25 P.M. **Doug Cyr motions to adjourn. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Next Board Meeting:

Board of Selectmen Meeting: February 18 @ 4:30 PM
Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting: February 25 @ 4:30 PM
Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting: March 5 @ 4:30 PM