



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Madawaska Middle/High School Library
Tuesday July 28, 2020 5:30 pm

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Doug Cyr, Laurie Gagnon, Jason Boucher, Daniel Daigle, and Manon Raymond

TOWN MANAGER: Gary M. Picard

RECORDING SECRETARY: Nathalie Morneault

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Leonard, Caryl Albert, Gerald Ouellette, Alan Dufour, Bert Lachance, Paul Lausier, Paul Cyr, Morgan Mitchel, Wallace Talbot, Keith Cyr

Vice Chairman Doug Cyr calls the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and established a quorum with Selectmen Laurie Gagnon, Jason Boucher, Daniel Daigle, and Manon Raymond.

Article 1 Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 2 Public Participation.

Alan Morin questioned if the town has an ordinance on Jake Breaks, specifically along Long Lake.

Wallace Talbot gave a re-cap of an ongoing speeding issue regarding ATVs and Talbot Road.

- The Town of Madawaska does not have the jurisdiction to establish speeds on town roads, that jurisdiction falls on the State of Maine. A meeting will be set up at a later date with Police Chief, ATV club president with the Town Manager.

Paul Lausier voiced that a black pickup ride's around the K-Mart parking lot making excessive noise.

Selectmen Daniel Daigle would like to Congratulate and Welcome Manon and Jason on the board. He would also like to thank David Morin for his time spend on the board.

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

Article 9 will be taken out of order and will be done now and return to Other Business after.

Article 9 To Consider the Appointment of Board Chairperson & Vice Chairperson.

5:55 P.M. Laurie Gagnon motions to appoint Doug Cyr as Board Chairman. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

5:56 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to appoint Laurie Gagnon as Board Vice-Chairman. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Other Business:

Selectmen Raymond wanted to make the public aware there is a new business in town, SNC Homemade Jewelry and more. Also, the old Family Dollar/Time Warner building, which is now vacant,



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would need to be boarded up, due to strange activities being seen from neighbors.

Selectman Doug Cyr would like to congratulate the new members for being elected. Also, would like to thank Donald Chasse and David Morin for their knowledge and expertise during the time they served.

6:09 P.M. Laurie Gagnon motions to enter into executive session for personnel matters per "1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)" discussing duties and board expectations. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

6:53 P.M. Laurie Gagnon motions to exit out of executive session discussing personnel matters per "1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)". Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

No Post Executive Action was Taken.

Article 4 To Consider the Treasurers Warrants.

6:55 P.M. Manon Raymond motions to accept the Treasures Warrants as presented. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 5 To Consider the Certificates of Settlement by the Board of Assessors for the Former Tax Collector.

6:56 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to accept the proposed Certificates of Settlements for the year 2017, 2018, and 2019 by the Former Tax Collector, Dana Gendreau. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 6 To Consider the Certificates of Recommitment by the Board of Assessors for Caryl Albert, the New Tax Collector.

To Caryl Albert, the collector of the municipality of The Town of Madawaska, herewith are committed to you true lists of the assessments of the Estates of the persons therein named; you are to levy and collect the same, of each one of his/her respective amounts, therein set down, of the sum total of \$539,324.77 (being the yet uncollected amount of the lists contained herein), according to the tenor of the foregoing warrant.

7:00 P.M. Daniel Daigle motions to accept the certificates of recommitment by the board of assessors to Caryl Albert as presented. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 7 To Consider the Authorization of the Finance Director as a signatory to the Town's Bank Accounts.

7:03 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to authorize the Finance Director, Caryl Albert as co-signatory for the Town's Bank Accounts. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.



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Article 8 Board Members Planning Discussion.

The Board members were asked if they can briefly describe what they would like to accomplish and what their goals would be in their time on the board.

Selectman Laurie Gagnon:

- Have a discussion on the Board By-Laws & how the board operates
- Review Ordinances, Consider / Review a Charter
- Budget Process
 - Resource Committee / Budget Advisory Committee

Selectman Manon Raymond:

- Review / Update Personnel Handbook
- Encourage Small Business to come to Madawaska (Incentive)
 - Example: Laundromat
 - Revitalize Madawaska

Selectman Daniel Daigle:

- Unnecessary Spending top priority
 - Return on Investment
- Help the existing businesses / Economic Development
- Revisit the Tax Issue with Twin Rivers
- Road Repairs

Selectman Jason Boucher:

- Infrastructure
- Proud of the Town / Bring the town all together

Selectman Doug Cyr:

- Access to our state representatives
- Tourism (Snowmobiling, ATVs, Biking, Skiing)
 - 4 Seasons
 - Finding a way back "Home"
- Manageable Budget (Takes time / A lot of Attention)
- Reasonable Relationship with Twin Rivers – Set up a meeting with Adam Leevy out of the courts system
- IT Site Location – designated space with high speed internet for people to sit down and work with privacy

Town Manager, Gary Picard:

- Service Center Community – focus on Tourism
 - Utilize Resources – Historical, French Club, Knights of Columbus, 4 Corners, etc.
 - Organizations to work together and brainstorm how to showcase what they do

- ❖ The Board would each like a copy of the Robert's Rules.
- ❖ Review of Budget will need to be restarted with the Dept Heads and new Board of Selectmen.

Next Board of Selectmen Meeting: Tuesday August 4 at 5:30 pm.



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Adjournment

Manon Raymond motions to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.