



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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**Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Madawaska Town Office Board Chambers
June 1, 2022, at 6:00 pm**

Members Present: Richard J. Dionne, Christopher Braley, Jason Boucher, Manon Raymond
Town Manager: Gary M. Picard
Recording Secretary: Nathalie Morneault
Others Present: Eric Cyr, Jessica Page, Paul Lausier, Caryl Albert

Board of Selectmen Chairman Richard J. Dionne calls the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and established a quorum with Selectmen Christopher Braley, Jason Boucher, and Manon Raymond.

- **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.

Paul Lausier talked about if the Gazebo would be rebuilt now that it is torn down.

ARTICLES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF BUSINESS

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

1. School Resource Officer

Prior to COVID, Jamie Pelletier was the School Resource Officer that would go to the Elementary/High school buildings. He would bring his work to the school and work from the school for a presence. After COVID, the officer does not have the same amount of time available to be at the school. There is a trigger system that will give alerts if the door stays unlocked. The teachers will have an Alice Training for active shooter in the Fall. The teachers at this time are being asked to lock all doors and doors remain locked.

2. Board Authorization for Donations

When a request comes in for a donation the board has the authority to accept the donation if needed. This request is for office furniture valued at \$350.00 for the Madawaska Recreation Department and Madawaska Police Department.



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6:05 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to accept the donation of office furniture for the Madawaska Recreation Department and Madawaska Police Department. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 2 To Consider the Board and Finance Committee Joint Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2022.

6:06 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to accept the Board and Finance Committee Joint Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2022, as presented. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 3 To Consider the Board Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2022.

6:07 P.M. Christopher Braley motions to accept the Board meeting minutes of May 3, 2022, as presented. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 4 To Consider the Treasurer's Warrants.

6:08 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to accept all the Treasurer's Warrants as presented. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 5 To Consider an Executive Session for the Purpose of Economic Development per 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6) (C).

6:08 P.M. Christopher Braley motions to enter into an executive session for the purpose of Economic Development Associated with the Town Owned Mid-Town Shopping Center Property per "1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C)." Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

6:32 P.M. Christopher Braley motions to come out of executive session discussing the purpose of Economic Development associated with the Town owned Mid-Town Shopping Center Property per "1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(C)." Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Post Executive Action:

Jason Boucher motions to adopt both condemnation orders contained in the board packet that was presented. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 6 To Consider a Proposal by Comstar Ambulance Billing Services.

Town of Madawaska has experienced issues with the current billing provider out of Presque Isle. They



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are roughly 6 months back on processing claims. After reaching out to other ambulance departments in Aroostook County, it is a known problem and other departments are switching to Comstar Ambulance Billing Service. Comstar would be able to take over the older claims and bring everything to current.

6:37 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to move forward with the Business Associates Agreement with Comstar as Town of Madawaska's Ambulance Billing service. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

6:38 p.m. Christopher Braley motions to move forward with the Comstar Agreement as presented for 3 years. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 7 To Consider an Amendment to the Municipal Employees Personnel Policy to add Juneteenth as a Paid Holiday.

Juneteenth is a new federal holiday since 2021.

6:40 p.m. Jason Boucher motions to amend the Municipal Employees Personnel Policy to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 8 To Consider a Resignation of a Member of the Finance Committee.

Linda M. Cyr has given her resignation as Finance Committee.

6:41 p.m. Christopher Braley motions to accept the resignation of Finance Committee member Linda M. Cyr. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 9 To Consider the Member Appointment of the Town Manager and Alternate as Madawaska's Representative to the Northern Maine Development Commission.

Last year, the board had appointed Gary M. Picard.

6:42 p.m. Jason Boucher motions to appoint Gary M. Picard and Caryl Albert as Madawaska's Representative to the Northern Maine Development Commission Board. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 10 To Consider the Nomination of Gary Picard, Madawaska Town to the Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee.

6:44 P.M. Christopher Braley motions to nominate Gary M. Picard, for the Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Article 11 To Consider the Ambulance Department Request to Change MEPERS Retirement Plan for New Employees. Presentation by EMS Director Eric Cyr.



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All ambulance employees are under the current AC plan, they are now proposing the 3C plan. The reasoning behind this is due to retaining employees, a better retirement plan. The 3C plan covers Police Department, Ambulance Department, Fire Department, and Sheriff Department. In January 2021 the Police Department switched to the 3C plan. The Current plan is 25 years of service and a minimum age of 65. It is 7% penalty to draw benefit prior to age 65. Only 1 employee has worked up until retirement age.

6:55 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to approve the Ambulance Request to change MEPERS retirement plan for New Employees to the 3C plan. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Eric Cyr, Director of Ambulance Department made the board aware of 3 potential employees. Alex Levesque has passed his EMT test. Andrew Guerrette awaits his results, and another will need to retest.

Article 12 To Consider the 2022-2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Reserves is showing a change from 398,000 to 413,000. The Summary reflects the change.

Revenue next budget will capture 32,000 more for the COPS grant.

This portion is showing a net decrease of \$260,692.

By Consensus, the board agrees to these changes.

For the warrant, the date has changed to Tuesday, June 28. It is showing a mil increase of 1.6.

Article 43, current balance is \$300,000, the town manager asked if the board would bring down the amount to \$150,000 and put the \$150,000 in revenue.

By Consensus, to put \$150,000 in revenue.

Article 42 – if Aspen Road can be labeled Endico Farm Site to be more descriptive.

Article 49 – Would need a public hearing, ½ hour before the next board of selectmen meeting on Thursday June 23rd.

7:22 p.m. Jason Boucher motions to accept the 2022-2023 Annual Town Meeting Warrant with the changes. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.

Adjournment

7:22 p.m. Jason Boucher motions to adjourn. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carried.