



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting and Finance Committee Minutes
March 9, 2020
5:00 - 6:00 PM Board of Selectmen
6:00 PM Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee
Madawaska Town Office Council Chambers

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Donald Chasse, Doug Cyr, Laurie Gagnon, and David Morin

TOWN MANAGER: Gary M. Picard

RECORDING SECRETARY: Nathalie Morneault

OTHER PRESENT: Kevin Dube, Donna Leonard, Dana Gendreau, Chris Braley, Gerald Ouellette, Ronald Gervais, Keith Cyr, Kenneth Gendreau, Ricky Nadeau, Danielle Deprey, Dale Hillegass, Paul Lausier, Samuel Cyr, Bryan Albert, Kelsey and Robert Dionne, Sharon Boucher, Mark Madore, Eric Cyr, Bert Lachance, Theresa Theriault, Jane Carter, Dan Daigle, Mark Guerrette, Ken Theriault Sr., George Morneault, Pete and Sue Williams, Francois Gendreau, Corey Morin, Ross Dubois, Ken Theriault Jr., Adam Derosier

Chairman Donald Chasse calls the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. and established a quorum with Selectmen Doug Cyr, Laurie Gagnon, and David Morin.

Article 1 Pledge of Allegiance.

Article 2 Public Participation.

Before opening Public Participation, the Chairman Donald Chasse read a statement regarding the acquisitions about the Town Manager that surfaced on Social Media.

A resident asked if the start times to meetings can be consistent, after 5:30 pm for more citizens could attend. Also, if more advertisement can be done to notify the public of meetings. (*Example: Chamber, Facebook.*)

A resident questioned the location of the new bridge.

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

- To Consider a Letter of Resignation from the Town Finance Director.

5:09 P.M. **Doug Cyr motions to approve the letter of resignation from the Town Finance Director, Dana L. Gendreau. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 4 To Consider the Treasurers Warrants.

5:14 P.M. **Laurie Gagnon motions to approve the Treasurers Warrants. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Articles taken out of order to accommodate the representatives in the following articles.



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Article 6 To Consider a Property Tax Poverty Abatement Application per 36 M.R.S.A § 841, Executive Session Recommended per 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(F).

5:14 P.M. Laurie Gagnon motions to enter into executive session pursuant to: "1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(F)" for a property tax poverty abatement request. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

5:43 P.M. David Morin motions to exit the executive session pursuant to: "1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(F)" for the property tax poverty abatement request. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Post-Executive Action:

Laurie Gagnon motions to deny request #39-20 for the poverty property tax abatement, and to set up a meeting with Keith Cyr. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 7 To Consider a Request for Snowmobile Access on Town Property near the Central Building Supply Material Lot.

A continued discussion from February 18 meeting about the snowmobile access on Town property near the Central Building Supply material lot. Homeowners, Snowmobile Club members, and business owners were present at this meeting, and each spoke their questions/concerns about the issues.

By Board Consensus, it was agreed upon by everyone involved, Use Riverview Ave, leave some snow on the side of 1st Ave, with proper signage for the remainder of the season, and to find an alternative access during the summer months. The snowmobile clubs tucker will be the only machine allowed to come down the Town property road access.

Article 21 To Consider the Proposed Social Services Expense Budget, Department 720.

Acadie D'Forest representative made a presentation on the what the program is about. Passed projects they are involved in is stocking fish in surrounding rivers and cleaning the waterways.

ACAP representative Jason Parent gave a presentation about what ACAP services are available for Madawaska.

Acadian Festival members gave a presentation about why they would need an increase in money from the town and the value it brings to the town during that time.

Madawaska Historical Society gave a presentation in request for \$5,000 to help repair the Albert House. They primarily run off book sales and museum tour guides as revenue to help offset costs.

Article 20 To Consider the Proposed Intergovernmental Expense Budget, Department 710.

Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation about their request for more monies due to a need for more hours. They want to build more memberships, continue business education, tourism, and also build a relationship with Canada. *** This was flagged for more discussion**

A review of each line was done, no adjustments were made.



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Article 15 To Consider the VRF and NARAA Committee Reports.

No VRF and NARAA Committee Reports.

7:00 P.M. **David Morin motions to extend the meeting over 2-hours. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 16 To Consider the Proposed Library Expense Budget, Department 400.

The Library Expense Budget is its own Department but had guidance through their own board of directors. The Budget is seeing a savings due to no contracted snow removal and the Internet service is provided by the University.

Article 17 To Consider the Proposed Public Works Expense Budget, Department 500.

A review of Public Works Expense budget was reviewed line by line. Overall, the budget has not changed since 2015. They continue to look at cost savings ways including snow removal and hauling sand and gravel. The department did produce a detailed packet to the board regarding costs for upcoming projects and repairs needed.

Article 23 To Consider the Proposed Pollution Control Expense Budget, Department 960.

The Pollution Control runs from User Fees which takes care of their departments budget. A review of each line item was done, no adjustments were made.

Article 18 To Consider the Proposed Parks, Recreation & Maintenance Expense Budget, Department 600.

A review of the proposed department 600 budget was had. It was noted the sprinkler system is in need of major repairs. The selectmen would also like to look at fee schedule with anything that is "rec" involved.

Article 19 To Consider the Proposed Town Wide Insurances Expense Budget, Department 700.

A review of Town Wide Insurance was done, no adjustments were made.

Article 22 To Consider the Proposed Municipal Debt Expense Budget, Department 730.

A review of each line was done on the Municipal Debt Expense Budget, no adjustments were made.

Article 5 To Consider the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2020, February 27, 2020, and the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee of February 25, 2020.

9:34 P.M. **Doug Cyr motions to approve the minutes of February 13, 2020 with the correction. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

9:35 P.M. **Laurie Gagnon motions to approve the minutes of February 18, 2020 as presented. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

9:36 P.M. **Laurie Gagnon motions to approve the minutes of February 25, 2020 as presented. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

9:38 P.M. **Laurie Gagnon motions to approve the minutes of February 27, 2020 as presented. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**



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Article 8 To Consider Heating Oil (TSD) Bids Received for the 2020-2021 Season.

9:43 P.M. **Doug Cyr motions to award the Bid of heating oil to Dead River Company for the 2020-2021 heating season. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 9 To Consider a Solicitation by the County of Aroostook for Elected (1) Officials to Serve on the Aroostook County Jail Study Commission.

No motion at this time, there are no selectmen interested at this time.

Article 10 To Consider a Recommendation to Increase the Town of Madawaska EMS Ambulance Services Insurance Billing Rates.

9:45 P.M. **David Morin motions to accept the recommendation to increase the Town of Madawaska EMS Ambulance Service Insurance Billing rates as proposed. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 11 To Consider the Renewal Madawaska EMS Ambulance Proposal for the Town of Frenchville.

9:55 P.M. **Laurie Gagnon motions to accept the proposed Madawaska EMS Ambulance Proposal for the Town of Frenchville. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 12 To Consider the Renewal Madawaska EMS Ambulance Proposal for the Town of St Agatha.

9:55 P.M. **Laurie Gagnon motions to accept the proposed Madawaska EMS Ambulance Proposal for the Town of St. Agatha. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 13 To Consider a Renewal Proposal by Algonquin Energy Services for a One Year Energy Supply Contract.

9:58 P.M. **David Morin motions to approve the renewal proposal by Algonquin Energy Services for a one-year energy supply contract. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 14 To Consider a Recommendation by the Recreation Dept. to Dispose of Old Unused Fitness Center Equipment.

10:00 P.M. **David Morin motions to put the presented equipment out on a bid process with a minimum bid. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

The rec department would like the board to be made aware they are in need of a new tractor. Sam Cyr, Rec Director presented the board with quotes. *No motion was made.*

ADJOURNMENT



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10:05 P.M. **David Morin motions to adjourn. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Next Board of Selectmen Meeting:

Finance Committee Meeting: March 19, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Finance / Board of Selectmen: March 23, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Board of Selectmen Only: March 24, 2020 at 6:00 PM