



**TOWN OF MADAWASKA**  
328 St. Thomas Street Suite 101, Madawaska, Maine 04756  
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**Madawaska Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee Joint Meeting Minutes**  
**Madawaska Safety Complex**  
**Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 5:30 pm**

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** Douglas Cyr, Jason Boucher, Manon Raymond, Daniel Daigle

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Chris Braley, Ken Gendreau, Adam Desrosier, Robert Poiesz, Gary Dufour, and Ray Beaulieu

**TOWN MANAGER:** Gary M. Picard

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Nathalie Morneault

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Caryl Albert, Fran Gendreau

Board of Selectmen Chairman Doug Cyr calls the meeting to order at **5:30 P.M.** and established a quorum with Selectmen Jason Boucher, Manon Raymond, and Daniel Daigle.

Finance Committee Chair Chris Braley calls the meeting to order at **5:30 P.M.** and established a quorum with members Ken Gendreau, Adam Desrosier, Robert Poiesz, Gary Dufour, and Ray Beaulieu.

- Pledge of Allegiance.

**ARTICLES BOARD OF SELECTMEN & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- **Radio Communications Management Proposal**

Police Department and Ambulance are having problems with their radio communication, (static, little/no communications are times). Public safety is a concern if this is not addressed soon. A worst-case scenario was presented to the board of \$7,897.69 per department. Just to climb the tower is \$1,500. It was advised pay a climber once, have the company bring all equipment needed for worst-case, and only replace what is needed, also to have a spare antenna installed. If something should happen to one of the antenna, it can easily be plugged in from the ground.

**Jason Boucher motions to authorize Radio Communications to do the repairs needed with a spare antenna, this authorization should not exceed \$20,000, to be taken out of the capital projects reserve. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Article 1** To Consider the Final of the Town of Madawaska Municipal Budget.

**Governing Body Expense - Dept 100**

Last years approved budget was 57,625. This year proposed budget is 59,225, an increase of 1,600.

**Jason Boucher motions to recommend the Governing Body expense as presented. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Ken Gendreau motions to recommend the Governing Body expense as presented. Raymond Beaulieu seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**



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Town Administration Expense– Dept 110

Last years approved budget was 495,138. This year proposed budget is 507,761, an increase of 12,622.

**Jason Boucher motions to recommend the Town Administration expense as presented. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Robert Poiesz motions to recommend the Town Administration expense as presented. Ken Gendreau seconds the motion. 5 board members are in favor, Gary Dufour did not vote. Motion Carries.**

Public Health & General Assistance- Dept 120

The budget is a flat budget of 23,091.

**Jason Boucher motions to recommend the Public Health & General Assistance budget as presented. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Gary Dufour motions to recommend the Public Health & General Assistance budget as presented. Robert Poiesz seconds the motion. 5 board members are in favor, Gary Dufour did not vote. Motion carries.**

Municipal Building Expense – Dept 130

Last years approved budget was 76,970. This year proposed budget is 56,600, a decrease of 20,370.

**Jason Boucher motions to recommend the Municipal Budget as presented. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Robert Poiesz motions to recommend the Municipal Budget as presented. Gary Dufour seconds the motion. 5 board members are in favor, Gary Dufour did not vote. Motion Carries.**

Safety Complex Building Expense- Dept 135

Last years approved budget was 41,269. This year proposed budget is 43,769, an increase of 2,500.

**Daniel Daigle motions to recommend the Safety Complex Building as presented. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Adam Desroiser motions to recommend the Safety Complex Building as presented. Raymond Beaulieu seconds the motion. 5 board members are in favor, Gary Dufour did not vote. Motion carries.**

Elections – Dept 140

Last years approved budget was 14,262. This years proposed budget is 10,387, a decrease of 3,876.



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**Jason Boucher motions to recommend the Election budget as presented. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Raymond Beaulieu motions to recommend the Election budget as presented. Gary Dufour seconds the motion. 5 board members are in favor, Gary Dufour did not vote. Motion carries.**

Development, Codes & Assessing- Dept 200

Last years approved budget was 229,649. This years proposed budget is 201,521, a decrease of 28,128.

**Manon Raymond motions to discuss. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion.**

A list of items for what the chamber has done was not submitted after having asked a couple times. A recommendation of \$5,000 deduction was requested by a board member. Other comments of discussion were: Chamber has put their name on events but put others on the job, the Town is not getting a return on investment, need to rethink their mission, not promoting small business Saturday, not promoting all businesses upon opening, renaming the chamber and needs to be restructured.

**Jason Boucher motions to remove the \$5,000 from the Community Development Activity and recommend the Development, Codes & Assessing with the change. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. 3 members are for, 1 opposed, motion carried.**

**Gary Dufour motions to recommend the Development, Codes & Assessing removing the \$5,000 from Community Development Activity. Adam Desrosier seconds the motion. 3 members approve, 2 disapprove, motion carries.**

Ambulance Expense- Dept 300

Last years approved budget was 694,914. This years proposed budget is 703,673, an increase of 8,759.

**Jason Boucher motions to recommend the ambulance budget as proposed. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Ken Gendreau motions to recommend the ambulance budget as proposed. Gary Dufour seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Police Department Expense

Last year approved budget was 624,303. This years proposed budget is 631,999. An increase of 7,696. The Police Department has a binding contract.

**Jason Boucher motions to recommend the Police Department budget as presented. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**



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**Ken Gendreau motions to recommend the Police Department budget as presented. Raymond Beaulieu seconds the motion. All board members are in favor, Gary Dufour did not vote and motion carries.**

Fire Dept. Expense – Dept 320

Last years approved budget was 138,367. This years proposed budget is 142,802, an increase of 4,435.

Jason Boucher abstains from voting.

**Manon Raymond motions to recommend the Fire Department budget as presented. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and one abstains. Motion Carries.**

**Raymond Beaulieu motions to recommend the Fire Department budget as presented. Adam Desrosier seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

EMA – Dept 325

The budget remains flat from last year to this year.

**Manon Raymond motions to recommend the EMA budget as presented. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Robert Poiesz motions to recommend the EMA budget as presented. Raymond Beaulieu seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Library Expense – Dept 400

Last year approved budget was 107,370. This years budget is 106,445, a reduction of 2,879.

Last year the Board of Selectmen had requested a reduction. Examples were cut in the aides, or reduced hours.

**Jason Boucher motions to recommend a reduction of \$2,500. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Raymond Beaulieu motions to recommend the reduction of \$2,500. Gary Dufour seconds the motion. 2 are for and 4 are against. Motion did not pass. Finance Committee recommends 106,445.**

Public Works Expense – Dept 500

Last years budget was 1,182,321. This years budget is 1,184,755, an increase of 25,225.

**Jason Boucher motions to recommend the Public Works budget as presented. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**



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**Adam Desrosier motions to recommend the Public Works budget as presented. Robert Poiesz seconds the motion. All board members are in favor, Gary Dufour did not vote, Motion carries.**

Parks, Recreation & Maintenance Expense- Dept 600

Last years budget was 432,808. This years budget is 445,430, an increase of 12,622.

Jason Boucher abstains from the vote.

**Manon Raymond motions to recommend the budget as presented. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion. All board members are in favor, 1 abstains. Motion carries.**

**Gary Dufour motions to recommend the budget as presented. Robert Poiesz seconds the motion. All board members are in favor, Gary Dufour did not vote and motion carries.**

Town Wide Insurance Expense – Dept 700

Last year budget was 154,400. This years budget is 153,867, a decrease of 533.

**Jason Boucher motions to recommend the budget as presented. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Adam Desrosier motions to recommend the budget as presented. Robert Poiesz seconds the motion. All board members are in favor, Gary Dufour did not vote and motion carries.**

Intergovernmental Expense – Dept 710

Last years budget was 1,343,683. This years budget is 1,381,759, an increase of 38,076.

**Jason Boucher motions to recommend the budget as presented. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Robert Poiesz motions to recommend the budget as presented. Ken Gendreau seconds the motion. All board members are in favor, Gary Dufour did not vote and motion carries.**

Social Service Expense – Dept 720

Last years budget was 21,465. This years budget was 19,465, a decrease of 2,000.

**Manon Raymond motions to recommend the budget as presented. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Raymond Beaulieu motions to recommend the budget as presented. Robert Poiesz seconds the motion. All board members are in favor, Gary Dufour did not vote and motion carries.**



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Municipal Debt Expense – Dept 730

No change from last year to this year.

**Jason Boucher motions to recommend the budget as presented. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Ken Gendreau motions to recommend the budget as presented. Adam Desrosier seconds the motion. All board members are in favor, Gary Dufour did not vote, and motion carries.**

Capital Purchases & Reserves

Public Works is in need estimated 100,000 for the 16<sup>th</sup> Ave culvert project.

**Jason Boucher motions to accept and add 100,000 to the Road Reserve Projects with no restrictions. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Robert Poiesz recommends capital purchase and reserves with the addition of 100,000 for Road Reserve Projects with no restrictions. Adam Desrosier seconds the motion. 4 members are in favor and 2 oppose. Motion Carried.**

Pollution Control Expense – Dept 960

Last years budget was 939,487. This year budget was 978,180 an increase of 38,694.

Outfall pipe by the riverbank is going to need serious attention coming years, loosing land each year due to flooding.

**Jason Boucher motions to recommend the budget as presented. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Adam Desrosier motions to recommend the budget as presented. Raymond Beaulieu seconds the motion. 4 members are in favor and 2 are opposed. Motion carries.**

Next Board Meeting Date: May 25 at 5:30 PM

**Manon Raymond motions to Adjourn the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 7:23 PM. Jason Boucher seconds the motion.**

Finance Committee moved on to discuss the School Budget.

**Gary Dufour motions to accept all 11 cost centers as proposed. Adam Desrosier seconds the motion for discussion.**



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Questions were brought up about the enrollment, per cost rate for students, average number of students, Timing of meetings, no transparency, the budget is hard to understand, no decrease.

**Motion: None are in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstains. Motion did not Carry.**

**Gary Dufour motions to adjourn at 8:23 P.M. Ken Gendreau seconds the motion. All are in favor and motion carries.**