



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
328 St. Thomas Street Suite 101, Madawaska, Maine 04756
207-728-6351

Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday May 18, 2020 at 5:30 pm
Zoom Video Conference

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Donald Chasse, Doug Cyr, Laurie Gagnon, and David Morin
TOWN MANAGER: Gary M. Picard
RECORDING SECRETARY: Nathalie Morneault
OTHER PRESENT: Keith Cyr

Chairman Donald Chasse calls the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. and established a quorum with Selectmen Doug Cyr, Laurie Gagnon, and David Morin.

Article 1 To consider the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2020, March 17, 2020, April 6, 2020, April 20, 2020, April 22, 2020, May 4, 2020, and the Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee Meeting of March 9, 2020.

5:36 P.M. **Doug Cyr motions to accept Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of March 12, March 17, April 6, April 20, April 22, May 4, and Board of Selectmen / Finance Committee Meeting of March 9, 2020 as presented. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 2 To Consider a Legal Opinion Regarding Public Easements at the 11th Ave. Parking Lot / Pocket Park.

Donald Chasse read the Legal opinion response from the towns lawyer regarding Public Easements at the 11th Ave. Parking Lot/Pocket Park. By consensus, the board would like to have a permanent easement in place within 7 days from a lawyer. *No motion was made.*

Article 3 To Consider a Period of Public Participation. Public Participation Call time between 5:45-5:50 pm Via Call in number@ 207-728-6351, or by Written Comment received by 3:00 pm Monday May 18, 2020 sent to the Town Office by Drop-off, Mail, or email @ gmpicard@madawaka.me.

- Comments received via email from the Madawaska Historical Society regarding funding requests for the roof repair on the Albert House.
- Phone request by a citizen regarding repaving of Main Street, and the rescheduling of the 2020 Acadian Festival.

Article 4 To consider other business and adjustments to the agenda.

No other business or adjustments to the agenda.

Article 5 To Consider the Treasurers Warrants.

Treasurers Warrants will be tabled, due to the selectmen not in to review them prior to the meeting.



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Article 6 To Consider an Agreement for Combining Tax Lots for Lots 32-S & 32-R on Tax Map 11.

6:25 P.M. Laurie Gagnon motions to approve the agreement to combine tax lots for the lots of 32-S & 32-R on Tax map 11. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 7 To Consider a Town of Madawaska Arbitrage and Use of Proceeds Policy; a Post Issuance Compliance Policy Related to Bonds Issued by the Town of Madawaska.

6:28 P.M. Laurie Gagnon motions to accept the Town of Madawaska Arbitrage and Use of Proceeds Policy. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 8 To Consider the 2020 Maine Revenue Services Ratio Declaration and Reimbursement Application.

6:43 P.M. David Morin motions to set the 2020 Maine Revenue Services Ratio at 117%, for the ratio declaration & reimbursement application and to give permission for the Chair and Vice-Chair to sign the application. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 9 To Consider Sewer Abatement Requests for Accounts # 50680, 60665, 72860, and 72492.

6:45 P.M. Laurie Gagnon motions to accept the sewer abatement request for account 50680 in the amount of \$225. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

6:47 P.M. Doug Cyr motions to deny the sewer abatement for account 60665 in the amount of \$300. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

6:48 P.M. David Morin motions to accept the sewer abatement request for account 60 in the amount of \$287.50. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. 3 members (Dave, Doug, Laurie are in favor) and Donald Chasse abstains from voting.

6:50 P.M. Doug Cyr motions to deny the sewer abatement request for account 72492 in the amount of 918.75. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

The board has in the past and continues to deny abatements due to leaking toilets. Resident does need to pay the water / sewer bill associated with leak.

Article 10 To Consider a Property Tax Abatements for Accounts 872 & 370, 2252, 2288, and 2145.



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- 6:53 P.M.** David Morin motions to deny property tax abatement for account 872 & 370 due to new property purchased after the April 1st. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.
- 6:55 P.M.** David Morin motions to approve the property abatement for account 2252 in the amount of \$37.12. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.
- 6:59 P.M.** David Morin motions to approve the property abatement for account 2288 in the amount of \$102.08. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.
- 7:00 P.M.** David Morin motions to approve the property abatement for account 2145 in the amount of \$556.80. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 11 Updates to the Board of Selectmen on the Town/ St John Valley Chamber Boost Program, and the COVID-19 Microloan program.

Micro-Loan Program – 8 small businesses have taken part of the program. Deadline for the program is June 30, 2020.

Small Business Boost Program – 1244 certificates were sold, and program is sold out. 7 business did max out at 60 certificates. A total of 33 business received funds from this program.

Article 12 Town Department Operational Updates by the Town Manager.

Governor will be making Guidelines public on May 20 for Public/Community settings, Day Camps, and Campgrounds.

Recreation Department is using a wait and see approach to see what the governor will be proposing.

Fitness Center would incur members to sanitize the equipment possibly before and after use. The town is currently waiting on a fogger machine to sanitize the equipment nightly. The town is looking to propose a waiver of liability/use agreement and expectations for members to sign upon opening of the fitness center.

7:23 P.M. David Morin motions to approve the extensions of memberships, (make memberships whole), when the members are ready and feel safe to attend. Doug Cyr seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Election day has moved to Tuesday July 14, 2020. We are waiting on guidance for Town Meetings.

Town Office will open Tuesday May 26, 2020 at 8 am.



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7:37 P.M. David Morin motions to extend the meeting passed 2 hours. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Road Maintenance was brought up to see which roads would be touched. The board would like an update from the director at the next meeting.

Adjourn

7:44 P.M. Laurie Gagnon motions to adjourn. David Morin seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Next Meeting: **Monday June 8, 2020 at 5:30 PM** - Madawaska Middle/High School Library