



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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**Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Madawaska Town Office Board Chambers
October 12, 2021, at 5:30 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard J. Dionne, Christopher Braley, Jason Boucher, Manon Raymond, Doug Cyr

TOWN MANAGER: Gary M. Picard

RECORDING SECRETARY: Nathalie Morneault

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Dube, Jim Soucy, Denise Duperre, Caryl Albert, Jason Houston, Mark Madore, Shawn Pelletier, Hannah Catlin

Board of Selectmen Chairman Richard Dionne calls the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and established a quorum with Chris Braley, Jason Boucher, Manon Raymond, and Doug Cyr.

- **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.

No Public Participation at this time.

ARTICLES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF BUSINESS

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

No other business and adjustments to the agenda.

Article 2 To Consider the Board Meeting minutes of October 5, 2021.

5:31 P.M. Douglas Cyr motions to approve the Board Meeting minutes of October 5, 2021, as presented. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 3 To Consider Solar Supply Contract Proposals from Engie (Madawaska Solar, LLC), Novell Energy Solutions, Nordic Solar Power LLC.

Representatives from Novell (Connor McCarthy), Engie (Grace Carmack), and Nordic Solar (Shawn Pelletier) were on Zoom Conference to talk with the Board.

Nordic Solar is a local group which started up in 2019. The first project is in Caribou which is set to be completed October 22 and go commercial November 1. The project in Caribou is 100% subscribed. This group is partnered with International Energy Partners (IEP). The solar project does not need to be in the town to subscribe, but would like to build a project in town. A contract begins when agreement is signed, the benefits do not start until project is ready. Nordic Solar is proposing a 10-year contract with automatic renewal, with a 15% discount plus Recs.



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Engie has 4 projects in the county, with 12 projects in state. Currently, have a road developing in St. David with the project to start next summer. There offer is for 20-year contract with a 15% discount or can terminate after year 5 with a 1-year notice with a fixed discount price of 12.5%. Town of Madawaska has the choice to keep Recs or have Engie sell Recs. If a dispute resolution would happen, they would be available to meet in Maine.

Novell is presenting a 20% discount on 5-year term, with a 2-year replacement. They offer a \$10,000 donation to a non-profit. If a dispute resolution would happen; they would be available to meet in Maine. November 2022 is the date of the commercial project to be available. There are 6 projects in the que to be developed.

By Consensus, the board has agreed to continue negotiations.

Article 4 To Consider a Request by the Fire Chief for a Change-Order to the New Fire-Truck on order with Autotronics.

Fire Chief Jim Soucy stated all current pumps have a 2-stage pump. The new truck was not quoted with the dual pump which is waterless.

6:36 P.M. **Christopher Braley motions to approve the request for a change-order to the New Fire-Truck for the upgraded pump to a dial stage pump in the amount of \$4,000. Manon Raymond seconds the motions. 4 board members are in favor and Jason Boucher abstains. Motion Carries.**

Article 5 To Consider a Policy Proposal for the Fire Dept to Enable Fire Department Call Billings to Insurance Companies.

Fire Chief Jim Soucy describes this proposal as Central Maine Cost Recovery Billing Insurance Companies when first responders are needed. If they insurance company would deny the claim, the resident would not be liable. Jim Soucy would like the money to be able to go into the equipment fund. This policy could have exemptions such as nursing homes.

6:52 P.M. **Christopher Braley motions to adopt the policy and revisit the revenue side to be put on the Town warrant. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. 4 Board members are in favor and Jason Boucher abstains, Motion carries.**
Christopher Braley motions to enter into an agreement with Cost Recovery Services for the billing services for the fire department. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. 4 board members are in favor, Jason Boucher abstains. Motion Carries.

Article 6 To Consider a Request by the Public Works and Pollution Control Director to Repair a sagging sewer line on 22nd Avenue.

A proposal was given to the Board of Selectmen for proposal work done on 22nd Ave due to a sagging sewer line.

6:59 P.M. **Christopher Braley motions to approve the request to repair a sagging sewer line on 22nd Avenue in the amount of \$40,920 to be taken out of the Pollution Controls undesignated fund. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 7 To Consider the re-visit of Article 14, of the September 13 Board of Selectmen Meeting concerning Consolidated Communications Ethernet Carrier Services.



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Due to recent information that was given to the board, it was suggested to revisit the article due to costs at another meeting.

7:00 P.M. Christopher Braley motions to recede the motion, and revisit with cost at a later date for Consolidated Communications Ethernet Carrier Services. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 8 To Consider a Special Town Meeting Warrant for the Consideration of an Opt-in Opportunity to MainePERS for Eligible Town Employees.

Upon employment employees are given a onetime opportunity to sign up and not given a second chance. This year there is an opportunity to opt in this year. Employees need to give notice if they want to participate both (town and school employees). This would have to be approved by July 1, 2022, at a Town Meeting.

7:02 P.M. Christopher Braley motions to approve an opt-in opportunity to MainePERS for eligible town employees and to be put on the annual Town Warrant. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 9 To Consider Board Authorization for the Town Manager, and Alternate Designee to Approve Liquor License Renewal Applications, Catering Permit Applications, BYOB Permit Applications, and Extension of Premise Applications for Existing Current Liquor Licenses Businesses.

7:06 P.M. Jason Boucher motions for the Town Manager and Town Clerk to approve liquor licenses renewals applications, catering permit applications, BYOB permit applications, and extension of premise applications for existing current liquor license business, and to make the board aware in case issues should arise. Christopher Braley seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 10 To Consider Designation of the Town Manager / Treasurer to Execute Quit-Claim Deeds for Property Tax & Sewer Lien Foreclosed Properties.

7:11 P.M. Christopher Braley motions to allow the Town Manager / Treasurer to execute Quit-Claim deeds for property tax & sewer Lien Foreclosed properties only for full payment and goes back to the owner as guided by annual town meeting. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Next Board of Selectmen Meeting: October 19, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

Adjournment

7:15 P.M. Christopher Braley motions to adjourn. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.