



**TOWN OF MADAWASKA**  
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**Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes**  
**Madawaska High School Library**  
**October 27, 2020 at 5:30 pm**

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** Doug Cyr, Laurie Gagnon, Jason Boucher, Daniel Daigle, and Manon Raymond  
**TOWN MANAGER:** Gary M. Picard  
**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Nathalie Morneault  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ross Dubois, Jamie Pelletier, Albert Lachance, Paul Lausier, Caryl Albert, Mark Madore, Gil Ringuette.

**Chairman Doug Cyr calls the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and established a quorum with Selectmen Laurie Gagnon, Jason Boucher, Daniel Daigle, and Manon Raymond.**

**Article 1** Pledge of Allegiance.

**Article 2** Public Participation.

Paul Lausier made a comment regarding when you leave your home keep the temperature at 68 degrees, and when your home bring it up to 70 degrees.

Albert Lachance asked what was going on with the Kmart Plaza and the Blue-Sky Hotel.

Articles Taken Out of Order

**Article 4** To Consider Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2020.

**5:32 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2020 as presented. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 5** To Consider the Treasurer's Warrants.

**5:33 P.M.** Laurie Gagnon motions to accept the Treasurer's Warrants as presented. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 6** To Consider a Sewer Abatement Request for Account # 29

Property owner opened an account at the water district due to well going dry. Account was not deleted and not removed from future billings. Town Manager recommends abatement request.

**5:35 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to approve the abatement for sewer account 29 in the amount of \$185. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 7** To Consider the 2020-2021 Pollution Department Sewer Rates.



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Previous boards had agreed on an option for a 4/4/7% increase that would account for the revenue to support the new debt for the WWTF and the facility upgrade project. This would allow us to build up a sewer reserve. The Town Manager and Finance Director recommend the 7% increase at this time.

**5:40 P.M.**      **Manon Raymond motions to accept the 7% rate increase as recommended for the 2020-2021 Pollution Department Sewer bill. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

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

- To Consider a Request to Withdraw Reserve Funds from the Fire Department Reserve Funds.

Fire Department is asking to transfer money from the reserve fund to replace the battery for the Jaws of life.

**5:42 P.M.**      **Manon Raymond motions to transfer \$2,222 from the Capital reserves repairs account for the purchase of batteries for the Jaws of Life equipment. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion. Jason Boucher abstains, all other members are in favor. Motion carries.**

- To Consider an Executive Session For Consultations with Legal Counsel Recommended per 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(e).

**5:43 P.M.**      **Jason Boucher motions to enter into executive session for consultation with legal counsel recommended per "1 M.R.S.A §405 (6)(e)." Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**6:31 P.M.**      **Manon Raymond motions to exit out of executive session with legal counsel for a consultation per "1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6)(e)." Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All are in favor; Daniel Daigle did not vote. Motion carries.**

*Post Executive Session Action:*

Jason Boucher makes a motion to have the Town Manager authorize our attorney to send a letter to the Bemis and Rossignol that we will not be receding the seize harassment orders or making payment to those named on the orders according to letter received to the above-mentioned attorney. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 9**      Town Manager's Report.

- **Blue Sky Building Demo Project**

After Thanksgiving/early December is the projected timeframe for the building demolition. There will be daytime closure of main street to reroute traffic.

- **Mid-Town Plaza**



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Preliminary Engineering Report was submitted from Woodward & Curran is being reviewed by Northern Maine Development Commission.

- **Community / Economic Development Office**

Currently looking at different options for the position.

- **Sewer Project**

Some areas left to tackle off-street work on St Thomas / Legion and between the Shopping center and the neighboring properties.

- **Code Enforcement**

The new CEO has been in the job for 4 weeks, currently attending trainings.

- **Assessing Agent**

Property and Personal Property updates are near completed.

- **Main Street Activities**

Main Street was decorated for Fall / Halloween. There will be a Main street Trunk or treat to better accommodate COVID restrictions.

- **Vital Avenue Properties**

GSA was in town to sign paperwork.

- **International Bridge / MDOT / Town Sewer Line Relocation**

Working on relocation of the sewer line at the location of the new bridge and working on acquiring sewer line easements from the railway.

- **2020-2021 Tax Commitment**

Will need a board meeting just for tax commitment.

Audit is still in progress; company is still requesting files. In the future, may look into RFP other options.

- **November Elections**

Dead River Company will be preparing the heating system for the Multi-Purpose Building to begin heating on Sunday. New voting booths will be arriving in time for the election.



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**Article 8** To Consider an Executive Session for the Purpose of Economic Development per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (C).

**6:59 P.M.** Laurie Gagnon motions to enter into executive session for the purpose of Economic Development per “1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(c).” Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**8:21 P.M.** Laurie Gagnon motions to exit out of executive session for the purpose of Economic Development per “1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(c).” Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Post executive session action:**

Laurie Gagnon motions to pursue the social medical platform under appropriation the Capital Reserve Account. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Adjournment**

Jason Boucher motions to adjourn at **8:22 PM**. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.