



TOWN OF MADAWASKA
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Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Madawaska High School Library
October 6, 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 Morneau

OTHERS PRESENT: Donna Leonard, Real Deschaine, Donald Pelletier, Rina Chasse, Roger Chasse, Caryl M. Albert, Marie Ouellette, Paul Lausier, Mark Guerrette, Eric Cyr, Corey Pelletier, Bob Williams, Cliff Dionne, Wallace Talbot, Robert Dionne, Heather Picard, Ross Dubois, Albert Lachance, Vince Frallicciardi, Eric Cyr, Pete Williams

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 wanted to let the board know channel 16 has audio but no picture.

Albert Lachance voiced trucks in town are speeding and it needs to be looked into for pedestrian safety issue.

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

1. Authorization to Authorize School Revolving Renovation Fund Bond.

The School Department needs the board authorization in order to get a loan from the bond bank to finance safety and security improvements to the Madawaska Elementary School.

5:33 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to authorize \$52,961 School Revolving Renovation Fund Bond, and for the clerk to file an attested copy of this vote with the minutes of this meeting. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

2. Notification of Grant Award from the Center for Tech and Civic Life COVID-19 Response Grant, to be used for purchase of additional voting booths.

Center for Tech and Civic Life COVID-19 \$250 million Response Grant is a grant available to cover the cost of election supplies if a municipality applies. A minimum grant amount is \$5,000 if qualified.

5:35 P.M. Manon Raymond motions to accept the grant award from the Center for Tech and Civic Life COVID-19 Respond Grant for the purchase of additional voting booths. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 3 and 9 will be switched and taken out of order.

Article 9 To Consider the Designation of a Snowmobile /ATV Access Trail on Riverview Street.



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A Designation for a Snowmobile / ATV Access trail is being discussed to see if Riverview street can be used and have a trail go down by Chad Vaillancourt property. Homeowners and Abutting property owners were notified and are present at this meeting. Some residents had concerns for noise, and if the machines would stay on the marked access. The Madawaska Snow Groomer would not be coming into town for fuel, as their fuel will now be delivered to their club site. There are already a couple access trails into the downtown area for numerous businesses. Questions were brought up who has ownership from the current designated trail along where the proposed outlined trail.

6:22 P.M. **Jason Boucher motions to accept the proposed outlined access trail. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. Manon Raymond, Laurie Gagnon, and Jason Boucher are in favor and Daniel Daigle opposes. Motion Carries.**

Article 4 To Consider Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of September 16 and September 25, 2020.

6:23 P.M. **Daniel Daigle motions to accept the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes for September 16 and September 25, 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.

6:24 P.M. **Jason Boucher motions to accept the Treasure's Warrants as presented. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 6 To Consider the Appointments of Ballot & Election Clerks to the 2020 November Elections.

6:25 P.M. **Jason Boucher motions to appoint Jacqueline L. Morin, June Cyr, and Diane Lachance for Ballot & Election Clerks for a term of 2 years. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 7 To Consider a Request to Transfer Funds from the Equipment Reserve Account by the Ambulance Dept. Director.

The Ambulance Department is in need to replace a stretcher. The Department is asking to take \$20,800 from their Reserve for a Stryker Power Cot quoted from Autotronics.

6:27 P.M. **Laurie Gagnon motions to approve the request of \$20,800 from the Ambulance Reserve to purchase a Stryker Power Cot. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

Article 8 To Consider the Appointment of the Assessing Agent, Aroostook Regional Assessing Office, an Assessing Office with the Presque Isle City Assessing Department / Aroostook County Regional Assessing Program.

The Aroostook Regional Assessing Office of Presque Isle is an assessing agency which assess 14 communities in Aroostook County. They would do Real Estate and Personal Property assessing for the Town of Madawaska.



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6:30 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to appoint the Aroostook Regional Assessing Office as the Town of Madawaska Assessing Agent. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Other Business:

1. To Consider the Blue Sky Motel Demolition Project letter of recommendation to award contract.

Two Contractors bid on the demolition project for the Blue Sky Motel Demolition Project. After review of the bids there were no errors found. The low bidder was J.R. Vinagro Corporation and was recommended to award the contract to them. Woodard & Curran recommend the bid be awarded to J.R. Vinagro Corporation and execute a Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, and a Contract Agreement.

6:42 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to award the winning Bid to J.R. Vinagro Corporation and proceed as recommended by Woodward & Curran. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

Article 10 To Consider the Adoption of a Jake/Engine Brake Use Prohibition Ordinance, per Planning Board Process.

Anytime a request is made for an ordinance to be taken into consideration, there are different ways an ordinance can be initiated.

1. Resident Request to the board – if the board would be interested in considering such, they can then pass it to the Planning Board to review. Ordinance language would be drafted, then go back to the Board of Selectmen. It can then go to a public hearing, and then town meeting to be decided with the Towns residents.
2. Petition – Valid petition with specific language for ordinance, with signatures.

Discussion would need to be done on where to apply this ordinance? If there is an issue?

The Board Chair asked if the board would like to consider an adoption of Jake/Engine Brake Use prohibition ordinance. *No motion was made.*

Article 11 Discussion on Personnel Practices, Recruitment / Hiring Procedures, Timecards.

Selectmen Daniel Daigle would like the board members to have input prior to hiring/discharge of any employee.

The town of Madawaska is under a Town Manger form of government plan. Under the Town Manger Form of Government, the Town Manager has the authority to hire/fire employees.

Employment law is very tough and does not change.

No Discussion on Timecards.

Next Meeting Date: Town Meeting, Tuesday October 13, 2020

Adjournment

7:11 P.M. Jason Boucher motions to adjourn. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.