



TOWN OF MADAWASKA  
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**Madawaska Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Madawaska High School Library  
Tuesday September 15, 2020 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:** Wallace Talbot, Donald Chasse, Allan Dufour, Paul Lausier, Jean Thomas, Samantha Thomas, Steven Bechard, Albert Lachance, Ken Theriault, Caryl Albert, Vince Frallicciardi, Joel Deschaine, Gerald Ouellette, Gary Dufour, David Morin, Mark Cyr

**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.

Donald Chasse would like to thank the Fire Department / Kevin Dube / Mark Madore for the joint community effort that was provided on August 20 when a main water line burst.

Daniel Daigle asked why the 2 articles he requested to be put on the next agenda are not here tonight? Articles he asked for agenda articles were the Dionne / Snowmobile discussion and the other one was Board of Selectmen having input on Hiring /Firing/Reviewing applications for employees.

Gary Dufour had a couple questions:

1. If crosswalks could be looked at near the shop and save and the DM plaza.
2. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave Pocket park the center parking is not following the flow of the in/out of the area.
3. More lighting inside the park

Paul Lausier would like the cracks on the corner by the sign at the gym to be looked into.

Wallace Talbot addressed the chair about a few items about ATVs.

1. Why Governor Mills never requested due legal process from the Town of Madawaska to post ATV signs? *Talbot Road / All Madawaska roads; The Towns boards has jurisdiction over the town roads, the towns board does not have jurisdiction/authority to set speed limits. The towns board has authority to designate town roads as ATV access, but do not have authority to change speed limits.*
2. Why is Governor Mills relaying on individuals to post at night while sleeping?
3. Do you intent to follow the same policy as your predecessors Mrs. Duperre and Mr. Chasse?
4. Why do you think the state of Maine does not allow atv's on roads that the state has jurisdiction over?
5. Do you think the people of Madawaska have the right to vote on this?



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Allan Dufour would like to know about the progress of the Jake Break ordinance. *No Jake break ordinance town wide. The Request would need to be made to either the Planning Board committee, by petition, or the town board. **\*\*The Request will need to be submitted to Planning Board\*\****

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

**Article 12 will be bought up to Article 3**

**Article 12** To Consider a Request by the Madawaska Water District for a Water line Easement on Town Owned Property on Tax Map 1, Book 428 Page 218, Request to be Placed on the Town Meeting Warrant.

Superintendent Donald Chasse and New Appointed Superintendent Steven Bechard effective 2021 were in the meeting to ask the town board to start the process to grant the water district an easement on Grandmaison Ave off of main street. The process is the board votes to move forward, and it is brought to town meeting.

**6:01 PM** Jason Boucher motions to put the Madawaska Water District request for the water line easement on the town meeting warrant. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Other Business:** 30- Day Notification from the Town of St. Agatha to withdraw from the Code Enforcement Interlocal Agreement.

The Town of St. Agatha gave written notice to initiate termination process for the agreement of the Code Enforcement Interlocal Agreement.

**6:06 P.M.** Laurie Gagnon motions to accept the withdrawal from the town of St. Agatha CEO Interlocal agreement. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 4** To Consider Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of July 28, August 4, August 17, August 27, and the Joint Meeting Minutes of the Board & Finance Committee of August 11, August 12, August 19, and September 2, 2020.

**6:07 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to accept the Board minutes of July 28, August 4, August 17, August 27, and Joint meeting minutes of August 11, August 12, August 19, and September 2, 2020. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

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

**6:08 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to accept the treasurer's warrants as presented. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.



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**Article 6** To Consider a Request by Samantha Thomas, Girls Scout Troop 161 Member to Install a Silver Award Food Cupboard on Town Property.

Samantha Thomas gave a presentation about a Food Drop-Off & Pick up box to assist citizens in need of food assistance. Samantha would maintain/assume all responsibility for the box. The box would not be mounted, it would be on a stand.

**6:17 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to move forward with the Community Food Drop-Off & Pick-up Box agreement and authorize Gary to find a location to best fit the placement. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 7** To Consider Liquor License Renewals for Big Rick's Burger & Wings, and the Long Lake Country Club.

**6:20 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to accept both Liquor License Renewals for Big Rick's Burger & Wing and the Long lake Country Club. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 8** To Consider the Appointments of Three Board of Appeals Members.

**6:21 P.M.** Manon Raymond motions to appoint Daniel Fortin, Mark L. Cyr, and Paul F Lavoie for Board of Appeals 3-year term expiring in 2023. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 9** To Consider a Catering Permit for Big Rick's Burgers and Wings.

*Event has been postponed due to COVID restrictions. No motion or action taken.*

**Article 10** To Consider a Quitclaim Deed for Tax Account 1882, Tax Map 28B- Lot 1G.

Piece of property on Levesque Street has not had taxes paid since 2016, it is now tax acquired to the Town of Madawaska. Public Works is interested in usage of the property for snow dump site. An adjacent property owner is interested in buying the piece of land from the previous owner. He would grant the town of Madawaska an easement/agreement to use the land for snow dumping/land fill.

**6:40 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to move ahead with a quitclaim deed for tax account 1882, Map 28B-Lot 1G. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 11** To Consider a Public Works Dept. Request to Transfer Funds from the Capital Purchases Reserve Account to Repair the Furnace Systems at the Public Works Facilities.

Public Works Department has \$14,000 in capital purchase reserves account. They are requesting to utilize the monies to repair the furnace systems at the public works facilities. Questions / Concerns were made if the school would be paying a portion of the bill?

Discussion was had if the Board of Selectmen and the School can sit down and have a joint discussion regarding relationships, costs, and concerns. Town Manager will set up a date / time.



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**6:51 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to approve the transfer of funds from Capital Purchase Reserve to repair the furnace. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 13** To Consider a Request by Mark Cyr to Purchase an Undeveloped Street Known as Cannan Street, Town Meeting Authorization Required to Dispose the Property.

Mark Cyr would like the town of Madawaska to sell him a section of Undeveloped Cannan Street and Reed Ave. The board will need legal guidance before presenting the selling of these properties to the Town people for voting at Town Meeting. Planning Board will need to be informed when the legal advice comes in. *Discussion was tabled until further guidance can be presented.*

**Article 14** To Consider the Madawaska Public Library Budget.

On September 2 meeting, the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee had 2 different recommendations to be presented to the taxpayers.

**6:19 P.M.** Laurie Gagnon motions to put the article as the Board of Selectmen's recommendation and not recommended by the Finance Committee. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

The Library board took the Board of Selectmen's recommendation and decided to take the \$10,000 reduction out of the Librarians salary. Board of Selectmen and the Library Board will need to have a discussion/clarification the Library ownership and who the librarian employee answers to. The Library Board proposed to cut from Librarian Wages, Book budget, spring cleaning, lawn care and snow removal. Only fundraiser that is done is the book sale.

**7:00 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to retrack his motion from September 2 meeting, decreasing the budget by \$10,000. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**7:10 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to cut \$5500 from the operating side of the budget. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**Article 15** To Consider an Article for the Town Meeting Warrant to Release Sewer Line Easements at: 170 Main Street on Tax Map 5 Lot 161, 93 Vital Drive on Tax Map 5 Lot 162, 91 Vital Drive on Tax Map 5 Lot 162, and on Property located on Tax Map 5 Lot 164, all in Madawaska Maine.

General Service Administration and US Customs and Border Protection new Land Port of Entry project needs to acquire properties abutting Vital Drive, which contain sewer line easements that are no longer needed. Releasing those easements requires Town Voter's Approval at Town Meeting.

**7:39 P.M.** Jason Boucher motions to approve the article as written: For the Town Meeting Warrant to Release Sewer Line Easement at: 170 Main Street on Tap Map 5 Lot 161, 93 Vital Drive on Tax Map 5 Lot 162, and 91 Vital Drive on Tax Map 5 Lot 162 all in Madawaska Maine, remove Tax Map 5 Lot 164. Manon Raymond seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.

**7:40 P.M.** Manon Raymond motions to continue the meeting passed the 2-hour mark. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.



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**Article 16** To Consider the Adoption of the 2020-2021 General Assistance Appendices A-H.

General Assistance Appendices A-H are set maximums set by DHHS yearly. The Town does not have authority to change just adopt.

**7:40 P.M.** **Manon Raymond motions to adopt the 2020-2021 General Assistance Appendices A-H. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

**Article 17** To Consider the 2021 Town Roads Paving Project.

A proposed road repair and paving project list was reviewed. This project was approved prior with a proposed amount of 3 million. Due to COVID the project went on hold. A loan amortization scenarios sheet was presented with options of terms, interests and costs. Public Works Director talked about priorities and the scoop of what the project will be.

**8:15 P.M.** **Jason Boucher motions to go with the 3 million loan for the 10-year term for the Town Road Paving Project using the estimated project list as a guide. Laurie Gagnon seconds the motion. All Board members are in favor and motion carries.**

2020 Hot Top Shimming

Public Works Director would to have additional monies out of the road projects reserve to continue hot top/shimming and fixing the roads due to time.

**8:47 P.M.** **Laurie Gagnon motions to approve an additional \$100,000 from the Hot Top Budget. Daniel Daigle seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**

- A request was made if meetings can be moved to 5 PM.
- Meetings more often every other Tuesday at 5:30 pm.

**Next Board Meeting:** October 6 at 5:30 PM

**9:00 P.M.** **Laurie Gagnon motions to adjourn. Jason Boucher seconds the motion. All board members are in favor and motion carries.**