MINUTES
MADISON SELECT BOARD MEETING
OLD POINT SCHOOL MEETING ROOM 104
108 OLD POINT AVENUE
Monday January 27, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Video link:
(Channel 11 will be providing from the Zoom recording)

A. The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm and all saluted the flag.

B. Roll Call: Mr. Moody and Mr. Bean were absent, all others present.

C. **Consent Agenda**

1. A/P Warrants:
   #20 – 01-14-2024 - $127,859.15

2. Payroll Registers (with correct numbers):
   # 1 – 01-02-2025 – $20,767.31
   # 2 – 01-09-2025 – $21,912.05
   # 3 – 01-16-2025 – $20,663.59
   # 4 – 01-23-2025 – $19,568.04

Motion by Ms. Estes to approve the A/P warrants and payroll registers as presented, second by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

D. **Acceptance of the minutes** of the Select Board meeting on January 13, 2025.

Motion by Ms. Dwyer to accept the minutes as presented, second by Ms. Estes. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

E. **Old Business:**

1. Lakewood Beach watercraft launch policy

   The Town Manager explained that she and Mark Doty had a conversation about what is acceptable to launch from the Lakewood Beach area and would like to memorialize in writing a policy so stating. Mr. Doty worked with the Town Manager to develop a draft of the policy for the Select Board to review.

   Motion by Ms. Dwyer to approve the Municipal Water Access Policy as drafted, second by Ms. Estes. Ms. Estes said there should be something on the sign at the beach area. We will add a section stating the restriction and referencing town policy. No further discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

2. Term of Sheriff contract greater than 1 year

   The Town Manager asked the Somerset County Administrator, Tim Curtis, if it was possible to have a multi-year contract with the Somerset County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Curtis said it would be difficult for this coming year because they are in the process of negotiating the new collective bargaining agreement. Once that is done, we may be able to have a contract with a simultaneous expiration date.

   Chairman Veneziano suggested reaching out to MMA legal about the feasibility of entering into a multi-year agreement with pre-determined annual increases in light of the need for annual budget approval at town meeting.

F. **Items of Communication:**

1. Living Well reports – no questions or comments.

2. Town Manager's report on expenses and revenues – currently at 54% (week 30 = 57.7%)

   Expenses and revenues are within budgeted expectations, holding firm on spending and receiving consistent revenues.

3. Report on Legislative Tour (Housing & Economic Development Committee)

   Members of the Legislative Committee on Housing and Economic Development participated in a tour of Madison and Skowhegan recent development areas, including 55 Westona Ave apartments and TimberHP mill. They were engaged and curious, very interested in how to make the Madison affordable housing project serve as a model for other areas like Yarmouth and New Castle to follow. They look forward to seeing the progress of Phase II of this project, as well as the implementation of the Timber Board product when it comes online.

G. **New Business**

1. Review Matching Grant applications and determine awards

   There were 5 matching grant applications as follows:

   Good & Plenty 2 – parking lot paving project ($5,000)
   Economy Trophy – Shooting Range improvements ($5,000)
   Saulter Dental Hygiene Center – parking lot paving project ($5,000)
   Lake Wesserunsett Association – purchase of a dissolved oxygen meter ($592.58)
   Fonzo's – exterior walk-in refrigerator freezer ($5,000)

   Motion by Ms. Estes to approve the requested grant amounts, second by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

H. Citizen Concerns: none

I. Select Board Concerns:

Ms. Estes asked if we could put the Lake Wesserunsett Association survey on the Town's website to get more feedback from all town residents. The Town Manager agreed that it would be a good idea and will follow up with Mark Doty to make sure that LWA agrees also.

J. Executive Session:

Discuss poverty abatement matter pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405-6(F)

Motion by Ms. Estes to enter Executive Session to discuss a matter pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405-6(F), second by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Entered Executive Session at 6:50pm.

Exited Executive Session at 7:12pm.

Motion by Ms. Estes to approve a poverty abatement for account #265 for the balance of the 2022 taxes (recorded online from Harris at the time of the meeting as $952.50) plus interest and penalties, second by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0.

K. Adjournment:

Motion by Ms. Estes to adjourn, second by Ms. Dwyer. No discussion. Motion passed 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

NEXT REGULAR SELECT BOARD MEETING
MONDAY February 10, 2025
108 OLD POINT AVENUE
6:30 pm