

Madbury Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 3, 2023

In Attendance: Chair, Selectman Janet Wall (JW) - Selectman Mark Avery (MA), Selectman Tim Burt (TB), Town Administrator Eric Fiegenbaum (EF), Treasurer Deborah Ahlstrom (DA), Resident Jeanette Fones, Guest Todd Copley

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by JW at 7:05 PM

Correspondence

- EF presented a report from the Department of Revenue indicating that no errors were found during a spot check of the town contract assessor

New Business

- MA motion, TB 2nd for JW to serve as Chair - Pass
- Guest Todd Copley (29 Samuel Hanson Ave, Dover NH)
 - Copley asked to speak with Board about a recent negative interaction he had with a police officer while driving through town. He wasn't sure what agency the officer was with but described the officer as wearing a "powder blue" uniform. Copley explained he has already contacted Durham PD, Madbury PD, State Police and NH AG's Office. Has filed 91a request for police report but cannot determine which agency to pursue.
 - Described the incident as follows: He drove from Durham to Dover using Evans Rd on March 17, 2023 and hit a snow bank. After he pulled over to speak with his daughter on the phone, a police officer approached him. Copley said the officer conducted Standardized Field Sobriety Tests roadside then "let him go", but Copley feels like he was "bullied" during the encounter.
 - TB agreed to followup with Chief McGann on this complaint as he has an introductory meeting with him scheduled for this week.
 - Copley was told we would get back to him when we have more info
- Board discussed an application by resident Susan Ossoff to join the PWEC. Her background was reviewed and MA advised that the PWEC has 2 open seats and needs 2 alternates. The Board agreed to make a decision on Ossoff next meeting.
- The Lamprey Regional Waste Coop agreement was discussed and reviewed. MA motioned to approve, TB 2nd - pass.
- Board Assignments: TB motion, JW 2nd the following assignments for this term:
 - Police liaison= JW
 - Fire liaison= TB
 - Planning Board Ex-Officio= TB
 - Water Resource Board= JW

- PWEC= MA
- Recreation Commission= JW
- A complaint regarding wood processing operations on Freshet Rd by Rte 108 was discussed. EF will invite the parties to a future Board meeting to discuss.
- The Board held a review of the recent Town Meeting. Poor audio was noted. EF will ask Tom Perley for suggestions on improving the audio system. The script used by the Board had some typos. It was recommended that this script be cross-checked with the final wording that is printed in the book for future meetings.
- EF gave overview/history of property taxes on campground sites. EF stated a trailer owner died and recommends forgiving the tax on this property. BOS will take this up after tax bills are generated.
- There was a discussion on how to best acknowledge Fritz Green's service to the town. MA will continue this discussion with EF.

Old Business

Gaudreault Estate (Cherry Ln)

- EF provided an update that Mr Gaudreault (welfare recipient) has been cremated and pointed out that his grandson who lives in the house needs assistance. EF has started talking to welfare officer.
- JW has researched Navy burial option (which is free). EF pointed out that his will requests cremation with remains to be scattered at a Madbury Memorial Park. EF will contact social services. MA requested that EF also contact town attorney to review property status/probate issues.

Board Updates

- Planning Board (PB)
 - MA brought TB up to speed on an outstanding issue with a generator business on Rte 108. The PB had tabled this issue. MA asks that the PB untable and contact the owners for a status update as it appears they are still out of compliance. TB will bring this to PB.

Other Items

- The March 14th meeting is cancelled.
- A recent fire on Moharimet Drive was discussed.

Adjournment

-The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM