



**Article 3: Consent Agreement - Northern Maine Medical Center**

The Board signed the Consent Agreement between the Town of Madawaska and Northern Maine Medical Center for a Code Violation for Map 3 Lot 27.

**Article 4: Sewer Abatement Request (Account #10310)**

The Four Corners Park is requesting an abatement of the Sewer Standby Fee. It is stated in the Town of Madawaska Sewer Ordinance that there will be a \$69.00 charge to all properties that have a stub for sewer hook-up on the property. The residents voted on this at the 2012 Town Meeting. However, the park does not use any of the sewers as the lines were capped. There is no building for bathroom facilities and no future plans to install any bathroom facilities that would connect to the sewer. The Town Manager stated there are porta-potties at this location so there is no usage.

**A motion was made by Selectperson Morin to waive the \$69.00 sewer charge fee for the Four Corners Park based on the fact there will be no future use; seconded by Selectperson Theriault. All in favor. Carried.**

**REPORTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE:****Article 1: Town Manager**

An invitation for the Town Manager and the Board of Select People to attend an Open House for Fort Kent's Can-Am Crown Sled Dog Races on Saturday, February 28 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Acadia House at 23 Pleasant Street.

A card from the Northern Maine Veteran's Cemetery Corporation thanking the Town of Madawaska for their \$100.00 donation and an invitation to visit the cemetery to see the work they have accomplished with people's donations.

The Town Manager provided the Board with an email from legal services (MMA) providing responses for holding public meetings. The Board had questioned if the Town collects emails from the residents, do the emails become public information. If the emails are set up to be one way correspondence then emails do not become public under the law.

**A motion was made by Selectperson Morin to start collecting emails for Public Meeting Announcements; seconded by Selectperson Fletcher. All in favor. Carried.**

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A copy of a Municipal Assessing Services Agreement with the cost for Mr. Michael MacPherson to provide the Town services for the Personal Property Taxes. The cost is not to exceed \$27,800.00 for converting to a usable electronic format. The Town Manager stated the service is expensive and cannot be put in this budget year.

A copy of a letter from the State of Maine Department of Corrections stating that after completing the review of the Madawaska Police Department Facility, the department is in compliance with the Maine Juvenile Code along with the regulations of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, as Amended.

A copy of a letter from Mael Sloen Picard (Deputy Director of International Relations Office) referencing the Town of Madawaska participating in a website promoting the tourism aspects and infrastructures available in the area. The Town Manager asked the Board to decide if they want to participate and add a link to the website.

A memo from the Fort Kent Chamber referencing a Talk Transportation Meeting held by the Maine Department of Transportation.

A copy of the Aroostook Partnership for Progress memo dated February 6, 2015 for the Board's review.

A copy of the Madawaska CSO Abatement Project Update for February 2, 2015. The Town Manager informed the Board that the Public Hearing for the CDBG grant for the Water District was held today.

A letter from Roger Thibodeau (Executive Director) requesting an appropriation for 2014-2015 in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the Greater Madawaska Chamber of Commerce.

The Town Manager stated that flowers were sent on behalf of the Town of Madawaska for Mr. Roger Thibodeau's service. Mr. Thibodeau served on the Madawaska School Board and was Executive Director of the Greater Madawaska Chamber of Commerce.

A memo was received from Mr. Paul A. Cyr regarding his resignation from the Madawaska Budget Committee, effective immediately.

**A motion was made by Selectperson Fletcher to accept the resignation letter from Mr. Paul A. Cyr; seconded by Selectperson Theriault. All in favor. Carried.**

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A letter from the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development stating that the Town of Madawaska has met the requirements for the CDBG program for Au Jardins and Alete Salon and Spa.

A letter from the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development stating the Town of Madawaska has not met the requirements for the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure Grant program.

A letter from the State of Maine Economic and Community Development stating that the job creation goals for the Town of Madawaska on behalf of Chez Helen's Fine Dining Restaurant have been met with three full time jobs.

The Town Manager will have the UDAG Loan Report from the Northern Maine Development Commission available for the next meeting.

The General Assistant Director, Sarah Pelletier, has requested that a Board of Selectperson serve as a member of the General Assistance Fair Hearing Committee. The Town Manager stated Kathleen Pelletier also has served on the committee because she previously worked as the Welfare Director for the Town and she is familiar with the General Assistance Guidelines.

**A motion was made by Selectperson Theriault that Kathleen Pelletier serve on the General Assistance Fair Hearing Committee; seconded by Selectperson Fletcher. All in favor. Carried.**

**A motion was made by Selectperson Theriault that Ivan L. Fletcher serve on the General Assistance Fair Hearing Committee; seconded by Selectperson Morin. All in favor. Carried.**

The Town Manager said flowers will be sent on behalf of the Board to Mr. and Mrs. Chad Carter for the birth of their child.

## **Article 2: Any Other Reports**

Chairperson Frallicciardi informed the Board that he attended meetings in Augusta and spoke on behalf of the Town of Madawaska and the negative effect that Governor LePage's budget proposal will have on the towns. Every town in Aroostook County will be affected by the proposals. The Town Manager stated residents have to voice their concerns to their representatives. The Board discussed a mass mailing to residents to provide information about

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the affect the Governor's cuts could have on the community. The Town Manager suggested a Public Service Announcement on Channel 16. The Town Manager will provide the Board with a copy of her written testimony.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Richard Cayer said he had filed a tax abatement request on his properties and he has not received a letter with a response on the request. Mr. Cayer stated it is required by law that he should have received a written notice by the assessor or municipality within 10 days after final action with a reason as to why the request was approved or denied. Mr. Cayer said he then has 60 days to appeal the decision.

Chairperson Frallicciardi responded he will find out the information about the tax abatement request and have the response in writing sent to Mr. Cayer. I will find out the information from Mr. Randy Tarr.

Mr. Cayer asked to be notified about the Board Workshop so he can attend. Chairperson Frallicciardi responded that there will be no digital recordings or minutes taken at the workshop because it is being held under Executive Session.

Mrs. Ann Cayer stated they are having a hard time to hear the Board Members speak on Channel 16. Chairperson Frallicciardi replied the Board is aware and Selectperson Carter is working on correcting the problem.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **Article 1: Review the Recommendations from the Resource Committee**

Chairperson Frallicciardi stated the Board will skip the discussion of #4 on the Resource Committee Recommendations because Selectperson Carter is not present.

#### **5. The Northern Aroostook Regional Airport usage needs to be reviewed.**

Selectperson Fletcher said he does not want the Town of Madawaska to continue participating in

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the contract with the airport. The original contract is for 99 years, we still have 50 years to go. There were seven towns participating and two are no longer participating so the other towns (Madawaska, Fort Kent, St. Agatha, Frenchville, and St. John) are picking up the slack.

Selectperson Morin said the positive side is the emergency and commercial fly out. There is an airstrip to fly in and out of.

Chairperson Frallicciardi responded the Board will be speaking with the third party representatives (Mr. David Fernald) at the Board Budget Meetings.

Selectperson Fletcher said an alternative is a helicopter can fly in and fuel at the hospital. The airport value can be assessed at 6 million but who would buy it, the airport does not make any money.

Chairperson Frallicciardi replied there are hard decisions to make; we will need exact figures to review for the Town to get out of the contract.

The Town Manager will contact MMA for legal advice for pulling out of the contract. She will contact the Town Attorney for the obligation to debt service and the pay-off notice.

**By consensus, Article 5 will be tabled until more information is provided by our attorney.**

#### **6. Town Budget Committee dissolved and replaced by a Finance Committee.**

The Board discussed dissolving the Budget Committee and replacing it with a Finance Committee. The Board would develop bi-laws for the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee would have an overall view of the Town Budget, review the warrant and the audit to see how money is expended. The Budget Committee was just concerned if the taxes would go up and cut, cut, and cut. The Town Manager stated at the Town Meeting the Finance Committee could provide a report to the residents and they could speak on an article they do not support. The Finance Committee could be made up of a Board Member, a School Board Member, a Twin Rivers Paper Company representative, and two members of the public at large. There would be an alternate for the committee.

The Town Manager and Chairperson Frallicciardi will research the Bi-laws for a Finance Committee. Samples can be created and discussed with the School. The Finance Committee can be added as a warrant article at the Town Meeting.

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The Town Manager stated the Budget Committee receives the same information as the Board.

Chairperson Frallicciardi said at the last four Board Budget Meetings, there was only one Budget Member at one of the meetings. The Board will review numbers 4, 5, and 6 of the Resource Committee Recommendations at the next meeting and then discuss 7, 8, 9.

**The Board tabled #6 until they get Bi-laws for a Finance Committee.**

**ADJOURN:**

**A motion was made by Selectperson Fletcher to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.; seconded by Selectperson Theriault. All in favor. Carried.**

**FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

March 3, 2015	Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
March 3, 2015	BOS Budget Meeting	6:30 p.m.
March 17, 2015	Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
March 17, 2015	BOS Budget Meeting	6:30 p.m.
March 24, 2015	BOS Executive Session	4:30 p.m.

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