

(Edited by Town Manager) (Reviewed by Chairperson Frallicciardi); seconded by Selectperson Morin. Chairperson Frallicciardi, Selectperson Theriault, Selectperson Morin, and Selectperson Carter were in favor. Selectperson Fletcher was against. Carried.

ARTICLES TAKEN OUT OF ORDER:

None

ITEMS TO BE SIGNED:

Article 1: Bills and Warrants

The Board reviewed and signed the Bills and Warrants.

Article 2: Sewer Abatement Account #10310 (Map 6 Lot 279)

The Board signed the \$69.00 Sewer Abatement for the Four Corners Park. They are a non-profit organization and there will never be a building on the lot. It is extremely unlikely the sewer will ever be used for that site.

Article 3: Consent Agreement (Map 17 Lot 21C)

The Board signed the Consent Agreement between the Town of Madawaska and Jessie Dionne for Map 17 Lot 21C.

NEW BUSINESS:

Article 2: Sewer Abatement Request (Account #40502)

The Town Manager called the Water District and Mr. Donald Chasse said that no adjustment was made to the water usage because the problem was with the radiant floor and the water was leaking into the ground. The water did not go through the Town's sewer system.

A motion was made by Selectperson Fletcher to reduce the amount to the last billing which is an adjustment of \$3,609.30; seconded by Selectperson Morin. All in favor. Carried.

REPORTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE:

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Article 1: Town Manager

The Fort Kent Masonic Lodge #209 is asking for help to raise funds for the “Bikes for Books” program. This program entices children to read books for a chance to win a new bicycle and helmet. Chairperson Frallicciardi stated the Town will not participate but the Town is in support of the Fort Kent Masonic Lodge. Chairperson Frallicciardi addressed the Channel 16 camera asking if anyone is interested in donating to the program to contact Mr. Roland G. Michaud at 728-4068.

A copy of the Madawaska CSO Abatement Project Update for February 16, 2015 was given to the Board for their review. The Town Manager stated the work on the Outfall Replacement Project is moving forward.

A copy of the UDAG Monthly Activity Report from the Northern Maine Development Commission was given to the Board for their review.

The next Legislative Policy Committee Meeting will be held on April 8, 2015.

The next Valley Recycling Facility Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. The Town Manager is the Chairperson for the Valley Recycling Committee.

The next Time Warner Cable Meeting will be held on April 2, 2015.

Chairperson Frallicciardi, the Town Manager, and a representative from Maine Efficiency walked through the Town Office to look at the lighting and fixtures for future replacement.

A list of the equipment with prices from the Ricardo’s Restaurant was given to the Board for their review. The Town Manager asked the Board if they want to sell the building with the equipment as a whole or separately. She has received more interest in the sale of equipment without the building. Selectperson Fletcher responded that he would like to give people an option to buy the equipment separately from the building. Chairperson Frallicciardi stated the he would like to liquidate and get the money for the equipment.

A motion was made by Selectperson Fletcher to give the option to purchase the equipment separately, advertise for bids, and include that the Board has a right to refuse any or all bids; seconded by Selectperson Carter. All in favor. Carried.

Article 2: Any Other Reports

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Richard Cayer asked about requesting files from the Town Office. All files are Public Record and are available to the public. Mr. Cayer asked to receive a copy of the Town Report Book. The Town Manager said the last book had two years because the budgets overlapped. Both audits and the updated financials were included in the last book. Mr. Cayer asked if they will be getting a Town Report Book every year and Chairperson Frallicciardi responded yes we are doing the book in-house because it was too expensive to outsource.

NEW BUSINESS:**Article 1: Acadia Fitness Center – Equipment Donation**

The Town Manager informed the Board that the Northern Maine Medical Center has decided to close the gym and they are willing to donate the exercise equipment to the Town. NMMC has asked if the Town of Madawaska is interested in the donation. The hospital would transfer their memberships to the Town of Madawaska. Suzie Paradis will look for grants that can be used toward the conversion of the gym. There has to be much more discussion as to where the gym will be set up as well as fees, janitorial services, and volunteers. The Town Manager and the Superintendent have been discussing a possible location at the middle/high school for a new gym. The Town Manager stated that the next step is to meet with the School Board and discuss further details regarding the gym.

A motion was made by Selectperson Fletcher to accept the exercise equipment donation from the Northern Maine Medical Center with sincere appreciation; seconded by Selectperson Carter. All in favor. Carried.

Article 2: Sewer Abatement Request (Account #40502)

This article was discussed under Items to be Signed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**Article 1: Woodard and Curran – Update on Waste Water Project**

Due to the snowstorm, Mr. Brent Bridges rescheduled the meeting for April.

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A motion was made by Selectperson Theriault to table the meeting with Woodard and Curran; seconded by Selectperson Fletcher. All in favor. Carried.

Article 2: Tax Abatement Request – Richard Cayer

The Board received a letter from Mr. Randy L Tarr, the assessing agent for the Town of Madawaska, stating the he is denying the abatement request from Mr. Richard Cayer.

A motion was made by Selectperson Fletcher to accept Mr. Randy Tarr’s decision to deny the tax abatement request for Mr. Richard Cayer; seconded by Selectperson Theriault. All in favor. Carried.

A motion was made by Selectperson Fletcher that a written letter of denial be provided to Mr. Richard Cayer; seconded by Selectperson Theriault. All in favor. Carried.

Article 3: Sewer Standby Charges

The Board had inquiries from the residents of Madawaska about the \$69.00 sewer standby fee at the last Board Meeting. The standby fee was approved in 2012 but was never charged to the residents. There are no residents present at the meeting tonight to discuss the fee.

Article 4: Farmers Market Regulation and Signage

The Board received sample By-laws and Guidelines for a Farmer’s Market. Selectperson Theriault stated the samples received are too constrictive. The Town Manager responded that there are good points that can be taken out of the samples. Selectperson Carter recommended that the Board take a couple of weeks to review the samples and highlight key points to compile by-laws and guidelines for the Town of Madawaska.

A motion was made by Selectperson Morin to table Article 4 until the March 24 Board Workshop to allow time for the Board to review the samples; seconded by Selectperson Theriault. All in favor. Carried.

Article 5: Legal Opinion – NARAA (Northern Aroostook Regional Airport Authority)

The Board requested legal opinion on NARAA. Mr. Richard L. Currier, Esq. gave the following courses of action.

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1. Have its member on the Board of Directors of the Airport Authority bring a motion to terminate the Agreement and liquidate the airport assets.
2. Give a written notice on behalf of the Town of Madawaska of its intent to withdraw from the Airport Authority in one year. This would send a strong message to the Airport Authority that the Town of Madawaska will not participate after one year (April 1, 2016).
3. Consider withdrawing from any further participation including financial support for the Authority until such time as it adopts by-laws including provisions relating to the withdrawal of members and/or termination of Airport Authority business activities.

A motion was made by Selectperson Fletcher to accept #2. Give written notice on behalf of the Town of Madawaska of its intention to withdraw from the Airport Authority in one year.; seconded by Selectperson Theriault. Selectperson Fletcher and Selectperson Theriault were in favor; Chairperson Frallicciardi, Selectperson Morin, and Selectperson Carter were not in favor. Motion Failed.

Selectperson Morin replied that he would like to hear what the representative from the airport has to say at tonight's Budget Meeting. Selectperson Carter agreed with Selectperson Morin.

Selectperson Fletcher stated that for years he has stated that the airport does not make money. Selectperson Fletcher stated that he will be resigning after tonight's meeting.

A motion was made by Selectperson Morin to table Article 5 until the next Board Meeting to allow the discussion from the airport at tonight's Budget Meeting; seconded by Selectperson Carter. Selectperson Morin, Selectperson Carter and Chairperson Frallicciardi were in favor; Selectperson Fletcher and Selectperson Theriault were not in favor. Carried.

Article 6: Review Recommendations from the Resource Committee

A motion was made by Selectperson Morin to table Article 6 until the next Board Meeting; seconded by Selectperson Theriault. All in favor. Carried.

By consensus, the Board agreed to amend the recommendations on March 24, 2015 at the BOS Executive Session.

OTHER BUSINESS:

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The Board discussed the applicant for the internship. Selectperson Carter suggested that the Board give direction to the Town Manager to contact the professor at the University of Maine at Fort Kent to discuss the unpaid internship. Selectperson Carter proposed that the intern work on creating a welcome packet/brochure for the Town of Madawaska. Selectperson Morin would like to see the intern help with the web development.

By consensus, the Board agreed that the Town Manager contact the professor at the University of Maine at Fort Kent and discuss the internship with the Town.

The Town Manager advised the Board that she will be gone to Augusta for an April 8th LPC meeting in Augusta. The Board will discuss a date for the next Board Meeting at a later date.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Selectperson Morin to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.; seconded by Selectperson Theriault. All in favor. Carried.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

March 24, 2015	BOS Executive Session	4:30 p.m.
April 7, 2015	Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
April 7, 2015	BOS Budget Agenda	6:30 p.m.
April 21, 2015	Board Meeting	4:30 p.m.
April 21, 2015	BOS Budget Agenda	6:30 p.m.

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