

**MADAWASKA BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2015
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING**

Members Present: Vincent J. Frallicciardi, Chairperson David Morin
 Brenda Theriault, Vice-Chairperson Chad R. Carter

Others Present: Christina Therrien, Town Manager, Brent Bridges, Woodard and Curran

Recording Secretary: Sherry Pelletier

PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairperson Frallicciardi called the Public Hearing to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chairperson Frallicciardi asked three times if there was anyone for or against the Liquor and Special Entertainment Permit for Fraser Mansion “La Grande Dame de La Vallee”

Hearing no comments, Chairperson Frallicciardi closed the Public Hearing at 4:32 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Frallicciardi called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

BOARD MINUTES:

None

ARTICLES TAKEN OUT OF ORDER:

Unfinished Business:

Article 1: Woodard and Curran – Brent Bridges

Mr. Brent Bridges stated that the Town had received grant money to use toward the Sewer System Improvements (CSO Project). This project allowed the Water District to piggyback the Town and make improvements to the water lines. The Town was able to pave the roads once the

project was completed on the streets. The Pump Station was under capacity so the upgrades to the Pump Station at Pollution Control were included in the CSO project. There was extra money from Rural Development – EDA and the Town was fortunate to receive a Department of Environmental Protection Loan. Phase 4 of the CSO project will include 20 and 21st Avenues, St. Catherine Street, Pine Street, Clover Street, and Birch Street. There was a pre-bid meeting for three different projects: Phase 4 of the CSO Sewer Project, the Outfall Project – the concrete has washed away, and the Martin Brook section. All the work has to be completed this summer. The grant is free money to the Town and the work needed to be done. The Town needs to spend the loan money first and then the grant money.

ITEMS TO BE SIGNED:

Article 1: Bills and Warrants

The Board reviewed and signed the Bills and Warrants.

Article 2: Liquor License and Special Entertainment Permit for Fraser Mansion “La Grand Dame de La Vallee”

A motion was made by Selectperson Theriault to approve the Liquor License and Special Entertainment Permit for Fraser Mansion “La Grande Dame de La Vallee”; seconded by Selectperson Carter. All in favor. Carried.

REPORTS AND/OR CORRESPONDENCE:

Article 1: Town Manager

A letter from the State of Maine Department of Economic and Community Development informing the Town Manager that the application for a 2015 Community Development Block Grant Public Infrastructure Program award has not been selected to receive funding. The federal allocation decreases each year while competition for funding continues to grow. The Town Manager will follow up with Suzie.

A copy of the Aroostook Partnership for Progress Newsletter dated April 3, 2015 for the Board’s review.

A copy of the Madawaska CSO Abatement Project Update Status Report dated March 30, 2015 from Woodard and Curran.

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There will be a Legislative Call on Wednesday at 12 noon here at the Town Office. The Town Manager stated the BETR and BETE are still on the table. This would be a big impact to the Town at approximately a \$400,000.00 loss.

A reminder of the Election Process for the Maine Municipal Executive Committee and Vice President Position. The statements of interest are due by Monday, May 4, 2015 by 12:00 noon. The Executive Committee meets once a month. The Town Manager asked the Board Members to let her know if they are interested.

The Town Manager stated the gym is progressing very well and she thanked everyone for doing a good job.

Article 2: Any Other Reports

There is a NARIFF Meeting tomorrow morning, April 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Article 1: Plow Truck – Public Works Department

By consensus, the Board tabled Article 1 until the May 5, 2015 Board Meeting.

Article 2: Madawaska ATV Club – Landowner Appreciation Supper

The ATV Club will be holding their Landowner Appreciation Supper on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Dolly's Restaurant. Selectperson Theriault and her husband Keith and Selectperson Morin and his wife Sue will attend the appreciation supper.

Article 3: Madawaska School Department and the Town of Madawaska Agreement to Create the Madawaska Community Gym

The Town Manager stated that Attorney Richard Currier has reviewed the Fitness Center Partnership Agreement with the Northern Maine Medical Center and the Town of Madawaska. A background check has to be completed on all individuals joining the gym. The Town Manager

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stated a person will not be able to acquire a day pass because of the pre-screening. The person will fill out the gym application and the application will be screened by the Police Department. The fees will stay as is and a card system will be used to enter the facility. The Town Manager stated that Dean Gendreau and Diane Boucher will not be responsible to chase after the volunteers if they cannot fill in their hours. On Monday, April 27, at 11:30 a.m., Dean Gendreau, Diane Boucher, and Gerald Ouellette will meet with the Town Manager at the gym to discuss further details. Selectperson Chad Carter thanked all the volunteers who helped move the gym equipment. The Town Manager thanked Mr. David Morin, Mr. Cliff Ouellette, Mr. Robert Guerrette, Mr. Claude Cote, and other volunteers for helping to prepare the facility.

Article 4: Discussion of Town Book

The Town Book will be dedicated to three individuals: Mr. Romeo E. Daigle, Mr. Lloyd J. Tardif, and Mr. Roger Thibodeau. The Town Manager said she will need a letter from the Board for the Town Book.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Article 1: Woodard and Curran – Brent Bridges

Article 1 was discussed under Articles Taken Out of Order.

Article 2: Madawaska Farmer's Market By-laws and Guidelines

The Board discussed different vendors that will be allowed at the Farmer's Market such as the Rib Crib, seafood vendors, etc. The Town Manager replied that the people will have to fill in a registration form to be allowed to sell their merchandise. Selectperson Morin asked where they will register. The Town Manager said they can apply at the Town Office but will have to register with the Police Department at off hours. The Town Manager said Mr. Mike Cowie would make the signs with the hours of operation. The Board agreed to give direction to the Town Manager to contact Mr. Mike Cowie with the needed information for the Farmer's Market sign.

Article 3: Heat Pumps and Maine Efficiency Lighting Program

Efficiency Maine has received the Town of Madawaska's Application for the Prescriptive Lighting Retrofit. The application is under review. The Town Manager stated if there are not enough funds available, the Town may have to re-submit the application once more funds are available for the lighting program.

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Article 4: NARAA – Northern Aroostook Regional Airport Authority

Chairperson Frallicciardi stated that residents came in to voice their opinion on how important the airport is to them. Selectperson Theriault said that she is not against the airport. The money was mismanaged and it is the taxpayer's money. The cost goes up every year so do we want to continue this way for 50 more years. Chairperson Frallicciardi responded we have an obligation to the taxpayers and the taxpayers shouldn't carry the burden. Selectperson Morin said if the airport miscalculated a project, they should make sure to cover their shortfalls, even selling a piece of land. NARIFF needs to be independent of NARRA and we should fund at last year's level. Selectperson Carter said he echo's Selectperson Morin's thoughts and the airport provides a lot of services but we should fund at last year's budget. Selectperson Carter stated no to the proposed increase. The Board agreed that the Town fund them what they did last year but if the deal for the land does not go through that the Town will withdraw from the Airport Authority.

A motion was made by Selectperson Morin to draft a letter for the Board as stated in #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. The by-laws have to be completed by April 15, 2016 and the sale with NARIFF has to be completed by June 30, 2016. Any debt service has to be approved by the voters. By-laws have to be made by April 15, 2016 or procedure to terminate will start if not met; seconded by Selectperson Carter. All in favor. Carried.

A motion was made by Selectperson Morin to continue with the Board Meeting for another 1/12 hour; seconded by Selectperson Carter. All in favor. Carried.

Article 5: Town of Madawaska and the Greater Chamber of Commerce Internship Program Outline

The Town Manager gave a copy of the Town of Madawaska and the Greater Chamber of Commerce Internship Program Outline for the Board to review. The Town Manager will send the outline to the professor at the University of Maine at Fort Kent for his review. The Town Manager has an interview with the intern on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Article 6: General Assistance Committee – Board Member

A member of the General Assistance Committee reviews the information if a resident is eligible for help.

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A motion was made by Selectperson Theriault to approve Selectperson David Morin as the Board representative on the General Assistance Committee; seconded by Selectperson Carter. All in favor. Carried.

Article 7: Madawaska Maine and the North American Francophone Cities and Communities Network

Chairperson Vincent Frallicciardi will represent the Town of Madawaska at the meeting in Quebec. The date has not been finalized. The Mayor of New Brunswick is concerned about taking business away from border towns. The Town Manager stated that she would prefer to focus on this region for marketing instead of Quebec.

Article 8: Certified Business Friendly – Chad Carter and Suzie Paradis

Selectperson Carter stated that Suzie has received three letters for the Certified Business Friendly Application. Selectperson Carter said he will contact Suzie to follow up if there is any more information needed for the certification.

Article 9: Review Recommendations from the Resource Committee

#4 – Communications throughout the community – The Board discussed collecting email information from the residents. Promoting the gym and showing the progression on Channel 16. At the Town Meetings there could be a short video showing what the Town has accomplished in the year or items the Town is working towards. Some of these items could be the 2014 Acadian Congress, the bath house at Long Lake, and the RV Park. Selectperson Carter stated this would be great to increase a positive message for the Town.

A motion was made by Selectperson Carter to have Sherry review the list of goals and present the list to the Board at the next meeting; seconded by Selectperson Morin. All in favor. Carried.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made by Selectperson Carter to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.; seconded by Selectperson Theriault. All in favor. Carried.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

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| April 28, 2015 | BOS Budget Meeting | 5:00 p.m. |
| May 5, 2015 | Board Meeting | 4:30 p.m. |
| May 19, 2015 | Board Meeting | 4:30 p.m. |
| June 2, 2015 | Board Meeting | 4:30 p.m. |
| June 9, 2015 | Elections (K of C Hall) | 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. |
| June 16, 2015 | Town Meeting (MMHS Cafe) | 7:00 p.m. |

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