

TOWN OF MALDEN REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
(subject to revisions)
MALDEN TOWN HALL
NO FACEBOOK LIVE
July 9, 2025-7PM

COUNCIL MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Bob Law, Lori Dickinson, Janell Turner by phone, Mayor Harwood, and Clerk Chandelle Frick. Scott Shauf was not in attendance. Danelle made the motion to excuse the absence Bob seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Lori D. motioned to accept the agenda, Janell seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES June 11, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Bob moves to accept the June 11th minutes Janell seconds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

The food bank will be open on July 23 August 13 & 27 from noon to 2pm. Inland Northwest Partners will be having a meeting July 16, leadership in town is invited. Speaker Deb Brown. Event is from 9-2. Monday Innovia and will be visiting with the town. SCJ Molly and Joey with Architect West will be meeting to talk about the drain issues by the community building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **LTRO** - Board Meeting July 16 - Bob Law shared updated working on LTRO Bi-laws, grant funding, final plans on covered shelter. Chandelle mentioned that 3 first aid kits have been purchased, two are in the community building and food bank, one is in the clerk's office, and an AED has been ordered to arrive next week.
- **Park Committee** - July 10 next meeting discussion about the pump track, bike repair station has been installed next to the community building bike rack
- ~~Tree City~~ removed from the agenda.
- **Code Enforcement** Bob stated that the committee did a drive about turning the list into the city to send letters out on violations. Lori made the motion Bob L. second motion to give letters to the city for mailing notification to residence.
Bob mentioned that that office staff should get help to get this done. Mayor Harwood stated we will seek volunteers to help with code enforcement letters.
Mayor Harwood left a letter for people living in sheds, to explain the requirements for tiny homes.
- **PUBLIC COMMENTS** No public comments Ernie Brown was the only public present at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS-

Update on water system – Resolution 2025 -2 Adoption of the Water System Plan in accordance with WAC 246-290-810. Lori D. motions to accept 2025 -2 Bob L. seconds.

LOSS Updates – Meeting with Ernie, John, Scott Rivas, Dan Harwood, Bobb Law met two weeks ago, one of the things discussed was a settling pond, which is called a weeping wetland there are four

others in the state, sounded good but it may not be the best solution, another idea was each property owner has their own septic with a town wide drain field or settling pond. Keeping the cost and maintenance low for the town and residence.

NEW BUSINESS-

Domestic Dispute - Nuisance Ordinance - complaints from area citizens that they are hearing domestic disputes 6:30 am. Nuisance ordinance is from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Citizen from outside of town was making us aware of it.

Building Plan for review – Received two site plans for review by council. Council reviewed two sets of plans first set received from Joni Goodwin, which was reviewed and approved by council. Lori D. motioned to approve, Bob L. seconded approval of plans. Second set of plans for a shed from Mr. Boyer. Council reviewed the plans and approved. Bob L. makes a motion to approve building permits, Danelle R. seconded Bob’s motion.

WARRENTS AND APPROVED CHECKS- Checks #8155 to 8171- CLAIMS-\$ 14,277.70

PAYROLL- \$3,858.83 TOTAL = \$18,136.53 Bob L. makes a motion to accept warrants and registrar Danelle seconded the motion.

STAFF REPORTS

Clerk- No updates from the clerk, working on grants and town business.

Public Works - Mowing and watering, may stop mowing sides of road due to fire danger. Has received a mower attachment from Pine Creek Conservation District Town has MOU to use attachment.

Fire Dept – Dan Harwood stated on July 2 180,000 gallons of water were used by residence in town the day of the Siegel fire. The town was in communication with DNR during the fire sharing updated on media and posting in town. The town has an agreement with DNR to pay for any water they use. Trucks and Fire Department are ready.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - No comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS - Bob L. stated he enjoys hearing the train whistle over the voice at noon. No other comments.

MAYOR COMMENTS- Mayor Harwood would like to thank the residents for not lighting fireworks over the holiday. Goats did eat some vegetation, but the residents are still responsible to maintain their lots. Open council seats July 30 through August 1st last opportunity to apply. Gravel Road project is July 28th and 29th for the first phase of the penetration oil treatment, second phase 13th and 14th of August due to the 7-day settling process.

MOTION TO ADJOURN- Bob L. motions to adjourn the meeting, Janell seconded.

_____Clerk/Treasurer

_____Mayor

