

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
MARCH 15, 2014
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present: Chairman Michael Brooks, Josh Shackford, and John Arruda.

Others Present: Town Administrator Melissa Arias and Deputy Town Administrator Sue Stacey; Madison Historical Society members Becky Knowles, Linda Smith, Penny Hathaway, and Celeste Benoit.

Where and When Posted: Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on March 10, 2014. Meeting was posted to take place at 8:30 a.m. in the Madison Elementary School gymnasium in order to discuss preparations prior to the 9 a.m. Annual Town Meeting.

Meeting Called to Order: By Brooks at 8:34 a.m. in the Elementary School gymnasium.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – There were no minutes to approve at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST – There was no manifest to approve at this meeting.

THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

2014 OPERATING BUDGET – The Selectmen discussed last minute adjustments needed to Warrant Article #5 for the proposed 2014 operating budget. These include (1) an increase to the General Government Building – Janitor line [+\$875], (2) an increase in the General Government Building – Heat line [+\$1,000], (3) a decrease in the Personnel – Medical Insurance line [-\$1,212], (4) an increase in the Solid Waste – Wages line [+\$10,797], and (5) an increase in the Legal – Town Counsel line [+\$52,300] making the new proposed 2014 operating budget figure \$2,458,512. This is the amount the Moderator will be asked to place on the floor.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARTICLE #8 – Members of the Madison Historical Society were asked to attend this meeting to discuss a concern sent to the Selectmen via e-mail earlier this week about the language of Warrant Article #8 not specifying that the building was being relocated. It was explained that the existing article references repairing and restoring the Historical Society but makes no mention of the building being moved onto a new foundation on the same property. The Selectmen pointed out that all discussions between the Historical Society and the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee leading up to this point were open to the public, as was the Public Budget Hearing. Knowles said the building location will shift about 30 feet to the south and will meet zoning setbacks. Attorney Diane Gorrow was asked whether the intended project falls within the language of the article as written; she said yes. Brooks said including the term “relocated” might have caused the public to think the building was being moved from the existing property to another town-owned property like the Town Hall was in 1999. Benoit said relocating the building onto a new foundation is actually part of the necessary repair, which is also a less costly than jacking the building up to repair the existing foundation. Knowles said the building will be 50’ from the abutting property to the south and far enough from the northerly abutter to allow for some off-street parking.

HIGHWAY TRUCK ARTICLE #9 – The amount of the highway truck article is being reduced from \$55,000 to \$45,295 based on the bid results with the first payment being \$15,295. The article language was changed to include a dump body in place of a sander. The Moderator will be asked to place the article on the floor based upon the above changes.

SIGNATURE ITEMS – There were no signature items at this meeting.

8:46 PM – Brooks made a **motion** to adjourn the public meeting and wait for Selectman Arruda to arrive before entering a non-public session, seconded by Shackford, and so voted **2-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN’S MEETING – The next Selectmen’s meeting will be Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa S. Arias, Selectman
Recording Secretary