

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
FEBRUARY 5, 2013  
MINUTES**

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

**Others Present:** Town Administrator Melissa Arias; Deputy Town Administrator Sue Stacey; Budget Committee members Dave Chase, Jim Lyons, Cheryl Littlefield, Suki Norris, Ron Force, Hersh Sosnoff and Ray O'Brien; Trustee of the Trust Funds Pam Wells; Fire Commissioner Richard Wells; Library Trustee Peter Stevens; Veterans Monument member Henry Forrest; residents Franklin Jones and Ed Foley; Madison TV Videographer Emilie Riss.

**Where and When Posted:** Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on June 30, 2011.

**Meeting Called to Order:** By the Chairman at 5:30 p.m. Brooks said the Selectmen asked the Budget Committee to this meeting to discuss the proposed 2013 budget and warrant articles and vote recommendations in advance of the 7 pm Public Budget Hearing. The Budget Committee's attendance at the Selectmen's Meeting was posted on January 30, 2013 and Jim Lyons took minutes on behalf of the Budget Committee.

**2013 PROPOSED BUDGET** – Brooks started with an explanation on proposed Article 2 for the purchase of a new fire truck. Brooks summarized the intent of the article and how it locks the Town in for the next 10 years. Sosnoff said he hasn't seen enough information on this truck purchase to make an informed decision. He listed consideration items like the need, the condition and cost to repair the existing truck, the steps that went into the bid process, etc. that haven't been adequately addressed. Shackford agreed and said it would be fiscally imprudent for this article to appearing on the warrant without all the facts. Arruda agreed there are too many unanswered questions on the proposed purchase which is why Article 3 has been inserted into the warrant as a place holder to allow for repairs to the existing truck as an alternative. Arruda would prefer the funds needed to repair the truck come out of the existing Capital Reserve Fund instead of being raised through general taxation. Chase asked if the article could be removed all together if two of the three Selectmen vote to take it off the warrant. Arruda said yes but also noted how the Selectmen have put warrant articles on the warrant before even though they haven't supported the article as a Board. Hersh said the cost associated with this article is so large it shouldn't be presented to the voters until the rationale and process leading up to today can be completely explained. Shackford said he can't support the article because it hasn't been proven that the existing truck is un-repairable. However, he would support a special Town Meeting if information to the contrary comes out.

Brooks went line by line down through the operating budget warrant article. Arruda wondered if the Direct Assistance line could be reduced by a few thousand dollars based upon the amount expended in 2012. Shackford cautioned against cutting this line because of the financial situation Tri-County Community Action is in and the negative affect this could have on fuel assistance. Arias added that there have been a lot of applications so far this year and several payments made on behalf of applicants.

**WARRANT ARTICLE RECOMMENDATIONS** – The Selectmen and Budget Committee voted their recommendations on the proposed warrant articles so they can be printed on the Tentative Warrant. Chase said he won't support the proposed operating budget at a 4.1% increase over last year. Chase said there has to be room to make cuts in lines like Fire, Highway, Library, Elections, and Direct Assistance. Chase would support level funding the Fire Department. Force said the difference between the 2012 expended budget and the 2013 proposed budget is about \$200,000. Arruda said the Selectmen haven't seen a plan from the Road Agent to account for the \$40,000 Road Maintenance line and the \$100,000 warrant article for East Madison Road. Arruda said he would support last year's approved budget amount plus any contractual increases in pay, NH Retirement, insurances, and other uncontrollable expenses. Sosnoff suggested taking last year's expended budget amount, plus the year end encumbrances, plus a \$50,000 allowance for uncontrollable increases which would be slightly less than last year's approved amount. Force has compared the operating budget amounts from the last 3-4 years and noted that the Selectmen have held the annual operating budgets to less than what was appropriated in 2010. Shackford asked to interject and said the Selectmen and Budget Committee have been working on this budget, independently and with Department Heads, for the last four months and now with a half-hour before the Public Budget Hearing is to start the group wants to rewrite the budget and nickel and dime certain budget lines. Shackford plans on supporting the operating budget as proposed, which may be up 4.1% but is significantly less than the first 2013 draft operating budget that showed a 15% increase. Arruda said there is likely some money that could be pulled out of the proposed operating budget and suggested the Selectmen look to propose a lesser amount on the floor of Town Meeting.

Brooks spoke about the two articles pertaining to Madison TV. Brooks said the proposed new equipment for \$5,000 is on the warrant as a back-up if the vote on Conway PEG TV fails and Madison is disconnected from the shared Time Warner Channel 3. Brooks asked Stacey to reverse the order of these two articles on the warrant and said Madison TV isn't proposing \$10,000 in warrant articles; it will be one or the other.

#### **FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE -**

**Motion:** Shackford made a **motion** to remove Article 2 from the Warrant, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **2-0-1**.

**Decision:** Article 2 will be taken off the warrant.

The group then discussed how to proceed with funding the repair to Engine 1 and whether the money should be raised through general taxation or taken out of the existing Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. Brooks explained in frustration how Town Meetings have deviated away from the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) on a number of occasions which is unfortunate. Brooks said the CIP was set up as a budgeting tool but is only effective if the plan is followed. Brooks said the CIP listed annual deposits of \$50,000 into the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund so that in 2015 the Town would have nearly a half-million dollars to purchase a new truck outright. Unfortunately, the voters at Town Meeting haven't supported \$50,000 annual deposits, some years making no attempt to put money into the fund.

Deputy Fire Chief Richard Clark joined the meeting at this time and quietly presented Brooks with a 5-page document outlining the Fire Department's viewpoint on the issues with 4 Engine 1 and the need for a new fire truck. Brooks asked the other Selectmen if they would consider withdrawing their previous motion and vote to remove Article 2 from the warrant so the discuss can continue at the Public Budget

Hearing where Clark will have a chance to go over the new document presented today in response to suggestions made at last week's Advisory Budget Committee Meeting. Arruda and Shackford agreed to withdraw their initial motion and second regarding Article 2 and revisit the matter at a later time.

The groups then voted their recommendations on the various articles one by one with the exception of the Selectmen and Articles #2 & #3.

WA #	Warrant Article/Item	Dept.	\$\$	Selectmen Recommendation aye-nay-abstain	Budget Recommendation aye-nay-abstain
2	Buy Fire Truck 10 yr lease/purchase Dissolve CRF	Fire	\$ -	-----	0-3-4
3	Fire Truck Repair	BOS	\$ 50,000.00	-----	3-1-3
4	Operating Budget	BOS	\$ 2,283,598.00	1-2-0	2-5-0
5	E. Madison Rd NL Engineering & Reconstruct	Hwy	\$ 100,000.00	3-0-0	7-0-0
6	Buy Hwy Heavy Truck 4 yr lease	Hwy	\$ 49,500.00	3-0-0	3-4-0
7	Assessing Expendable Trust CRF	BOS	\$ 30,000.00	3-0-0	7-0-0
8	Buy Police SUV Cruiser 3-4 yr lease	Police	\$ 19,800.00	3-0-0	7-0-0
9	Hwy Heavy Equip Expendable Trust CRF	Hwy	\$ 10,000.00	2-1-0	4-2-1
10	Conway Channel 3	BOS	\$ 5,000.00	1-2-0	1-4-2
11	PEG TV Equipment	BOS	\$ 5,000.00	1-2-0	1-3-3
12	Carroll County Transit	Petition	\$ 3,000.00	0-3-0	2-4-1
13	White Mtn. Comm. Health	Petition	\$ 6,511.00	3-0-0	4-3-0
14	Gibson Center Meals on Wheels	Petition	\$ 3,500.00	3-0-0	5-2-0
15	TriCAP - fuel assistance	Petition	\$ 5,000.00	3-0-0	4-3-0
16	Ossipee Children's Fund	Petition	\$ 4,500.00	3-0-0	4-3-0
17	Children Unlimited early support & services	Petition	\$ 2,800.00	3-0-0	4-3-0
18	Starting Point domestic violence	Petition	\$ 1,751.00	3-0-0	4-3-0
19	Northern Human Services Mental Health	Petition	\$ 2,149.00	3-0-0	4-3-0
20	American Red Cross	Petition	\$ 1,120.00	3-0-0	5-2-0
21	Dissolve Library Equipment Expendable Trust CRF	Library	\$ -	Non-money article	Non-money article
22	Hwy/Transfer Station Backhoe CRF from	BOS	\$ -	2-1-0	3-3-1

	surplus				
23	Remove Hwy to Summer Cottages Designation on a portion of Lead Mine Rd	Petition	\$ -		
				Non-money article	Non-money article
	<b>Total Warrant</b>		<b>\$ 2,583,229.00</b>		
24	<i>Any other business</i>				

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Shackford made a **motion** to approve the Selectmen’s Meeting minutes of January 22, 2013 and January 29, 2013 as prepared, seconded by Brooks, and so voted **2-0-1** with Arruda abstaining because he wasn’t present at the two meetings.

**APPROVAL OF MANIFEST** – Shackford made a **motion** to approve the Manifest of January 28 – February 6, 2013 in the amount of \$320,495.16, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **3-0**. The Manifest breakdown is as follows: \$22,471.53 for payroll; \$7,312.30 for payroll liabilities; \$86,267.33 for accounts payable; \$104,444.00 for the Village District of Eidelweiss’ 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> issue property tax commitment; \$100,000.00 for the Madison School District (release date 2/14/13).

**THERE WERE NO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**PROPERTY TAX INTEREST WAIVER REQUEST** – The agenda included a request for a waiver on 2012 2<sup>nd</sup> issue property tax interest however the Tax Collector received additional information this week so it will be discussed with her on February 19, 2013.

**VETERANS MONUMENT COMMITTEE** – Given the lack of time this will be tabled until Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.

**TRANSFER STATION POLICY ON ELECTIONEERING & SOLICITATION** – This topic will also be tabled until the next meeting.

**2013 TRANSFER STATION MONITORING** – The Selectmen received the 2013 proposal from Stantec for the water quality monitoring at the Transfer Station required by the NH Dept. of Environmental Services as part of our landfill closure permit. It is to be signed by the Chairman later under Signature Items.

**SIGNATURE ITEMS –**

- Manifest
- Payroll & Accounts Payable Checks
- Stantec proposal re: 2013 Transfer Station water quality monitoring
- Current Use Application – Davis (247-019) after Boundary Line Adjustment

**MEETING RECESSED - 7:00 PM** – Brooks made a **motion** to recess the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen and reconvene in the James Noyes Memorial Hall at the Elementary School for the 2013 Public Budget Hearing, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **3-0**. Arias asked Chief Mullen to explain to the attendees at the school that the hearing will start a few minutes late due to the Selectmen’s Meeting.

**2013 PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING – 7:15 PM** - The Selectmen and Budget Committee met in the James Noyes Memorial Hall at the Elementary School to review the 2013 proposed budget and warrant articles and to answer questions from the public.

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

**Budget Committee Members Present:** Chairman David Chase, Secretary Jim Lyons, Hersh Sosnoff, Cheryl Littlefield, Ron Force, Suki Norris and Ray O'Brien.

**Others Present:** Town Administrator Melissa Arias; Deputy Town Administrator Sue Stacey; Madison TV Videographers Tim Hughes, Noreen Downs and Emilie Riss; Police Chief Jamie Mullen; Moderator George Epstein; Conservation Commission Chairman David Riss; Fire Commissioner Richard Wells; Deputy Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Richard Clark; Firefighter David Cribbie; Trustee of the Trust Fund Pam Wells; Road Agent Bill Chick Sr.; Assistant Road Agent and Firefighter Bill Chick Jr.; Solid Waste Advisory Committee Chairman David Downs; Library Trustees Peter Stevens and Ron Force; Librarian Mary Cronin; former Budget Committee member Fay Melendy; residents Susan Lee, Paul Littlefield, Donna Veilleux, Mike Veilleux, Celeste Benoit, Mike Benoit, Bob King, Kim Force, Ann Bartlett, Sharon Rogers, Cathy Livingston, Cathie Gregg. Charitable organization representatives Jack Rose and wife, George Cleveland, and one unknown individual.

**Where and When Posted:** Town Hall upper and lower bulletin boards, Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on January 24, 2013 and in the Conway Daily Sun on January 26 and February 5, 2013.

**Meeting Called to Order:** The Chairman opened the Public Budget Hearing at 7:15 p.m. and took responsibility for the tardiness in starting the hearing. Brooks said discussions ran over with the Budget Committee at the 5:30 p.m. Selectmen's Meeting. Brooks said the proposed warrant articles will be discussed one at a time with the intention to not revisit an article once we've moved past it.

**Pertinent comments are listed in bold print under the article being discussed.**

Town of Madison  
2013 WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Madison in the County of Carroll in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the James Noyes Hall at the Madison Elementary School in Madison on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, polls to be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM to act upon Articles 1 with the meeting to reconvene at nine o'clock in the forenoon of Saturday, March 16, 2013 in the James Noyes Hall at the Madison Elementary School in Madison to act upon the remaining Articles:

Article 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of four hundred forty nine thousand two hundred fifty six dollars (\$449,256) payable over a term of 10 years for a new pumper for the Madison Fire Rescue and reduce the total purchase price by placing a down payment in the amount one hundred sixty three thousand eight hundred

dollars (\$163,800) to come from dissolving the Fire Truck Capitol Reserve Fund. The annual payment of thirty-three thousand six hundred thirty-five dollars (\$33,635) will begin in 2014 with no payment due in 2013. This agreement does not contain an escape clause and requires a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> ballot vote for passage.

**Brooks said new information was delivered by the Deputy Chief at tonight's Selectmen's Meeting in response to discussions at last week's Advisory Budget Committee Meeting. The Selectmen and Budget Committee have not had an opportunity to read and understand the 5-page document. In light of this new information Brooks said the Selectmen haven't voted whether to recommend or not recommend this article yet. Deputy Chief Clark read key portions of the document for the listening audience.**

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the purpose of repairing Fire Engine 1.

**Brooks said this article was put on the warrant as a place holder and an alternative to Article 2. Clark doesn't think \$50,000 is enough to address the issues with Engine 1.**

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million two hundred eighty-three thousand five hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$2,283,598) for general Town operations with discussion and amendments to be considered line by line.

	2012 Approved	2012 Expended	2013 Proposed
Ambulance	\$ 27,850.00	\$ 27,850.08	\$ 28,100.00
Animal/Pest Control	\$ 4,175.00	\$ 2,476.27	\$ 1,775.00
Assessing	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,407.50	\$ 20,000.00
Building Inspection	\$ 37,609.00	\$ 35,852.12	\$ 37,309.00
Conservation Commission	\$ 3,325.00	\$ 3,309.88	\$ 3,950.00
Direct Assistance	\$ 33,080.00	\$ 21,877.75	\$ 33,080.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	\$ 11,400.00	\$ 8,738.06	\$ 8,100.00
Emergency Management Dept.	\$ 4,721.00	\$ 4,773.05	\$ 4,721.00
Executive	\$ 110,527.00	\$ 107,747.34	\$ 113,300.00
Financial Administration	\$ 129,280.00	\$ 121,505.57	\$ 133,066.00
Fire Rescue	\$ 127,823.00	\$ 116,921.09	\$ 143,585.00
General Government Buildings	\$ 49,875.00	\$ 43,398.43	\$ 48,385.00
General Government Equipment	\$ 11,850.00	\$ 8,336.04	\$ 11,850.00
Highway	\$ 479,257.00	\$ 473,219.66	\$ 519,080.00
Insurance	\$ 66,270.00	\$ 61,890.17	\$ 68,100.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.00
Legal	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 19,104.74	\$ 22,700.00
Library	\$ 62,219.00	\$ 62,600.03	\$ 67,379.00
Madison PEG TV	\$ 21,382.00	\$ 18,284.04	\$ 20,870.00
Notes Due	\$ 9,179.00	\$ 9,178.52	\$ 9,179.00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 60,786.00	\$ 52,890.96	\$ 62,781.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 900.00	\$ 758.16	\$ 900.00
Personnel Administration	\$ 416,778.00	\$ 364,764.34	\$ 453,937.00

Planning Board	\$ 17,950.00	\$ 7,699.87	\$ 12,950.00
Police	\$ 279,597.00	\$ 279,155.08	\$ 282,662.00
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 152,278.00	\$ 145,048.75	\$ 156,478.00
Street Lighting	\$ 10,185.00	\$ 10,351.23	\$ 11,560.00
Zoning Board	\$ 8,850.00	\$ 6,497.43	\$ 7,800.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,194,346.00	\$ 2,029,636.16	\$ 2,283,598.00

Brooks reviewed the proposed lines of the operating budget individually looking for comments or questions. The audience requested an explanation on the Fire Department increase so Brooks broke that department down line by line. It was asked why the reimbursement line was increased by \$10,000. Clark said there are new requirements for training, along with several new members on the Department, which has increased the attendance on calls so actually the point system works out to be less money per point than in previous years. Clark said there is a new Officer Stipend line that contains \$12,000 which had previously been part of the Member Reimbursement line. It was asked whether there was money turned back at the end of 2012. Clark said funds were encumbered at the end of 2012 leaving about \$300 in the Fire Department operating budget last year. The Road Agent was asked to explain the Highway Department increase which amounts to the need for additional contracted services, additional road maintenance and the increasing cost of asphalt and aggregate. Arruda asked which roads were to be improved or maintained. Chick said his annual reports lists these roads as: Ossipee Lake Road, Cross Road, Tasker Hill Road, Allard Hill Road, Spigot Hill Road, Meadows Drive and possibly some on Town Line Road. Chick just received current pricing for chip sealing (\$27,000 per mile) and sand sealing (\$20,000 per mile). The increase in Personnel Administration came up so Brooks explaining the percentage increases for each of the various line items. Retirement contributions for full-time employees are the largest increase in the 2013 Personnel line. It was asked why the 2012 expended budget amount was so much less than the 2012 approved amount and the 2013 proposed amount. Stacey said there were some personnel/employee changes in 2012 that resulted in gaps in service and/or changes to medical plans. Stacey said part-time employees were used during the interim so there was a savings in benefit amounts and retirement contributions. Direct Assistance was questioned because the 2012 expended was much less than the 2013 proposed. Brooks said the Selectmen talked about reducing the Direct Assistance line but left it level funded based upon recent developments with a local charity and application activity to date. King asked about some deferred building maintenance projects including the Town Hall roof and torn siding and painting of the Madison Garage. Brooks said the Selectmen are waiting for an updated proposal from Precision Applications that could be incorporated into this year's or next year's operating budget. The Selectmen are aware of the siding issue on the Town Hall dormer but are trying to determine the best way to address it given the height of the building and difficult finding an insured repair person. Brooks said the Madison Garage project has been discussed but isn't included in the 2013 budget. Chick Sr. asked about the proposal to repair and paint the Highway Garage siding. The Selectmen said this project was discussed but has been deferred based upon a recommendation that the building be resided instead of repaired and painted. King said leaving the Town Hall dormer exposed to the weather last summer could be causing significant damages. King would like some assurance that these projects will be attended to in an expeditious manner this year. Melendy asked for an explanation from the Selectmen and the Budget Committee as to why a majority of each group voted to not recommend the operating budget. Chase said he would support a level funded operating budget with a \$50,000 buffer built in for contractual increases. Chase said this would put the 2013 proposed operating

**budget at \$2.14 million instead of \$2.28 million. Shackford explained that the first draft of the 2013 budget came in with a 15% increase over the 2012 approved budget. Shackford said the Selectmen have worked on the proposed budget for 3-4 months with the Budget Committee and Department Heads to get it to a 4.1% increase. Shackford supports the budget as proposed. Brooks doesn't support the proposed operating budget and would like to see the percentage of increase no more than 3%. Arruda tended to agree with Brooks.**

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the beginning reconstruction of East Madison Road. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the funds have been exhausted with the completion of the project or by December 31, 2018, whichever is sooner.

**Epstein would like to see the Selectmen change their perspective on non-lapsing warrant articles whereby the Board make every attempt to shorten the length of proposed non-lapsing warrant articles based on the best estimate of when the project or purchase will be finalized instead of having every non-lapsing article be for the maximum statutory period.**

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease agreement for one hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$185,000) for the purpose of leasing a new Highway Dump Truck with sander, plow and frame and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$49,500) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause and a buyout option for one dollar (\$1) at the end of the four years.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the Assessing Expendable Trust Fund.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three year lease agreement for twenty-nine thousand eight hundred dollars (\$29,800) for the purpose of leasing a 2013 SUV Police Cruiser and to raise and appropriate nineteen thousand eight hundred dollars (\$19,800) of which ten thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$10,625) will apply to the first year's payment for that purpose and eight thousand seven hundred forty dollars (\$8,740) to outfit the police cruiser. This lease agreement contains an escape clause and a buyout option for one dollar (\$1) at the end of the three years.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in Highway Heavy Equipment Expendable Trust Fund.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of allowing the Town's cable subscribers to continue to view Conway PEG TV on channel 3.

**Veilleux asked if additional programming could be made available via the internet for those taxpayers and residents who can't receive it or chose to use a provider other than Time Warner Cable. King said an amendment to this article could be posed at Town Meeting to attempt to negotiate the figure downward based upon our ability to tape, produce, and broadcast our own programming where other contributing towns cannot. Arruda said the Town needs to proceed**

**cautiously with any agreement made with Conway, regardless of whether negotiations happen or not. Epstein said watching programming on the internet at our own convenience is more of a benefit to the general public than airing on a PEG cable channel.**

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of purchasing upgraded computer equipment for Madison PEG TV from general taxation. ~~This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the funds have been exhausted with the completion of the project or by December 31, 2018, whichever is sooner.~~

**Given Epstein's previous comment about non-lapsing articles, the Selectmen asked Stacey to completely remove the last sentence of this article. Brooks said this is a backup Article should Article 10 fail. If Article 10 passes, Brooks said this Article will be passed over. Chase said Madison TV has turned money back from franchise fees in the past and asked whether Madison TV could operate independently within the annual franchise fees. Brooks said the Selectmen have considered establishing a fund where the excess franchise fee funds would be deposited at the end of every year for equipment upgrades and expanded videographer hours. Unfortunately this can't happen in 2013 because Madison TV encumbered their entire remaining budget for 2012.**

Article 12. By Petition To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in support of Carroll County Transit's Senior Transportation. Petition signed by Barbara Anderson, et al.

**Arruda asked charity representative Rose to provide Madison with a financial statement and a rider count for this service as soon as possible. Rose said this program is the Transit's dial-a-ride program which runs independently of the federally funded Blue Loon bus transportation program.**

Article 13. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred eleven dollars (\$6,511) for the support of White Mountain Community Health Center to help meet healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town of Madison. Petition signed by Ann Bartlett, et al.

Article 14. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) to support Madison home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels), congregate meals, transportation and program services provided by the Gibson Center for Senior Services, Inc. Petition signed by Kevin Whitted, et al.

**George Cleveland said this is the first time in 10 years the requested amount has gone up.**

Article 15. By Petition. We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Madison do hereby petition the 2013 Annual Town Meeting to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for Tri-County Community Action for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Madison. Petition signed by Bruce Kennedy, et al.

Article 16. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) in the support of the Ossipee Children's Fund providing financial assistance for Madison children. Petition signed by Ann Bartlett, et al.

**Bartlett read two letters from (or regarding) Ossipee Children’s Fund for the listening audience.**

Article 17. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$2,800) for the Early Supports & Services Program (birth to 3 years) of Children Unlimited, Inc. Petition signed by Audrey Epstein, et al.

Article 18. By Petition. To respectively request that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand seven hundred fifty-one dollars (\$1,751) in support of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Petition signed by Anne R Roser, et al.

Article 19. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand one hundred forty-nine dollars (\$2,149) to assist the Mental Health Center. Petition signed by Nancy Martin, et al.

Article 20. By Petition. This petition is in support of the Warrant Article to be submitted to the Town of Madison on behalf of the American Red Cross New Hampshire. The Warrant Article authorizes the sum of \$1120 (\$0.45 per resident) in this fiscal year for the Red Cross to help support disaster preparedness, response and recovery; blood services; Armed Forces emergency services; international aide; and health and safety training to the benefit of residents of Madison. Petition signed by Kathleen Moore, et al.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Library Equipment Expendable Trust Fund.

**Cronin said this article is worded differently that what was submitted. Stacey said the Department of Revenue suggested the language change during their warrant review process. As suggested by Cronin, Brooks asked Stacey to inquire with DRA about the term dissolve vs. revoke.**

Article 22. To see if the municipality will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a Highway Backhoe and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to be placed in this fund with this sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. Furthermore, to name the board of selectmen as agents on the fund. The selectmen and the budget committee (if applicable) recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

Article 23. By Petition. “To see if the Town will vote to remove the designation of Highway to Summer Cottages, pursuant to RSA 231:81-11 (b) a section of Lead Mine Road (a Class V highway) beginning at the intersection of Lead Mine Road and Black Brook Road and continuing westerly on Lead Mine Road to the western boundary of the parcel of land identified as Map 257, Lot 2.1 in the town of Madison, NH.” Removing the summer highway designation from this section of Lead Mine Road will authorize the town to provide year-round maintenance of the Class V road accessing the occupied permanent dwelling located on the parcel of land identified as Map 257, Lot 001 in the town of Madison, NH. Petition signed by Donna Veilleux, et al.

**King asked the Selectmen to consider moving this petitioned article toward the beginning of the warrant to ensure higher attendance at Town Meeting for the discussion and vote.**

Article 24. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

**Clark asked the Selectmen when they intend to vote on whether Article 2 will appear on the warrant or not. Brooks said the Selectmen don't want to make a snap decision and need time to review the new information received tonight. Brooks said a public meeting will be posted prior to the Warrant posting date of Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, likely before the end of this week.**

**8:55 PM** – The Chairman declared the Public Hearing closed.

**NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING** – The next Selectmen's meeting will be February 19, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. The Selectmen and Town Counsel will hold a Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 in the Town Hall Meeting Room to hear a Petition to Layout and/or alter a Class V Highway by removing "Highway to Summer Cottages" designation and otherwise keeping open, maintaining, and repairing Lead Mine Road throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa S. Arias, Town Administrator  
Recording Secretary