

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN OF MADISON  
FEBRUARY 12, 2013  
MINUTES**

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

**Others Present:** Town Administrator Melissa Arias; Madison TV Videographer Tim Hughes.

**Where and When Posted:** Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on February 11, 2013 before 4 pm.

**Meeting Called to Order:** By the Chairman at 9:33 p.m. This meeting was called to discuss the 2013 operating budget based upon comments from the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) after the Selectmen voted to not recommend the proposed operating budget.

**2013 OPERATING BUDGET** – Brooks placed the operating budget on the table for discussion by the Board. Brooks said Michelle Clark of the DRA said the Selectmen need to get the proposed operating budget to a number that the majority of the Board will vote to recommend. This is especially important in reporting figures on the annual MS-6 Form. Currently, with a not recommended operating budget the MS-6 Form cannot be compared to previous years' reports because it is askew where the two million dollar operating budget is concerned. Arruda said there are a couple options to consider tonight; (1) change the non-recommendation to a recommendation at the existing amount proposed of \$2,283,598 (4.1% increase over last year); consider Mike's independent worksheet containing suggested budget cuts to \$2,243,915 (2.3% increase over last year); consider John's independent worksheet containing suggested budget cuts to \$2,225,251 (1.4% increase over last year); or combine the two worksheets into the "worst case" scenario budget cuts to \$2,218,743 (1.1% increase over last year). Arias cautioned the Board about rushing through this important issue after the lengthy Layout Public Hearing and suggested the recommendation be changed knowing the Board will talk about the operating budget in detail at a meeting prior to Town Meeting and place the operating budget on the floor at an amount less than the current proposal of 4.1% increase. Arias said if there isn't time at the February 19<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's Meeting the Selectmen can either review the operating budget on March 5<sup>th</sup> or hold a stand-alone meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>. The Selectmen agreed with Arias' recommendation.

**Motion:** Arruda made a **motion** to approve the operating budget in the amount of \$2,283,598, seconded by Shackford, and so voted **2-1-0** with Brook in opposition.

**Decision:** The vote for the operating budget will show on the warrant as a recommendation by the majority of the Selectmen and the warrant will be signed out of session once prepared (per 2/12/13 vote).

**WARRANT ARTICLE ORDER** – Brooks reviewed the proposed order of the warrant again because of a contradiction to past warrants pointed out recently by Stacey.

**Motion:** Brooks made a **motion** to order the warrant as shown on the summary spreadsheet dated 2/13/13, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **3-0**.

**Decision:** Stacey will be notified of the Selectmen's vote to accept the order of the warrant.

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

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

**SIGNATURE ITEMS** – There were no Signature Items at this meeting.

**9:38 PM** – Shackford made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Arruda, and so voted **3-0**.

**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.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa S. Arias, Town Administrator  
Recording Secretary