

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
MARCH 16, 2013
MINUTES**

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

Others Present: Town Administrator Melissa Arias; Deputy Town Administrator Sue Stacey; Elementary School Administrative Assistant Holly Hawkins; Madison TV Videographer Jim Molloy; and various others setting up for the 9 a.m. Town Meeting.

Where and When Posted: Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on March 4, 2013.

Meeting Called to Order: By the Chairman at 8:15 a.m.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Donna Veilleux asked if this was a public meeting so she could sit and listen. The Selectmen responded that it was a properly posted Selectmen’s Meeting open to the public. **END OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

VEHICLE FINANCING – Stacey ran through a spreadsheet she devised showing financing options for the Police Cruiser and Highway Truck if those two warrant articles pass. Stacey said the Selectmen need to determine whether the two vehicles will be financed for a 3-year period or a 4-year period. Arruda said there is a \$2,000 difference in price when financing for 4 years instead of 3 years. There is less cumulative interest with a 3-year term but the payments are higher. The Selectmen opted to finance the vehicles for 4 years so Article 8 for the Police Cruiser will be modified to a four-year lease instead of a three-year lease prior to being placed on the floor for consideration. The annual payments will be \$7,701 for the Police Cruiser and \$47,787 for the Highway Truck.

PARKS & RECREATION – The Selectmen discussed adding money to the Parks & Recreation operating budget based upon recent communication from the school about hiring an interim Recreation Director and purchasing the annual State Park bus passes and some summer program supplies prior to the start of the school’s July 1st fiscal year. Hawkins said she estimated the need for an additional \$3,500 to cover between now and July 1st. The Selectmen were fine with adding \$3,500 which brings the proposed Parks and Recreation operating budget to \$36,001.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS – The Selectmen discussed adding funds to the General Government Buildings maintenance line to account for the recent proposals from Jesse Lyman to replace the Town Hall oil tank and fix components of the furnace. The Selectmen decided to add \$3,800 to the line bringing the total General Government Building line to \$77,975.

2013 BUDGET – Stacey said the above changes have brought the proposed 2013 operating budget to an amount of \$2,244,326 which is a 2.3% increase over the amount approved in 2012. Stacey said the

overall budget, including warrant articles, is now at \$2,538,885 which is a 5.4% increase over last year's budget if all warrant articles are approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Donna Veilleux said she heard the Selectmen received a request to consider Article 15 earlier in the order of warrant articles at Town Meeting. Veilleux asked the Selectmen to consider this her counter request to leave the order as posted. Brooks said the Selectmen have no intention of re-ordering warrant articles but couldn't predict or control what the voters would propose in this regard. **END OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

MADISON TV (ARTICLE 10) - Jim Molloy asked the Selectmen what their plans were regarding Article 10 regarding the PEG channel shared currently with Conway. Arruda said he would propose adding language to the end of the article that it would be contingent upon a satisfactory contract with the Town of Conway that would be good through Madison's cable franchise contract with Time Warner. Upon placing the amended article on the floor for voter consideration the Selectmen said they would recommend the article by a vote of 3-0-0.

FIRE TRUCK PURCHASE (ARTICLE 2) – The Selectmen briefly discussed their recommendation on Article 2 for the purchase of a new fire truck. The original recommendation was made prior to the inspection of the existing truck by the State Police Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division. Previously the Selectmen had stated that their recommendation on this article would be changed at Town Meeting if the DOT inspection was clean. Therefore, Arruda and Shackford said their recommendation on Article 2 would be changed to a non-recommendation leaving the tally at 0-2-1 with Brooks abstaining.

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

8:35 AM – Shackford made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Brooks, and so voted **3-0**.

NEXT SELECTMEN'S MEETING – The next Selectmen's meeting will be March 19, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa S. Arias, Town Administrator
Recording Secretary