

**ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE  
TOWN OF MADISON  
December 19, 2017  
MINUTES**

**Members Present** – Chairman Bill Lord; Selectmen Representative John Arruda; School Board Representative Jim Curran; Nicole Nordlund; Ron Force; Jeffrey Balogh; Ned Rogerson

**Others Present** – Selectman Robert J. King, Jr.; Police Chief Ted Colby; Finance Director Su Stacey; Recording Secretary Linda Shackford; Madison TV Videographer Tim Hughes

**Where and When Posted** – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on September 18, 2017.

**Meeting Called to Order** – By Chairman Lord at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** by Curran, seconded by Balogh to approve the minutes of November 21, 2017 correcting videographer to Hughes. The motion passed **unanimously**.

**DRAWDOWN REVIEW:**

Arruda noted that we are 97% of the year with 91% of the budget used. There is one more payroll left in the year. As it appears now there could be \$150,000 left with an expected \$31,000 in encumbrances. The Highway Department has not yet gone over and is at 98.7% used.

**2018 BUDGET SUMMARY:**

At this point the 2018 budget is just under 3 million dollars, up 2.1% over 2017, with changes made at the last Selectmen's meeting. Each department page was reviewed and some discussion was made.

**Fire Department** – Budget did not go up from 2017.

**Highway** – May go up due to personnel change of retiring Road Agent to new Director of Department of Public Works. Arruda explained the plan for advertising and hiring of director.

**Insurance** – Numbers are up because of Liability and Workman's Compensation premiums.

**Notes Due** – The air pack purchase in 2017 created the increase.

**Police Department** – 2018 is 0.7% lower than 2017.

**Solid Waste** – King explained improvements being proposed at the Transfer Station which would account for the maintenance equipment line. King has a SWAC meeting in two days and will confirm with the committee the numbers to be presented.

**Warrant Articles:** There was some discussion listed:

**3. Street paving/reclaiming** – The \$100,00 will remain.

**4. Assessing** – no discussion

**5. Transfer Station – Replace compactor create** – This is a new fund.

**6. Fire Gear Washer/Dryer Units** – Chief took paving and command car off for 2018.

**7. Police SPOTS System** – Article was \$28,000 and has been brought down to \$15,000.

**8. Library Boiler w/ hot water on demand** – There have been numbers submitted for review, but need to do comparison as not apples to apples.

**9. Dock at Foot of the Lake – replace** – This dock is at the east portion of the beach.

**10. Madison TV** – No discussion

**11. Fireworks** – The voters will be left to decide on the amount to expend, \$1.00 is in the line.

**12. OHW ETF for Donations (housekeeping)** – No discussion

**13. RSA 41a – Allow collection of fees** – Looking ahead to possibly collecting fees at the Boat Ramp.  
Arruda noted the Board has considered revamping the fees for the Beach and Transfer Station stickers.

**14. - 21. Petitioned Charitables** – Some petitions have been received. Nordlund volunteered to review for the committee the financials and information submitted by the petitioners.

The final number, including warrant articles is \$2,907,542.00.

Curran gave an update regarding the mold issue at the elementary school. Curran explained a public forum will be held at 7:00pm on December 20, 2017 to discuss. Currently a grant is being applied for from the Department of Education; their decision will be known in February. Arruda mentioned that it should be part of the grant that the gymnasium is the Town's emergency shelter.

Chairman Lord announced that he received notice from Beckie Bonner in the Town Clerk's office that Nordlund and Rogerson have terms ending in March and they can see the Town Clerk if they'd like to be placed on the ballot. Chairman Lord also mentioned the need for an alternate member.

**Calendar of Meetings:**

January 8, 2018	School Budget Hearing
January 30, 2018	Advisory Budget Committee Meeting
February 5, 2018	School Deliberative Session
February 6, 2018	Town Budget Hearing
March 13, 2018	Voting
March 17, 2018	Town Meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Tim Hughes wishes all a Merry Christmas. Chairman Lord thanked all for their hard work.

**NEXT ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING** – The next Advisory Budget Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the lower level of Town Hall.

**6:55 PM** – King made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Force. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford  
Recording Secretary