

Town of Madison 2024 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, 2024 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, polls to be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM to act upon Articles 1 through 3 with the meeting to reconvene at nine o'clock in the forenoon of Saturday, March 16, 2024 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. Are you in favor of Amendment No. 1 to the Madison Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: to amend Section 1.3.B., Existing, Non-conforming Uses, to restructure this section and to clarify the requirements that a reconstructed structure must be in the same location and have the same dimensions and bulk as the existing structure except where a difference would make the reconstructed structure less nonconforming, and to add “the shoreland setback” in place of “the high-water line” to the setback requirements for expanded structures, and to omit the requirement that an expanded structure is limited to 50% of the existing first floor footprint. Recommended by the Planning Board.

Article 3. By Petition. Are you in favor of increasing the board of selectmen to 5 members? (ballot vote required)

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million seven hundred and seventy-six thousand seven hundred and forty-two dollars (\$1,776,742.00) for General Government. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

	2023 Approved	2023 Expended	2024 Proposed
Animal/Pest Control	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,529.66	\$ 2,500.00
Assessing	\$ 33,345.00	\$ 32,068.00	\$ 36,200.00
Building Inspection	\$ 51,250.00	\$ 49,648.26	\$ 53,950.00
Conservation Commission	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 3,305.64	\$ 4,650.00
Direct Assistance	\$ 8,150.00	\$ 7,190.33	\$ 9,600.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 7,297.98	\$ 11,650.00
Executive	\$ 155,610.00	\$ 164,292.76	\$ 177,070.00
Financial Administration	\$ 167,024.00	\$ 166,077.02	\$ 170,329.00
General Government Buildings	\$ 170,200.00	\$ 165,678.06	\$ 178,200.00
General Government Equipment	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 12,645.40	\$ 13,600.00
Insurance	\$ 114,219.00	\$ 114,218.31	\$ 133,451.00

Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.00
Legal	\$ 17,300.00	\$ 24,654.50	\$ 28,800.00
Library	\$ 102,092.00	\$ 96,355.62	\$ 106,607.00
Madison PEG TV	\$ 46,572.00	\$ 36,638.13	\$ 47,500.00
Notes Due	\$ 135,027.00	\$ 134,925.98	\$ 121,992.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 5,525.00	\$ 5,200.90	\$ 8,200.00
Personnel Administration	\$ 590,195.00	\$ 551,153.26	\$ 581,542.00
Planning Board	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 5,164.80	\$ 9,350.00
Rec Program	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 19,037.41	\$ 66,000.00
Street Lighting	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 4,121.74	\$ 3,900.00
Zoning Board	\$ 9,490.00	\$ 7,569.70	\$ 11,650.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,678,200.00	\$ 1,609,733.46	\$ 1,776,742.00

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred sixty-four thousand seven hundred and one dollars (\$964,701.00) for Public Works.

	2023 Approved	2023 Expended	2024 Proposed
Highway	\$ 265,297.00	\$ 278,507.25	\$ 253,750.00
Parks & Rec	\$ 16,351.00	\$ 14,841.92	\$ 20,050.00
Solid Waste	\$ 149,501.00	\$ 147,995.65	\$ 134,501.00
Administration	\$ 535,600.00	\$ 502,228.06	\$ 556,400.00
Sub-Total	\$ 966,749.00	\$ 943,572.88	\$ 964,701.00
DRA Approved Over Expenditure	\$ 441,000.00	\$ 394,997.36	\$ 0.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,407,749.00	\$ 1,338,570.24	\$ 964,701.00

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred sixty-eight thousand six hundred and forty-five dollars (\$668,645.00) for Public Safety.

	2023 Approved	2023 Expended	2024 Proposed
Ambulance	\$ 107,366.00	\$ 107,356.92	\$ 133,044.00
Emergency Management Dept.	\$ 7,511.00	\$ 10,855.73	\$ 9,701.00
Fire Rescue	\$ 166,900.00	\$ 108,718.12	\$ 165,900.00
Police	\$ 367,502.00	\$ 354,789.96	\$ 360,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 649,279.00	\$ 581,720.73	\$ 668,645.00

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) for paving and road improvements of Town roads including but not limited to Mooney Hill Road, Allard Hill Road and 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, 2029, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing a new solid waste truck, to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purpose of reducing the amount of the lease/purchase agreement, and to authorize for that purpose the withdrawal of said amount from the previously established Transfer Station Capital Improvement Expendable Trust Fund. The cost of the new truck is two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000.00), which will be reduced by the payment from the expendable trust fund and further reduced by forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) from the trade-in of the solid waste truck currently owned by the Town, leaving the amount of the lease/purchase agreement at one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000). No additional amount will be paid during the current fiscal year. The lease/purchase agreement contains an escape clause.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) to repair Modoc Hill Road.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing a new ballot counting device. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the purchase of the new ballot counting device is completed or by December 31, 2025, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Highway Heavy Equipment Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Transfer Station Capital Projects Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Assessing Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Historical Society Building Improvement Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Silver Lake Dam Improvement Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for land acquisition and conservation purposes.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Groundwater Remediation Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the purposes of conducting a Focused Site Investigation of ground water conditions as directed by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and any necessary remediation and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) for this purpose, and further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand eight hundred and ninety-six dollars (\$9,896.00) to be placed in PEG TV Expendable Trust Fund this sum to come from the unassigned fund balance which represents unused franchise fees from the 2023 Operating Budget.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of forest maintenance, the entire amount to come from the previously established Forest Maintenance account, and no amount to be raised by taxation. Any amount not expended during the year will be returned to the Forest Maintenance account.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to RSA 41:11-a, to designate land known as Map 116, Lot 023, as conservation land to be managed and regulated by the conservation commission in accordance with RSA 36-A:4.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the amendments proposed by the Advisory Budget Committee to the Town's Budgeting Ordinance adopted at the 1991 Town Meeting, amended at the May 11, 2021 Town Meeting, which include changing the appointment of members to better align with NH RSA 669:61. Copies of the Amended Budgeting Ordinance are on file with the Town Clerk, posted with the Warrant and available at Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote adopt the Amended Building Permit Ordinance as proposed by the Board of Selectmen, with the same to replace the Building Permit Ordinance as adopted by the Town Meeting in 1980. Copies of the Amended Building Permit Ordinance are on file with the Town Clerk, posted with the Warrant and available at Town Meeting.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0

Article 23. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed from Norja Inc. for 3 roads as depicted on plan entitled "Banfield Hollow Acres" for Norja Inc. Approved by the Madison planning board June 2004 and recorded at the Carroll Registry of Deeds in plan book 2206, page 815. Roads are as follows, Brookstone Lane, Pebblebrook Lane and Whitton Ledge Lane.

Article 24. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to establish a non-lapsing Veterans Monument Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19a for the purpose of maintenance and future upgrades to the Veterans Monument and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500 for this purpose, and further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund upon the recommendation of the Veterans Advisory Committee.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 25. By Petition. To see if the town will vote to require board and committee meetings to begin no earlier than 6PM, thus enabling a larger group of people to attend meetings and actively participate in town government.

Article 26. By Petition. To see if the Town of Madison will vote to approve Guest Parking Pass use @ The Foot of the Lake Beach. Passes would be sold at Town Hall and be valid M-F July 1 through Labor day. Also, valid on any day, the remainder of year, for parking only in the overflow lot, located across the street from the beach. Subject to availability of spaces. Passes shall have date, in ink written, on front (single use), and be displayed on dashboard of vehicle.

Article 27. By Petition. To see if the Town of Madison will vote to approve the adoption of the New Hampshire Statute RSA 79-F (taxation of farm structures and land under farm structures) in an effort to support our Farming Community This statute has been adopted In many New Hampshire towns statewide in the effort to encourage the preservation of productive farms and associated structures. Farming in NH has a long and proud history which shaped our State's landscape. It is further declared to be in the public interest to prevent the loss of farms and their associated structures due to property taxation as values incompatible with their usage.

Article 28. By Petition. Shall the following provisions pertaining to elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices.

Article 29. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500.00) to support Madison home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels), congregate meals, transportation and program services provided by the Gibson Center for Senior Services, Inc.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 30. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand four hundred and twenty-one dollars (\$5,421.00) in support of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 31. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand seven hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$5,771.00) for the operation of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. service programs in Madison: Transportation, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Guardianship, Head Start, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, Disaster Relief, Tamworth Dental Center.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 32. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand one hundred dollars (\$3,100.00) for the Family Resource Center at Children Unlimited, Inc. to strengthen families by promoting health, well-being, self-sufficiency and positive parenting through support and education.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 33. By Petition. To see if the town of Madison will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred and twelve dollars (\$6,512.00) for the support of White Mountain Community Health Center to help meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of the town of Madison.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

Article 34. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this 8th day of February, 2024.

Michael A. Mauro, Chairman

John Arruda, Selectman

Adam Price, Selectman