

**Madison Advisory Budget Committee Minutes  
February 2, 2016**

Members Present: John Arruda – Selectmen Rep., Jeff Balogh, Ron Force, Cheryl Littlefield, Bill Lord–Chairman, Nicole Stephens-Nordlund, and Hersh Sosnoff

Members Not Present:

Others Present: Sue Stacey – Deputy Town Administrator, and Chris Young – recording secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Lord called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM.
  
2. The advisory committee voted on the warrant articles that requested the raising of funds.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million five hundred forty-two thousand six hundred sixty-six dollars (\$2,542,666) for general Town operations with discussion and amendments to be considered line by line.

	2015 Approved	2015 Expended	2016 Proposed
Ambulance	\$ 28,350.00	\$ 28,350.00	\$ 70,147.00
Animal/Pest Control	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 1,579.82	\$ 1,875.00
Assessing	\$ 19,122.00	\$ 11,947.00	\$ 19,170.00
Building Inspection	\$ 34,837.00	\$ 37,234.07	\$ 36,163.00
Conservation Commission	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,362.42	\$ 3,800.00
Direct Assistance	\$ 29,500.00	\$ 15,070.48	\$ 23,000.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 6,044.96	\$ 14,644.00
Emergency Management Dept.	\$ 4,901.00	\$ 3,833.64	\$ 4,901.00
Executive	\$ 120,247.00	\$ 124,162.14	\$ 119,517.00
Financial Administration	\$ 137,803.00	\$ 145,310.30	\$ 142,028.00
Fire Rescue	\$ 156,900.00	\$ 117,275.09	\$ 162,250.00
General Government Buildings	\$ 77,570.00	\$ 45,793.90	\$ 67,892.00
General Government Equipment	\$ 10,850.00	\$ 11,422.76	\$ 10,850.00

Highway	\$ 524,147.00	\$ 493,126.64	\$ 527,807.00
Insurance	\$ 88,592.00	\$ 66,087.28	\$ 52,025.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.00
Legal	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 28,165.56	\$ 25,000.00
Library	\$ 74,153.00	\$ 67,840.37	\$ 74,571.00
Madison PEG TV	\$ 19,802.00	\$ 15,827.01	\$ 18,218.00
Notes Due	\$ 66,152.00	\$ 66,151.88	\$ 108,761.00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 28,384.00	\$ 25,617.22	\$ 27,815.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 900.00	\$ 875.13	\$ 1,000.00
Personnel Administration	\$ 484,947.00	\$ 466,347.57	\$ 507,572.00
Planning Board	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 4,131.09	\$ 10,060.00
Police	\$ 292,054.00	\$ 305,304.76	\$ 297,412.00
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 170,231.00	\$ 172,029.33	\$ 203,927.00
Street Lighting	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,285.92	\$ 4,000.00
Zoning Board	\$ 8,820.00	\$ 6,230.80	\$ 8,260.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,431,663.00	\$ 2,272,417.14	\$ 2,542,666.00

A public comment was made that retirement income has not gone up but the town was expecting residents to pay town employees a 3% increase in salary. Mr. Arruda explained that this is not done every year and the last increase in pay was two years ago. Mr. Force made a comment as well that the town officers had done very well in keeping the municipal tax rate (that is not including the school or county tax rate) the same for the past three years.

**Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 7 -0**

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the reconstruction of High Street. 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, 2021, whichever is sooner.

**Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 7 -0**

Article 4.To see if the Town will vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of purchasing a Grader for the Highway Department, to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for this purpose, and further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

**Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 7 -0**

Article 5.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the previously established Assessing Expendable Trust Fund.

**Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 7 -0**

Article 6.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to crush the glass pile at the Transfer Station.

**Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 7 -0**

Article 7.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for land acquisition and conservation purposes.

Mr. Balogh asked if anyone knew how much of Madison was in conservation. There was a short conversation about what would actually be able to be purchased with the money that was already in that account and the practicality of getting at the money.

**Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 1 - 6**

Article 8.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.

**Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0 - 7**

Article 9.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of three thousand nine hundred seventy-five dollars (\$3975) to be placed in PEG TV Expendable Trust Fund this sum to come from the unassigned fund balance which represents unused franchise fees.

**Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 7 -0**

Article 12.By Petition. To see if the Town of Madison will vote to raise and appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3,000) in support of Carroll County Transit Blue Loon Public Bus Service. Petition signed by Pamela Helm, et al.

There was a discussion about the legitimacy of the figures that had been presented to the town as last year the information resulted in the program not receiving funding.

**Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0 - 7**

Article 13.By Petition. We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Madison do hereby petition the 2016 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 Carlotta Girouard, et al.

**Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 7 -0**

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 onWheels), congregate meals, transportation and program services provided by the Gibson Center for Senior Services, Inc. Petition signed by Barbara Anderson, et al.

**Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 7 -0**

Article 15.By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) in the support of the Ossipee Children's Fund providing financial assistance for Madison children. Petition signed by Ann Bartlett, et al.

**Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 7 -0**

Article 16.By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand one hundred dollars (\$3,100) for the Early Supports & Services Program (birth to 3 years) of Children Unlimited, Inc. Petition signed by Audrey Epstein, et al

**Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 7 -0**

Article 17.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 Northern Human Services Mental Health Center. Petition signed by Debe Darling, et al.

**Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 7 -0**

Article 18.By Petition. To respectively request that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand seven hundred fifty-two dollars (\$1752) in support

of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Petition signed by Linda Dockham, et al.

**Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 6 - 1**

Article 19.By Petition. To see if the Town of Madison will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand four hundred eight dollars (\$6,408) 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 Holly Hawkins, et al.

**Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 6 – 1**

Article 20.By Petition. To see if the Town of Madison will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the Madison Preschool to provide funding for a music program for the children, school supplies and field trips to supplement our curriculum. Petition signed by Jennifer Colassi, et al.

**Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0 - 7**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mr. Force had a correction to make regarding article 3 of the school board warrants from the minutes of 1/5/16. The minutes stated that the budget committee recommended warrant article 3, but it was a tie vote and was not recommended. Mr. Sosnoff moved, seconded by Mr. Balogh, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed. Mr. Balogh moved, seconded by Mrs. Littlefield, to approve the minutes of 2/1/16. The motion passed with Mr. Sosnoff abstaining as he had not been present.

**4. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Young

Minutes Approved: not yet approved

Corrections: