

**Madison Advisory Budget Committee Minutes
September 15, 2015**

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

Members Not Present:

Others Present: Linda Farinella – Administrative Assistant, Bob King – Selectman, Josh Shackford – Selectman, Susan Stacey – Deputy Town Administrator, and Chris Young – recording secretary

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Lord called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mrs. Littlefield moved, seconded by Mr. Force, to accept the minutes of 7/22/15 as written. The motion passed.

3. **POTENTIAL LARGE TICKET ITEMS:** Mr. Lord addressed the committee outlining three major expenses coming in the next few years.
 - a. Ambulance Service cost expected to rise dramatically
 - b. Energy Committee looking at projects that could be initially expensive
 - c. School boilers need to be replaced soon

The selectmen discussed what they knew about the ambulance service costs. It is going to increase \$42,000 next year.

4. **DRAW DOWN:** At about 70% through the year, the town has spent 63.6% of the budget. Listed below are those budgets which are above or below the 70% mark by more than a few percentage points.

a. Ambulance	83.3%
b. Conservation Commission	79%
c. Direct Assistance	41.3%
d. Election, Registration, Vital	35.8%
e. Emergence Management	47.2%
f. Fire Department	22.4%
g. General Government Buildings	40%
h. General Government Equipment	43.9%
i. Highway	61.2%
j. Insurance	100%
k. Legal	96.8%
l. Madison PEG TV	55%

m. Patriotic Purposes	101.4%
n. Planning Board	24.6%
o. Solid Waste Disposal	61.6%
p. Street Lighting	61.1%
q. Zoning Board	55.7%

- 5. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND TIME:** A discussion was held to determine the meeting dates and times through December. The Madison Advisory Budget Committee will meet on Tuesdays, 10/27, 11/24, and 12/8 at 5:30 PM.

The School Board will be meeting on 10/5, 11/2 at 7:00 PM.

The Advisory Budget Committee has one more opening for a full member and two openings for alternate members.

- 6. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 27 at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Young

Minutes Approved: October 27, 2015

Corrections: Item number 3, Potential Large Ticket Items, 1st line, “...**the committee with outlining...**” changed to “...**the committee outlining...**”