

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF MADISON
February 5, 2019
MINUTES**

Selectmen Present – Robert J. King, Jr., John Arruda, Josh L. Shackford

Advisory Budget Committee Members Present – Chairman Bill Lord, Nicole Nordlund, Jeff Balogh, Steve Bartlett, Jim Curran

Others Present – Police Chief Ted Colby; Officer Michael Mosher; Fire Chief Richard Clark; Town Clerk/Deputy Fire Chief Michael Brooks; DPW Director Jon Cyr; DPW Mechanic Rob Rand; EAC Member Noreen Downs; Finance Director Su Stacey; Town Administrator Linda Shackford; Madison TV Videographer Carol Dandeneau; MWV Recovery President Janice Spinney; Residents David Cribbie, Donna and Michael Veilleux, Paul and Cheryl Littlefield, Marcia McKenna, Cynthia Lord, George Epstein, Greg Hill, Joyce and Peter Stevens, Sloane Jarell, along with several other residents

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on January 10, 2018.

Public Meeting Called to Order – By the Chairman at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was published in the January 22 & February 5, 2019 editions of the Conway Daily Sun and posted at upper and lower levels of Town Hall, and the Madison and Silver Lake Post Offices on January 17, 2019.

Chairman King opened the *Excavator Public Hearing* and gave the floor to DPW Director Jon Cyr for explanation.

Director Cyr explained that there is a proposal to purchase an excavator. The roadside ditching program is being revamped. This excavator will be useful during the road side ditching program that has been building up over the last few years. This equipment will allow for more work to be done with less people. A previous mutual aid agreement to exchange sand hauling for use of a roadside mower is no longer an option. The excavator with a mower head will make the several months of rental fees, at a cost of \$3,200/week, not necessary and allow mowing to be done any time of year with the exception of when there is no snow on the ground.

J. Shackford added that this equipment is in lieu of replacing the grader, which will be refurbished instead. This excavator will be less money than the amount proposed years ago to replace the grader.

Resident Greg Hill asked for specs on the machine which Cyr was able to provide. Hill asked if renting equipment was considered. Cyr stated yes and that rental of the machine at \$7,900/month with additional mower head rental of \$1,200/month and delivery fees, over a three-month rental period, would be equal to one year's lease payment.

Resident Michael Veilleux asked about Article 5 of the warrant regarding the lease purchase. Cyr explained that the numbers in the article regarding the lease are not set in stone yet. Bartlett asked if the future annual payments of this article will go under notes due. King explained that DRA requires that this be placed on the warrant each year to raise and appropriate fund for the payment.

King closed the hearing at 7:16pm.

**Budget Hearing
February 5, 2019 commencing at 7:00 pm
Madison Elementary School**

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Chairman King called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm for the purpose of the 2019 Annual Budget Hearing. Monetary warrant articles were reviewed.

**Town of Madison
2019 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, 2019 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, polls to be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM to act upon Article 1 with the meeting to reconvene at nine o'clock in the forenoon of Saturday, March 16, 2019 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. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 287-E relative to the conduct of games of bingo and the sale of lucky 7 tickets?

Yes ___ No ___

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million seven hundred six thousand nine hundred ninety-seven dollars (\$2,706,997) for general Town operations with discussion and amendments to be considered line by line.

	2018 Approved	2018 Expended	2019 Proposed
Ambulance	\$ 87,047.00	\$ 87,046.98	\$ 87,476.00
Animal/Pest Control	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 1,756.34	\$ 1,875.00
Assessing	\$ 30,232.00	\$ 25,447.65	\$ 35,150.00

Building Inspection	\$ 37,476.00	\$ 34,472.72	\$ 37,866.00
Conservation Commission	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 5,125.06	\$ 4,850.00
Direct Assistance	\$ 15,025.00	\$ 9,962.82	\$ 15,025.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	\$ 8,700.00	\$ 11,445.86	\$ 6,500.00
Emergency Management Dept.	\$ 4,401.00	\$ 3,885.60	\$ 4,485.00
Executive	\$ 120,504.00	\$ 116,234.43	\$ 125,951.00
Financial Administration	\$ 143,814.00	\$ 130,611.68	\$ 144,920.00
Fire Rescue	\$ 162,750.00	\$ 116,075.34	\$ 167,750.00
General Government Buildings	\$ 112,540.00	\$ 109,420.74	\$ 127,625.00
General Government Equipment	\$ 13,050.00	\$ 13,318.60	\$ 11,800.00
Highway	\$ 519,807.00	\$ 528,488.40	\$ 574,200.00
Insurance	\$ 106,634.00	\$ 94,498.19	\$ 101,462.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.00
Legal	\$ 17,300.00	\$ 15,172.00	\$ 18,800.00
Library	\$ 77,572.00	\$ 72,432.51	\$ 79,520.00
Madison PEG TV	\$ 24,971.00	\$ 19,083.51	\$ 21,060.00
Notes Due	\$ 92,421.00	\$ 92,419.76	\$ 49,812.00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 32,730.00	\$ 29,521.40	\$ 34,934.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 434.07	\$ 1,025.00
Personnel Administration	\$ 517,992.00	\$ 444,893.88	\$ 484,900.00
Planning Board	\$ 13,950.00	\$ 7,101.11	\$ 11,450.00
Police	\$ 307,100.00	\$ 295,453.49	\$ 305,368.00
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 236,877.00	\$ 229,453.35	\$ 236,532.00
Street Lighting	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,915.66	\$ 3,900.00
Zoning Board	\$ 8,260.00	\$ 15,443.00	\$ 12,760.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,702,554.00	\$ 2,513,114.15	\$ 2,706,997.00

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Bartlett asked if a new dock at the Head of the Lake was in the budget this year. A new dock is not included but can be added at Town Meeting if quotes are obtained.

Donna Veilleux asked why there is a \$40,000 increase in the Personnel Administration line over the 2018 expended amount. J. Shackford cited parity raises for some employees along with a New Hampshire Retirement contribution increases.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for paving and road improvements of Town roads including but not limited to Fox, Knight, Forest Pines, Town Line Roads and West Shore Drive. 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, 2024, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a seven-year lease/purchase agreement for Two hundred five thousand dollars (\$205,000) for the purpose of leasing an Excavator and to raise and appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the down payment. The cost of the Excavator is two hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$230,000). This lease agreement contains an escape clause and a buyout option at the end of the seven years.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four-year lease/purchase agreement for ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) for the purpose of leasing a Dump Truck with Plow and to raise and appropriate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the down payment. The cost of the Dump Truck with Plow is one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000). This lease agreement contains an escape clause and a buyout option at the end of the four years.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three-year lease/purchase agreement for thirty-one thousand dollars (\$31,000) for the purpose of leasing and outfitting a Police Cruiser and to raise and appropriate twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) for the down payment. The cost of the Cruiser is fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000). This lease agreement contains an escape clause and a buyout option at the end of the three years.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three-year lease/purchase agreement for twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) for the purpose of leasing and outfitting a Fire Command Vehicle and to raise and appropriate twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the down payment. The cost of the Fire Command Vehicle is forty-four thousand dollars (\$44,000). This lease agreement contains an escape clause and a buyout option at the end of the three years.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-one thousand dollars (\$41,000) for the reconstruction of the fire department parking area. 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, 2024, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the previously established Compactor Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Grader Expendable Trust Fund created in 2016. Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate seventy-six thousand dollars (\$76,000) to be placed in the previously established Highway Heavy Equipment Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 13. 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 Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate six thousand dollar (\$6,000) for the firework show during Old Home Week.

Recommended by Selectmen 2 – 1

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 41:9-a to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease with a solar energy company to install a solar energy array on Town property located on Map 233 Lot 84, known as the Ward Parcel, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms and conditions of the lease and take any other action necessary to carry out this vote. Majority vote required.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 17. By Petition. To see if the Town of Madison shall discontinue completely and absolutely the so-called Kiljockey Class A Municipal Trail pursuant to RSA 231-A:6.

The purpose of such vote is to return ownership of the trail to the abutting property owners, thereby removing the trail from Town ownership and placing it back on the tax rolls. This will annex Kiljockey Trail to the abutting property shown on Tax Map 247, Lot 34, Sub 2 making the trail a permanent part of and forming a permanent merger with said property.

The trail begins from Goe Hill Road and runs through and across the property, only to terminate back on Goe Hill Road. The trail is located in the most desirable building location on the property.

Therefore, the property owners respectfully request that the Town relinquish and abandon any and all of its rights and interests in this trail, which the 2018 Annual Town Meeting reclassified from Class VI Kiljockey Road, and return ownership to the property deed.

A map of the area to be discontinued is available at the Town Hall and will be available at Town Meeting.

Not Recommended by Selectmen 0 – 3

Article 18. By Petition. To see if the Town of Madison shall amend and replace the Town of Madison's requirements, conditions, and instructions on elderly exemptions from:

The taxpayer must have a *net income*, which now includes social security income per New Hampshire state law of less than **\$20,000** if single, or if married a combined income of less than **\$35,000** in the year preceding April 1st.

To: The taxpayer must have a *net income*, which now includes social security income per New Hampshire state law of less than **\$35,000** in the year preceding April 1st.

Not Recommended by Selectmen 0 – 3

Article 19. By Petition. We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Madison do hereby petition the 2019 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 Carol St. Amour et al.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 20. 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 on Wheels), congregate meals, transportation and program services provided by the Gibson Center for Senior Services, Inc. Petition signed by Norma Alexander, et al.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 21. By Petition. To see if the Town of Madison will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand one hundred dollars (\$3,100) for the Family Resource Center at Children Unlimited, Inc. Petition signed by Audrey Epstein, et al.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 22. 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 Mental Health Center. Petition signed by Steph Littlefield, et al.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 23. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand four hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$2,429) in support of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Petition signed by Frances Keenan, et al.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 24. By Petition. To see if the Town of Madison will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand two hundred dollars (\$6,200) to support White Mountain Community Health Center to help meet healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of Madison. Petition signed by Kathy Jo Shackford, et al.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 25. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in the support of the Ossipee Children's Fund to provide direct support/financial assistance for eligible children and families for child care, recreational and extra curricular activities, lessons, camperships, etc. Petition signed by Ann Bartlett, et al.

Recommended by Selectmen 3 – 0

Article 26. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for MWV Supports Recovery Coalition Programs (family, peer and recovery referral programs for substance use disorder). Petition signed by Judi Bowes, et al.

MWV Supports Recovery President Janice Spinney spoke to this article. The coalition helped four Madison residents last year with transitional housing and weekly has Madison residents attend their meetings. This is the first time the coalition has requested fund to assist with their overhead and do not anticipate an increase to this request in future years. Lord asked if other towns assist them. Spinney responded yes with Tamworth's amount of \$2,500 along with funds from Tuftonboro expected.

The BOS voted unanimously to recommend this article 3-0.

~~**Article 27. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to support of the Tri County Transit a community service program provided by Tri County Community Action Program, Inc. Petition signed by XXXX, et al.~~

~~Not Recommended by Selectmen ——— 1 — 2~~

Article 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

King asked for any further discussion.

Michael Veilleux asked about non-monetary Article 17 regarding recreational use of the municipal trail. J. Shackford offered to speak with him after the meeting.

Marcia McKenna asked if the Conservation Commission requested their annual warrant article of \$5,000. J. Shackford stated there was discussion at on of their meetings with J. Shackford apologizing for not moving forward with the request. Stacey added that she had asked the Land Use Administrator King about this article and King informed her that the commission would not be making the request this year.

Joyce Stevens asked why Article 26 regarding Carroll County Transit was not discussed. It was explained that the petition had a spot on the warrant as it was anticipated to be received but failed to submit the required signatures before today's deadline.

Motion by King, seconded by J. Shackford to sign the 2019 Warrant out of session.
The motion passed **3-0**.

8:04 PM – Motion by Arruda, seconded by J. Shackford to close the public hearing.
The motion passed **3-0**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford, Town Administrator
Recording Secretary