

**ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE
TOWN OF MADISON
October 1, 2019
MINUTES**

Members Present – Bill Lord; Selectmen Representative John Arruda; Nicole Nordlund; Ron Force; Jeffrey Balogh; Ned Rogerson; Steve Bartlett

Members Excused – School Board Representative Jim Curran

Others Present – Madison TV Videographer Carol Dandeneau

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on September 23, 2019.

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

Selection of Committee Chairman: Lord noted that according to when the committee was formed a chairman should not serve more than 1 year in a row adding that after this meeting, now that he is a selectman, Arruda will be continue to serve as the selectmen representative. Lord asked for nomination for a chairman. Balogh nominated Force; Force declined to nomination. Balogh nominated Nordlund, with Force seconding the nomination.

Motion to nominate Nordlund, seconded by Force to serve as chairman for the 2019-2020 budget season with vows of support from the members. The motion passed unanimously.

Schedule of 2019-2020 ABC meetings: Using calendars noted with scheduled selectmen's meetings noted, the committee decided to schedule 2019 meetings for November 12, December 10 and 2020 meetings for January 21, and February 4 as the scheduled budget hearing. These meetings will commence at 6:00 pm.

Current Budget Status: The Planning Board will review the CIP at their meeting tomorrow night and the Selectmen will see it on October 8th.

Anticipated Large Expenses for 2020 Budget:

- *Ambulance* – Lord explained that the current ambulance contract that expires in 2020 is being re-negotiated by a 6-town committee for another 5-year contract. Arruda anticipates an increase to \$110,000/year versus the current \$90,000/year. Action Ambulance, the company the committee is negotiating with, is an established company new to the area.
- *Transfer Station* – Lord stated that another warrant article will be presented at Town Meeting for funds to do the compactor project. There is \$60,000 already in the fund with anticipation of asking for \$30,000 this coming year.
- *Paving* – The planned paving for this year has not been accomplished yet. Arruda noted that DPW Director Cyr is up against the weather noting that the Fire Station parking lot project has not been done either.
- *School Budget* – No real numbers have been published with only rumors being heard. The committee recalled being told that the 1.5-million-dollar bond will prevent the school needing more money for the next ten years.

Such Business as properly presented: Lord updated the committee on the status of the re-writing of the Town Property Ordinance as a result of the public hearing in July. Arruda updated the committee on the

scheduled 2020 revaluation of the town noting that the funds have been already been put aside in an expendable trust fund.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were none.

7:04 PM – Balogh made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Force. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING – The next Advisory Budget Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the lower level of Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford
Recording Secretary