

**ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE
TOWN OF MADISON
February 12, 2020
MINUTES**

Members Present – Selectmen Representative John Arruda; Ron Force; Neg Rogerson; Stephen Bartlett

Absent: Nicole Nordlund; School Board Representative Jim Curran

Via Electronic Participation: Jeff Balogh

Others Present – Town Administrator Linda Shackford; Madison TV Videographer Moselle Spiller

Where and When Posted – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on January 21, 2020.

Meeting Called to Order – By Force at 8:15 pm following the Public Budget Hearing at the Madison Elementary School.

Force stated that member Balogh has asked to attend this meeting via phone, as per RSA 91-A:2, III, as he is out of state. **Motion** by Rogerson, seconded by Bartlett to allow Balogh to join the meeting via phone. The motion passed unanimously by the quorum present.

Balogh was called and placed on speaker phone being able to hear and be heard by all in attendance including the audience. Balogh stated he was alone. It was noted that all votes will be taken by roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Bartlett, seconded by Rogerson to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 meeting as written. The motion **passed 4-0-1** with Balogh abstaining, he did not attend the meeting.

Motion by Bartlett, seconded by Rogerson to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2020 meeting as written. The motion **passed 5-0**.

Motion by Bartlett, seconded by Rogerson to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting as written. The motion **passed 5-0**.

COMMITTEE VOTES – 2019 WARRANT - Monetary Articles Only:

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two million eight hundred fourteen thousand seven hundred thirty-five dollars (\$2,814,735.00) for general Town operations with discussion and amendments to be considered line by line.

| | 2019 Approved | 2019 Expended | 2020 Proposed |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Ambulance | \$ 87,476.00 | \$ 87,475.80 | \$ 21,869.00 |
| Animal/Pest Control | \$ 1,875.00 | \$ 1,780.63 | \$ 1,975.00 |
| Assessing | \$ 35,150.00 | \$ 55,825.17 | \$ 39,980.00 |
| Building Inspection | \$ 37,866.00 | \$ 38,639.58 | \$ 38,141.00 |
| Conservation Commission | \$ 4,850.00 | \$ 4,270.96 | \$ 4,850.00 |
| Direct Assistance | \$ 15,025.00 | \$ 4,884.00 | \$ 13,025.00 |

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| Election, Registration, Vital Statistics | \$ 6,500.00 | \$ 5,437.87 | \$ 10,860.00 |
| Emergency Management Dept. | \$ 4,485.00 | \$ 5,320.26 | \$ 6,001.00 |
| Executive | \$ 125,951.00 | \$ 132,548.49 | \$ 128,151.00 |
| Financial Administration | \$ 144,920.00 | \$ 139,904.01 | \$ 146,258.00 |
| Fire Rescue | \$ 167,750.00 | \$ 167,440.21 | \$ 170,950.00 |
| General Government Buildings | \$ 127,625.00 | \$ 120,406.54 | \$ 130,675.00 |
| General Government Equipment | \$ 11,800.00 | \$ 11,520.83 | \$ 12,600.00 |
| Highway | \$ 574,200.00 | \$ 581,663.76 | \$ 591,048.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 101,462.00 | \$ 96,108.65 | \$ 99,177.00 |
| Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes | \$ 1.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 1.00 |
| Legal | \$ 18,800.00 | \$ 14,228.06 | \$ 17,300.00 |
| Library | \$ 79,432.51 | \$ 76,707.67 | \$ 82,670.00 |
| Madison PEG TV | \$ 27,604.00 | \$ 23,628.09 | \$ 23,400.00 |
| Notes Due | \$ 49,812.00 | \$ 49,811.46 | \$ 98,260.00 |
| Parks & Recreation | \$ 34,934.00 | \$ 29,096.52 | \$ 37,351.00 |
| Patriotic Purposes | \$ 1,025.00 | \$ 932.18 | \$ 1,525.00 |
| Personnel Administration | \$ 484,900.00 | \$ 448,136.97 | \$ 517,554.00 |
| Planning Board | \$ 11,450.00 | \$ 8,873.66 | \$ 18,950.00 |
| Police | \$ 305,368.00 | \$ 314,537.50 | \$ 313,132.00 |
| Solid Waste Disposal | \$ 236,532.00 | \$ 248,718.41 | \$ 265,347.00 |
| Street Lighting | \$ 3,900.00 | \$ 3,997.65 | \$ 3,925.00 |
| Zoning Board | \$ 12,600.00 | \$ 14,923.65 | \$ 19,760.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 2,713,541.00 | \$ 2,686,818.58 | \$ 2,814,735.00 |

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) for paving and road improvements of Town roads including but not limited to West Shore Drive, Greenwood Road, Heritage Road and Danforth Lane. 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, 2025, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five-year multi-town contract for emergency transport ambulance services in conjunction with the Towns of Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Ossipee and Tamworth for services to be provided by Action Ambulance Service, Inc. from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2025 and to raise and appropriate seventy eight thousand seven dollars (\$78,007.00) for services provided from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Payments for January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2025 will be incorporated into the Town Operating Budget for the remainder of the term of the contract. This contract has an escape clause.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand six hundred sixty-five dollars (\$19,565.00) for the purchase of new firefighting hose.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Highway Heavy Equipment Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Assessing Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

~~**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Compactor Expendable Trust Fund created in 2018. Said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund.~~

Non-monetary Article – No Recommendation Made

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Transfer Station Capital Projects Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the purposes of replacing the existing compactor at the Transfer Station, acquiring new equipment and renovating the transfer station and to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) to be placed in the fund with fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to come from the unassigned fund balance (amount represents discontinued Compactor Expendable trust fund) and the remaining thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to come from general taxation and further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Code Enforcement Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the purposes of replacing and equipping the existing Code Enforcement Vehicle and to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for this purpose, and further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the replacement of the HVAC unit in the upper level of the Town Hall.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the fireworks show during Old Home Week.

Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 2-3-0

Balogh, Arruda and Force opposed.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of three thousand nine hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$3,975) 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 5-0-0

~~**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to reduce the amount of revenue collected from the Land Use Change Tax and deposit in the existing Conservation Fund from 50% to 15% in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted, this change shall take effect April 1st and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of Town Meeting.~~

Non-monetary Article – No Recommendation Made

Article 15. By Petition. 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. Petition signed by Marcia McKenna, et al.

Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 1-4-0

Balogh, Force, Arruda and Bartlett opposed.

Article 16. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the operation of Fuel Assistance Program, a community service program provided by Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. Petition signed by Eleanor J. Jones, et al.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

Article 17. 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. Petition signed by Norma Alexander, et al.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

Article 18. By Petition. To see if the Town of Madison will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the Family Resource Center at Children Unlimited, Inc. This money will be used to strengthen families by promoting health, well-being, self-sufficiency and positive parenting through support and education. Petition signed by Audrey Epstein, et al.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1-0

Article 19. By Petition. To see if the Town of Madison will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred and thirty-four dollars (\$6,534.00) to support White Mountain Community Health Center to help meet healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of Madison. Petition signed by Julie Hill, et al.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1-0

Article 20. By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand two hundred and eighty-nine dollars (\$1,289.00) to support Tri County CAP's Homeless Intervention and Prevention Program, a community service program provided by Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. Petition signed by Cathy Livingston, et al.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1-0

Article 21. By Petition. To see if the Town of Madison NH will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for MWV Supports Recovery Coalition Programs (family, peer support and recovery referral programs for substance use disorder). Petition signed by Patty Curotto, et al.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1-0

Article 22. By Petition. To respectfully request that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand eight hundred and forty-one dollars (\$3,841) in support of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Petition signed by Richard Mattei, et al.

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

8:23 PM – Force made a **motion** to adjourn, seconded by Rogerson. The motion **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,
Town Administrator