

# Town of Madison 2025 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 11, 2025 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 15, 2025 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.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million eight hundred twenty-four thousand and hundred twenty-six dollars (\$1,824,026.00) for General Government. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

	2024 Approved	2024 Expended	2025 Proposed
Animal/Pest Control	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,444.00	\$ 2,500.00
Assessing	\$ 36,200.00	\$ 29,659.00	\$ 36,200.00
Building Inspection	\$ 53,950.00	\$ 54,530.19	\$ 59,950.00
Conservation Commission	\$ 4,650.00	\$ 3,841.81	\$ 4,650.00
Direct Assistance	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 8,774.26	\$ 9,700.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	\$ 11,650.00	\$ 11,029.98	\$ 6,700.00
Executive	\$ 177,070.00	\$ 170,833.94	\$ 200,154.00
Financial Administration	\$ 170,329.00	\$ 172,821.63	\$ 173,108.00
General Government Buildings	\$ 178,200.00	\$ 138,957.13	\$ 163,200.00
General Government Equipment	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 16,266.64	\$ 18,500.00
Insurance	\$ 133,451.00	\$ 133,451.00	\$ 146,781.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.00
Legal	\$ 28,800.00	\$ 18,311.50	\$ 24,800.00
Library	\$ 106,607.00	\$ 98,045.21	\$ 117,212.00
Madison PEG TV	\$ 43,753.00	\$ 42,755.99	\$ 48,800.00
Notes Due	\$ 121,992.00	\$ 122,321.43	\$ 142,764.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 7,475.28	\$ 8,000.00
Personnel Administration	\$ 581,542.00	\$ 577,123.56	\$ 571,516.00
Planning Board	\$ 9,350.00	\$ 9,071.62	\$ 9,350.00
Rec Program	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 64,989.88	\$ 69,390.00
Street Lighting	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,859.54	\$ 3,900.00
Zoning Board	\$ 11,650.00	\$ 8,300.51	\$ 6,850.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,772,995.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,694,864.10</b>	<b>\$ 1,824,026.00</b>

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1-0

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to ratify a 7-year lease agreement entered into by the Selectmen in the amount of three hundred seventy-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$377,500.00) for the purpose of leasing a grader, and to raise and appropriate sixty-seven thousand six hundred dollars (\$67,600.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause and the Town will own the grader at the end of the 7 years.

Recommended by Selectmen 2-0-1  
 Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 2-2-1

**Article 4.** (To be acted upon only if Article 3 fails.) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred nine thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$409,750) to pay off the remaining balance under the lease, with said amount to come from unassigned fund balance. Furthermore to sell the grader with the proceeds of such sale to go into the general fund. If Article 3 is approved, this article will be void.

Recommended by Selectmen 2-0-1  
 Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-1-4

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million nineteen thousand forty-one dollars (\$1,019,041.00) for Public Works.

	2024 Approved	2024 Expended	2025 Proposed
Highway	\$ 253,750.00	\$ 265,759.81	\$ 249,250.00
Parks & Rec	\$ 20,050.00	\$ 24,151.93	\$ 20,050.00
Solid Waste	\$ 134,501.00	\$ 120,177.33	\$ 134,001.00
Administration	\$ 556,400.00	\$ 554,572.24	\$ 615,740.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 964,701.00</b>	<b>\$ 964,661.31</b>	<b>\$ 1,019,041.00</b>

Recommended by Selectmen 2-1-0  
 Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 2-3-0

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred sixty-eight thousand one hundred and two dollars (\$668,102.00) for Public Safety.

	2024 Approved	2024 Expended	2025 Proposed
Ambulance	\$ 133,044.00	\$ 115,911.69	\$ 120,104.00
Emergency Management Dept.	\$ 9,701.00	\$ 11,295.00	\$ 9,701.00
Fire Rescue	\$ 165,900.00	\$ 115,243.95	\$ 165,750.00
Police	\$ 360,000.00	\$ 339,050.48	\$ 372,547.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 668,645.00</b>	<b>\$ 581,501.12</b>	<b>\$ 668,102.00</b>

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
 Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) for paving and road improvements of Town roads including but not limited to Town Line, Forest Pines, Pine Hill and Jones Hill Roads. 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, 2030, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
 Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 2-2-1

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a 5-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of sixty-three thousand dollars (\$63,000.00) for the purpose of leasing an outfitted police cruiser and to raise and appropriate fourteen thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$14,350.00) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause and the Town will own the police cruiser at the end of the 5 years.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000.00) for the upgrading of the library entrance door to be ADA compliant.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 5-0-0

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) as an annual stipend per RSA 31:35 for the compensation of the Trustee of Trust Funds bookkeeper.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-1-0

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Highway Heavy Equipment Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
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 ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Transfer Station Capital Projects Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Assessing Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Historical Society Building Improvement Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-six thousand dollars (\$66,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Silver Lake Dam Improvement Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Ground Water Remediation Expendable Trust Fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred and ninety-seven dollars (\$997.00) to be placed in PEG TV Expendable Trust Fund this sum to come from the unassigned fund balance which represents unused franchise fees from the 2024 Operating Budget.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Master Plan Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of updating the Town's Master Plan and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in the fund, and further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

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

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of forest maintenance, the entire amount to come from the previously established Forest Maintenance account, and no amount to be raised by taxation.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for the purpose of land acquisition and conservation purposes with said funds to come from the Capital Reserve Fund for land acquisition and conservation purposes.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 3-1-0

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to offer the youth of Madison conservation training and instructive opportunities. This special article will be non-lapsing and non-transferable per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the funds are spent or December 31, 2027, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to hire a Certified Engineering Firm to perform a watershed management study and provide recommendations to protect the Silver Lake watershed, and to authorize for that purpose the issuance of bonds or notes not to exceed \$100,000 in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq.; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain, and accept federal, state, or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. Further, to authorize the Selectmen to fully offset said appropriation by participating in the New Hampshire Clean Water State Revolving Fund (NHCWSRF). It is anticipated that there will be \$100,000 in principal loan forgiveness under the NHCWSRF. Further, to authorize acceptance of a donation from the Silver Lake Association of Madison (SLAM) to pay the full amount of interest on the loan. 3/5 Ballot Vote Required

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to appoint a Capital Improvement Committee per RSA 674:5 that shall include at least one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Advisory Budget Committee, one Selectman and at least two other registered Madison voters, whose sole purpose shall be to aid the Selectmen and Advisory Budget Committee in their consideration of the annual budget.

**Article 24.** Shall the town adopt the All Veterans Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28?

**Article 25.** By Petition. To see if the town will vote to adopt an Incompatibility of Offices Ordinance [sic] as follows "No town employee shall at the same time hold the office of town selectman."

**Article 26.** By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand seven hundred and seventy-one dollars (\$5,771.00) for the operation of Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. service programs in Madison: Transportation, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Guardianship, Head Start, Homeless Intervention and Prevention, Disaster Relief, Tamworth Dental Center.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 27.** By Petition. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand one hundred dollars (\$3,100.00) for the Family Resource Center at Children Unlimited, Inc. to strengthen families by promoting health, well-being, self-sufficiency and positive parenting through support and education.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 28. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) in support of Ossipee Children’s Fund to provide direct support/financial assistance for eligible children and families for childcare, education, enrichment and recreation programs.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 29. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) to support Madison home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels), congregate meals, transportation and program services provided by the Gibson Center for Senior Services, Inc.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 30. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand three hundred and twenty-nine dollars (\$5,329.00) in support of Starting Point providing advocacy and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 31. By Petition.** To see if the town of Madison will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) for Way Station for the purpose of its mission – to provide safe, welcoming, non-judgmental space and supportive services for the homeless & housing insecure of the Mount Washington Valley.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 32. By Petition.** To see if the town of Madison will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand eight hundred dollars (\$6,800.00) for the support of White Mountain Community Health Center to help meet the healthcare needs of the uninsured and underinsured residents of the town of Madison.

Recommended by Selectmen 3-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-0-0

**Article 33.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this 18th day of February, 2025.

  
Adam Price, Chairman

  
John Arruda, Selectman

  
Joy Gray, Selectman