

# Town of Madison

## 2026 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 10, 2026 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, polls to be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM to act upon Articles 1 - 4 with the meeting to reconvene at nine o'clock in the forenoon of Saturday, March 14, 2026 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.** (On the ballot) Zoning Amendment No. 1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 to the Madison Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows (Note: New text underlined and italicized. Deleted text struck through):

**Zoning Ordinance Article I General Provisions, 1.3 Existing, Non-conforming Uses. A.** Any existing lots of record at the time of passage of this Ordinance, March 1987, but not conforming to present minimum lot size, minimum frontage requirements, or minimum dimensional requirements, shall have the right to continue in their present use indefinitely, as well as being used for any other conforming use for the district in which it is located, so long as sufficient off-street parking for any such proposed use is provided within the property boundaries. Undeveloped nonconforming lots may be developed with any use permissible in the zoning district without compliance with minimum lot size, frontage or dimensional requirements, so long as sufficient off-street parking for any such proposed use is provided within the property boundaries; provided however that lots whose sole frontage is upon a Class VI or private road not shown on a plan approved by the planning board must first successfully complete the permit process as set forth in RSA 674:41. No such lot may be permitted to be further subdivided or otherwise made less conforming in nature.

**Zoning Ordinance Article V Other Regulations, 5.7 Minimum Frontage. B.** Lots located on Class VI roads. Lots having at least two hundred (200) feet of frontage on a Class VI road may, upon successful completion of the permit process as set forth in RSA 674:41, be developed with one structure or use use within the district. Subdivision of lots whose sole access or frontage is on a Class VI road shall not be permitted.

**Article 3.** (On the ballot) Zoning Amendment No. 2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the Madison Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows (Note: New text underlined and italicized. Deleted text struck through):

**Zoning Ordinance Article IV District Regulations, 4.2 Rural Residential District, A. Permitted Uses, 4.** Multiple housing (cluster housing; townhouses, condominiums, apartments) as regulated by subdivision regulations with a minimum of two (2) acres of contiguous land for each dwelling unit (not applicable to ADUs).

**Zoning Ordinance Article XI Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)**

**11.3 Restrictions on Accessory Dwelling Units** - The single-family dwelling and the accessory dwelling unit and lot shall remain in common ownership at all times and shall not be converted to a condominium or any other form of ownership. ADUs associated with multiple single-family dwellings attached to each other, such as townhouses, are prohibited.

In order to ensure compliance with this requirement, the property owners, at the time the ADU is established, shall be required to execute a restrictive covenant which shall be recorded at the Carroll County Registry of Deeds, with a copy provided to the Building Code Inspector, prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.

The Town shall have the right but not the obligation to enforce this restrictive covenant.

**11.4 Requirements** – Strike existing language and replace with:

- A) One ADU is permitted per detached single-family dwelling, provided the lot is an existing legal lot of record.
- B) The ADU shall comply with all the zoning regulations for a single-family detached dwelling including, but not limited to, setbacks, height limits, and lot coverage.
- C) An ADU shall require a Building Permit and a Certificate of Occupancy.
- D) An ADU shall not be considered to be an additional dwelling unit for the purposes of determining minimum lot size or development density of the property.
- E) The structure and lot shall not be converted to any form of legal ownership distinct from the ownership of the principal single-family dwelling.
- F) The applicant shall make adequate provisions for water supply and sewage disposal in accordance with NH RSA 485-A: 38. Separate utility connections are not required.
- G) Both the ADU and the primary residence shall comply with the state Building Code and Fire Code regulations for construction, minimum living space, fire exits and smoke alarms.
- H) The maximum size of an ADU shall not exceed 950 sq. ft. area.
- I) There shall be no more than two bedrooms in an ADU.
- J) ADUs that are attached to the single-family dwelling shall have either an independent means of ingress and egress, or ingress and egress through a common space shared with the principal dwelling.
- K) One off-street parking space shall be provided per ADU, in addition to those required for the primary residence. The required parking may be provided either on-site or at a legally dedicated off-site location, at the property owner's discretion.
- L) ADUs associated with rented or leased land are prohibited.
- M) RVs, campers or mobile homes are not allowed for use as an ADU.

**APPENDIX A – Definitions**

**ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU)**– A residential living unit that is located on a lot containing a single-family dwelling that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation, on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies. Accessory dwelling units may be constructed at the same time as the principal dwelling unit. Any accessory unit in a principle building or accessory structure that - provides independent living facilities with provisions for sleeping, cooking, eating and sanitation and whose interior is designed, adapted or used to accommodate human habitation, and located on the same parcel of land as the principle dwelling unit it accompanies.

**Article 4.** (On the ballot) Zoning Amendment No. 3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 to the Madison Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows (Note: New text underlined and italicized. Deleted text struck through):

Insert a new Article, **Article XII Recreational Vehicles**

12.1 The following applies to Recreational Vehicles outside of Recreational Vehicle Parks and Campgrounds.

1. **Storage.** Storing (and not occupying) an unregistered single recreational vehicle is allowed in any zoning district, however, only on lots where there is an existing permitted principal residential use, or located on a lot that is adjacent or abutting to a lot under the same ownership which has a principal residential use.
2. **Accessory Use.** Occupancy of a recreational vehicle as accessory to a principal dwelling unit is limited to a duration of ninety (90) days within a calendar year. Recreational vehicles which are accessory to a principal dwelling unit shall maintain current vehicle registration.
3. **Temporary Use on A Vacant Lot.** Unless otherwise prohibited or restricted by this Ordinance or state law, no more than one (1) recreational vehicle may be temporarily occupied on a vacant lot between April 15th and December 1st for a duration of thirty (30) days within a calendar year for recreational purposes. Occupancy is limited to the property owners, owner's family, or owner's friends. The recreational vehicle shall maintain current registration and not be permanently attached to utilities.
4. No other recreational vehicle use is permitted on any lot except as specifically allowed by this Article. Recreational vehicles are not permitted as primary dwelling units or as Accessory Dwelling Units.

12.2 The following words or phrases are hereby defined for the purpose of this Article XII:

1. **RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.** A vehicle that is designed to be self-propelled or towed and is equipped to serve as, or intended by the manufacturer for use as, temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use. It includes, but is not limited to a trailer, camper, and motor home.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-two thousand seven hundred forty dollars (\$52,740.00) to pay off the lease for the police cruiser purchased in 2025 with the entire amount to come from Unassigned Fund Balance.

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

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred nineteen thousand four hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$119,457.00) to pay off the lease for the Transfer Station truck purchased in 2024 with the entire amount to come from Unassigned Fund Balance.

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

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million nine hundred sixty-eight thousand seven hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$1,968,737.00) for General Government. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

	2025 Approved	2025 Expended	2026 Proposed
Animal/Pest Control	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,803.00	\$ 2,500.00
Assessing	\$ 36,200.00	\$ 30,211.00	\$ 49,926.00
Building Inspection	\$ 59,950.00	\$ 55,771.60	\$ 61,678.00
Conservation Commission	\$ 4,650.00	\$ 4,605.95	\$ 5,300.00
Direct Assistance	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 7,770.02	\$ 17,000.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 5,534.27	\$ 14,600.00
Executive	\$ 190,154.00	\$ 184,135.38	\$ 189,734.00
Financial Administration	\$ 173,108.00	\$ 175,986.70	\$ 179,143.00
General Government Buildings	\$ 183,200.00	\$ 161,768.50	\$ 169,200.00
General Government Equipment	\$ 18,500.00	\$ 15,038.11	\$ 18,550.00
Insurance	\$ 146,781.00	\$ 146,781.00	\$ 148,991.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1.00
Legal	\$ 24,800.00	\$ 18,007.45	\$ 32,300.00
Library	\$ 117,212.00	\$ 113,648.46	\$ 119,838.00
Madison PEG TV	\$ 48,800.00	\$ 45,806.08	\$ 53,800.00
Notes Due	\$ 142,764.00	\$ 142,763.32	\$ 178,618.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,828.95	\$ 8,000.00
Personnel Administration	\$ 571,516.00	\$ 547,428.88	\$ 594,733.00
Planning Board	\$ 9,350.00	\$ 11,258.49	\$ 16,485.00
Rec Program	\$ 69,390.00	\$ 68,804.20	\$ 77,190.00
Street Lighting	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,678.64	\$ 3,600.00
Zoning Board	\$ 6,850.00	\$ 22,156.26	\$ 27,550.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,834,026 .00</b>	<b>\$ 1,770,786.26</b>	<b>\$ 1,968,737.00</b>

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

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million forty-four thousand five hundred thirty-two dollars (\$1,044,532.00) for Public Works.

	2025 Approved	2025 Expended	2026 Proposed
Highway	\$ 249,250.00	\$ 265,991.20	\$ 260,750.00
Parks & Rec	\$ 20,050.00	\$ 14,255.03	\$ 19,201.00
Solid Waste	\$ 134,001.00	\$ 143,875.48	\$ 134,001.00
Administration	\$ 615,740.00	\$ 622,673.09	\$ 630,580.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,019,041.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,046,794.80</b>	<b>\$ 1,044,532.00</b>

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

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred ninety-two thousand two hundred fifty-five dollars (\$692,255.00) for Public Safety.

	2025 Approved	2025 Expended	2026 Proposed
Ambulance	\$ 120,104.00	\$ 119,910.69	\$ 134,442.00
Emergency Management Dept.	\$ 9,701.00	\$ 7,275.21	\$ 11,401.00
Fire Rescue	\$ 165,750.00	\$ 112,534.36	\$ 165,750.00
Police	\$ 372,547.00	\$ 345,476.71	\$ 380,662.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 668,201.00</b>	<b>\$ 585,196.97</b>	<b>\$ 692,255.00</b>

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

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred sixty-three thousand five hundred sixty-three dollars (\$363,563.00) for the purchase of a plow truck, with the entire amount to come from Unassigned Fund Balance, and no amount to be raised by taxation. It is anticipated that the Town will be reimbursed \$255,044.00 of the above amount from a Granite State Clean Fleet Grant agreement.

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

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-four thousand dollars (\$134,000.00) for chip sealing of Town roads including but not limited to East Madison Rd, Pound Rd, Colby Hill Rd, Greenwood Rd, Danforth Ln, Heritage Rd and Peak Vista Ln. 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, 2031, whichever is sooner.

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

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred sixty thousand seven hundred dollars (\$260,700.00) for paving of Town roads including but not limited to Mooney Hill Rd, Town Line Rd and Deer 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, 2031, whichever is sooner.

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

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars (\$25,500.00) for crack filling of Town roads including but not limited to High Street. 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, 2031, whichever is sooner.

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

**Article 14.** To see if the town will vote to establish a Road Reclamation and Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for reclamation and rehabilitation of paved town roads, not for general maintenance, and to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,00.00) to be placed in this fund.

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

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Police Cruiser Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of the future purchase of a police cruiser and upfitting of same and appropriate twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for this purpose, and further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund.

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

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Highway Heavy Equipment Expendable Trust Fund.

\*\*Balance \$21,700

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

**Article 17.** 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.

\*\*Balance \$40,150

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

**Article 18.** 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 Silver Lake Dam Improvement Expendable Trust Fund.

\*\*Balance \$79,400

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

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Ground Water Remediation Expendable Trust Fund.

\*\*Balance \$110,000

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

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand two hundred sixty-five dollars (\$12,265.00) to be placed in the previously established Master Plan Expendable Trust Fund.

\*\*Balance \$25,000

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

**Article 21.** 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.

\*\*Balance \$136,500

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

**Article 22.** 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.

\*\*Balance \$64,300

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

**Article 23.** Shall the Town modify the optional Veterans Tax Credit for service-connected total disability in accordance with RSA 72:35 from its current tax credit of \$2,000 per year to \$2,500?

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0

**Article 24. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to ask the New Hampshire General Court to establish an Independent Redistricting Commission to ensure fair and transparent voting districts that represent all voters equally and without favor to any political party. An Independent Redistricting Commission would support fair representation in election outcomes, give every voter an equal voice, and provide transparency that strengthens public trust, by drawing districts that keep communities of interest together. Be it further resolved that the Select Board shall send the results of this vote to the Governor and all members of the General Court representing Madison within 30 days.

**Article 25. 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 the following Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. services in Madison include Fuel and Energy Assistance, Transportation Services, Community Action Resource Coordinators, the Free Diaper Distribution Program, Tamworth Dental Services, Head Start and USDA TEFAP Food Distribution pantries.

Recommended by Selectmen 0-0-0

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

**Article 26. 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 0-0-0

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

**Article 27. 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 0-0-0

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

**Article 28. By Petition.** To see if the Town of Madison will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand four hundred forty dollars (\$9,440.00) 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 0-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

**Article 29. 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 Way Station for the purpose of continuing to provide safe, welcoming, non-judgmental space and supportive services for the homeless & housing insecure of the Mount Washington Valley.

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

**Article 30. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) 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 0-0-0  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 0-0-0

**Article 31. 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.

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

**Article 32.** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands this XXth day of February, 2026.

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Adam Price, Chairman

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Joy Gray, Selectman

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James Eldridge, Selectman

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Jacob Boewe, Selectman

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Nicole Nordlund, Selectman