

MINUTES OF THE MADISON TOWN MEETING

MARCH 10, 2026 Town Election
and reconvened
MARCH 14, 2026 Town Meeting

PRE-ELECTION PROCEDURES

MANUAL COUNT OF ELECTION DAY BALLOTS—On February 23, 2026, Town Clerk – Tax Collector, Michael Brooks and Collection Clerk, Rebecca Bonner completed the manual counting of Town and School Election Day ballots to be delivered to the Moderator on Election Day (RSA 658:31).

TESTING OF ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEM (AVS) – On March 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., Town Clerk Michael Brooks conducted a test of the State-provided AVS wherein the tablet was utilized and votes were printed on test ballots for the Town and School. Both ballots marked correctly. AVS-marked ballots were included in the testing of the new ImageCast machine.

TESTING ELECTION DAY EBCD MEMORY CARDS—On March 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., as posted on the upper and lower level bulletin boards in the Town Office building, at the Madison and Silver Lake Post Offices and the Town website, Town Clerk Michael Brooks, Collection Clerk Rebecca Bonner commenced the required pre-election test of the new ImageCast machine for tallying the Town and School ballots (RSA 656:42 VIII-(e) (1-11)). The EBCD results were then compared to the manual tally of test ballots cast to ensure the accuracy of the Election Day Memory Cards scanning. After completing the reconciliation, the Election Day memory cards were installed and sealed as required by State Law.

DAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY

SET-UP OF POLLING PLACE – On March 9, 2026 at 4:00 p.m., Town Clerk-Tax Collector, Michael Brooks, Administrative Assistant, Kate Young and Selectmen Adam Price and Jake Boewe set up the polling place in James Noyes Hall.

ELECTION DAY

At 8:00 a.m., March 10, 2026, before the meeting was convened, Town Clerk-Tax Collector, Michael Brooks and Selectman, Adam Price examined the compartments in the electronic ballot counting device to assure the compartments were empty then the Town Clerk – Tax Collector had the electronic ballot counting device print the Election Zero Report for the annual Town and School Election.

With no additional formality, Moderator Epstein declared the polls open for acting upon Articles 1 through 4 of the 2026 Town Warrant 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:

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.

Vote for two Selectman for three years		Adam Price	245
		Charles Allen	205
		Joe Dame	391
		Nicole Nordlund	320
	Write-Ins	Jacob Boewe	1
		Not Jesse's Puppets	1
	Blanks	No vote for this position	89
Vote for one Moderator for two years		George Epstein	543
	Write-In	Satan	1
		Dave Scarborough	1
		Ron Force	1
	Blanks	No vote for this position	80
Vote for one Supervisor of the Checklist for six years	Write-In	Nancy Martin	12
		Jennifer Eldridge	2
		Karen Shackford	2
		Debra Lyman	1
		Melissa LaRoche	1
		Su Stacey	1
		Cheryl Harris	1
	Blanks	No vote for this position	605
	Vote for two Planning Board Member for two years		Todd Milliken
		Karl Nordlund	352
Write-In		Mike Mauro	2
		Wayne Jones	1
		Jeff Jones	1
		Phil LaRoche	1
		Dave Cribbie	1
		Matt Vavro	1

	Chris Martin	1
	John Arruda	1
	Joe Viola	1
	Cheryl Brooks	1
	Anybody Else	1
	Carol Felice	1
	Blanks No vote for this position	424
Vote for two Planning Board Members for three years	Paul Marks	<u>461</u>
Write-Ins	Adam Price	2
	Dave Cribbie	1
	Tia Gagnon	1
	Todd Milliken	1
	Joe Dame	1
	Charles Allen	1
	Josh Shackford	1
	Jonathon Brooks	1
	Blanks No vote for positions	782
Vote for two Trustees of the Library for three years	Patti Rau	<u>411</u>
	Cheryl Quinn Littlefield	<u>489</u>
Write-Ins	Jane Hoffman	1
	Ellen Caputo	1
	Linda Smith	1
	Blanks No vote for this position	349
Vote for one Trustee of the Library for two years	Bruce Borofsky	<u>485</u>
Write-In		0
	Blanks No vote for this position	141
Vote for one Trustee of the Trust Funds for three years	Cheryl Quinn Littlefield	<u>506</u>
Write-Ins		0
	Blanks No vote for this position	120
Vote for one Advisory Budget Committee Members for one year		
Write-Ins	Charles Allen	6
	Joe Dame	5
	Leanne Ohara	4
	Jesse Shackford	3
	Nicole Nordlund	3
	Deb Parsons	2
	Bill Lord	2
	Tino Fernandes	2
	Jane Hoffman	1
	Tiffany Currotto	1
	Not Schilling	1
	John Arruda	1
	Adam Price	1
	Linda Shackford	1
	Nan Bartlett	1

Ron Force	1
Cheryl Brooks	1
Su Stacey	1

Blanks	No vote for this position	588
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Vote for one Advisory Budget Committee Member
for three years

Write-Ins	Adam Price	4
	George Rau	2
	Nicole Nordlund	2
	Jake Boewe	1
	Rick L'Heureux	1
	Cheri Stackpole	1
	Susie Martin	1
	Chris Allen	1
	Charles Allen	1
	Su Stacey	1
	Joe Dame	1
	John Arruda	1
	Janet Cox	1

Blanks	No vote for this position	607
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Article 2. (On the ballot) Zoning Amendment No. 1. 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 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.

Yes:	<u>390</u>
No:	150

Article 3. (On the ballot) Zoning Amendment No. 2. 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 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.

Yes: **385**
No: **168**

Blanks No vote on this question: 73

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:
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.

Yes: 358
No: 193

Blanks No vote on this question: 75

TOTAL VOTES CAST ON ELECTION DAY: 626
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS AT END OF ELECTION DAY: 2,109
TURNOUT PERCENTAGE of TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 29.68%

TOWN MEETING RECONVENED – MARCH 14, 2026

Prior to reconvening the meeting, Moderator Epstein suggested those voters present proceed to the Supervisor of the Checklist table to sign and receive his/her “A” through “J” printed ballot and ballot envelope.

One hundred fifty-one (151) voters signed and received paper ballots.

TOTAL VOTER RECEIVING HAND-HELD PAPER BALLOTS: 151
TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS AT END OF ELECTION DAY: 2,109
TURNOUT PERCENTAGE of REGISTERED VOTERS: 7.16%

Moderator Epstein requested all persons elected on Tuesday to proceed to the front table to be sworn in by the Town Clerk. After swearing in, all present were directed to sign their oaths of office at the check-in table.

The Moderator read the Town & School Election results of the election held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. The results were posted in three places in the entry-way to the gymnasium.

At 9:08 a.m. Moderator Epstein reconvened the meeting.

The Moderator then pointed to the In Memorium on page 3 and recognized the contributions of Carolyn and Lewis Busell to the Town of Madison. The Moderator requested a moment of silence in remembrance of them.

Moderator Epstein asked the Supervisors of the Checklist to suspend the check in process and for all present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Epstein, asked Advisory Budget Committee Chairman Sharon Schilling to please introduce the panel of Advisory Budget Committee members seated to her left— Joe Dame and Doug McAllister. Moderator Epstein then turned to his right and asked Selectman Price to introduce those individuals and his/her position with the Town— Town Clerk/Tax Collector Michael R. Brooks, Administrative Assistant Kate Young, Town Attorney Pro-Tem, Chris Boldt, Selectman Jim Eldridge, Selectman Jacob Boewe, Selectman Joy Gray, and, Selectman Nicole Nordlund.

The Moderator took a moment to thank Town Administrator for all that she did for the Town. She will be missed. There was a round of applause for her service.

Moderator Epstein then pointed out the printed rules of procedure on page 11 and the fact that there is a procedure to challenge his decisions. He reminded the meeting that he can be over-ruled if it is the wish of this meeting.

Moderator Epstein continued the meeting by asking voters to turn to the yellow pages beginning at Page 169 of the 2025 Town of Madison Annual Report to consider Articles 5 through 33 of the 2026 Town Warrant.

John Arruda made a **motion** to move Article 24 in front of Article 5. The motion was **seconded** by Mark Faunce.

The Moderator warned the meeting about making changes to the order of the articles as printed on the Warrant and warned to the people.

The Moderator declared Motion PASSED, by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) for the purpose of an independent investigation into personal use of town property.

Recommended by Selectmen 5 – 0 – 0
NOT Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 2 – 1 – 1

Moved: Selectman Price
Seconded: Selectman Boewe

Todd Milliken **moved** to replace Article 24 with the following:

“This legislative body assigns a 3-Person Review & Report Committee to review and report on policies, practices and activities regarding the non-public use of public assets.

The report will become a public document to be released on or before September 14, 2026 (6 months).

The Review & Report Committee will be made up of 3 Madison voters, Stuart Lord, Nancy Martin, Todd Milliken.

This Review & Report Committee will automatically dissolve at the end of next year's Town Meeting."

Mark Faunce then **seconded** Mr. Milliken's motion.

The Moderator stated that the first vote will be on Mr. Milliken's amendment and to potentially replace the printed article with his amended language which the Moderator read again.

Mr. Dempster raised a point of order requesting a secret ballot be used for both the amendment and the final article. He submitted the signed request signed by Sharon Schilling, Bill Dempster, Margaret Reinfuss, Mary Dame and Paul McKenna.

The Moderator declared that Mr. Milliken's amendment would be voted by using Ballot lettered "A". He explained the process for casting your paper ballot. The polls opened at 10:08. The Moderator declared the polls closed at 10:13.

The Moderator declared the amendment DEFEATED by a count of Ballot lettered "A".

32 Yes 106 NO

Mark Faunce made a **motion** that should this article fail that there be no investigation.

The Moderator did not believe that such a motion is necessary.

The Moderator declared that Article 24 would be voted by using Ballot lettered "B". He, once again, explained the process for casting your paper ballot. The polls opened at 10:29. The Moderator declared the polls closed at 10:45.

The Moderator declared Article 24 DEFEATED by a count of Ballot lettered "B".

62 Yes 82 NO

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 5 – 0 – 0

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved:
Seconded:

Selectman Boewe
Selectman Eldridge

The Moderator declared Article 5 PASSED, by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 5 – 0 – 0
Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Eldridge
 Seconded: Selectman Boewe

The Moderator declared Article 6 PASSED, by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million nine hundred fifty-five thousand four hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$1,955,437.00) 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	\$ 19,000.00
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
TOTAL	\$ 1,834,026 .00	\$ 1,770,786.26	\$ 1,955,437.00

Recommended by Selectmen 5 – 0 – 0
NOT Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 3 – 1 – 0

Moved: Selectman Eldridge
 Seconded: Selectman Gray

Selectman Gray **moved** to amend the General Government buildings line by \$6,000 to account for increased fuel cost. **Seconded** by Selectman Boewe.

The Moderator declared the amendment **PASSED** by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

	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	\$ 175,200.00
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	\$ 19,000.00
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
TOTAL	\$ 1,834,026 .00	\$ 1,770,786.26	\$ 1,961,437.00

Selectman Boewe **moved** to reduce the Madison TV line to \$31,400. **Seconded** by Selectman Price.

The Moderator declared the amendment **DEFEATED** by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

Mark Faunce **moved** to amend the PEG TV line to \$48,800, the amount approved last year. **Seconded** by Cheryl Harris.

The Moderator declared the amendment **DEFEATED** by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

The Moderator declared Article 7 PASSED, as amended, by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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
TOTAL	\$ 1,019,041.00	\$ 1,046,794.80	\$ 1,044,532.00

Recommended by Selectmen 5 – 0 – 0
Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Eldridge
 Seconded: Selectman Gray

Selectman Gray **moved** to amend the Solid Waste line up to \$150,000, **seconded** by Selectman Boewe.

The Moderator declared the amendment **PASSED** by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

	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	\$ 150,000.00
Administration	\$ 615,740.00	\$ 622,673.09	\$ 630,580.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,019,041.00	\$ 1,046,794.80	\$ 1,060,531.00

The Moderator declared Article 8 PASSED, as amended, by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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
TOTAL	\$ 668,201.00	\$ 585,196.97	\$ 692,255.00

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

Moved: Selectman Eldridge
 Seconded: Selectman Boewe

Sharon Schilling made a **motion** to decrease the fire department budget by \$15,000, **seconded** by Doug McAllister.

The Moderator declared the amendment **PASSED** by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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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	\$ 150,750.00
Police	\$ 372,547.00	\$ 345,476.71	\$ 380,662.00
TOTAL	\$ 668,201.00	\$ 585,196.97	\$ 677,255.00

The Moderator declared **Article 9 PASSED, as amended**, by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 3 – 0 – 1

Moved: Selectman Boewe
 Seconded: Selectman Gray

The Moderator declared **Article 10 PASSED** by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Eldridge
Seconded: Selectman Gray

The Moderator declared Article 11 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Gray
Seconded: Selectman Boewe

The Moderator declared Article 12 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Eldridge
Seconded: Selectman Gray

The Moderator declared Article 13 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 (\$100,000.00) to be placed in this fund.

Recommended by Selectmen 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Boewe
Seconded: Selectman Gray

The Moderator declared Article 14 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Eldridge
Seconded: Selectman Boewe

Bill Dempster **moved** to amend the article to remove the Selectmen as agents to expend. **Seconded** by Tino Fernandes.

The Moderator declared the amendment **DEFEATED** by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

The Moderator declared Article 15 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Eldridge
Seconded: Selectman Boewe

Joe Dame **moved** to increase the amount to \$79,300. **Seconded** by Sharon Schilling.

The Moderator declared the amendment **PASSED** by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

The Moderator declared Article 16 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Boewe
Seconded: Selectman Eldridge

The Moderator declared Article 17 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Boewe
Seconded: Selectman Eldridge

The Moderator declared Article 18 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Eldridge
Seconded: Selectman Boewe

The Moderator declared Article 19 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 5 – 0 – 0
Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Gray
Seconded: Selectman Boewe

The Moderator declared Article 20 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Eldridge
Seconded: Selectman Gray

The Moderator declared Article 21 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Boewe
Seconded: Selectman Eldridge

The Moderator declared Article 22 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 5 – 0 – 0

Moved: Selectman Boewe
Seconded: Selectman Eldridge

The Moderator declared Article 23 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

Article 25. 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.

Moved: Mike Veilleux

Seconded:

Donna Veilleux

The Moderator declared Article 25 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

Selectman Price moved that the charitable articles be voted as a group (Articles 26-32) in the aggregate amount of \$36,140.00, **seconded by Selectman Boewe.**

The Moderator declared that the Motion PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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 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 5 – 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 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 5 – 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 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 5 – 0 – 0

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Article 29. 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 5 – 0 – 0

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Article 30. 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 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Article 31. 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 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0

Article 32. 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 5 – 0 – 0
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4 – 0 – 0


The Moderator declared Articles 26-32 PASSED by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

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

Seeing nothing further, the Moderator solicited a motion to adjourn from the crowd, no second was solicited, and was so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted and attested to the minutes’ authenticity and accuracy,


Michael R. Brooks,
Town Clerk/Tax Collector