

2022 Town of Madison - Town Meeting Minutes

To: Mr. Ronald Moody, Constable for the Town of Madison, in the County of Somerset, State of Maine:

GREETINGS: In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Madison, in said County and State, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the *Madison Junior High School Auditorium*, in said Town, on Monday, the thirteenth (13th) day of June, 2022 A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon Article 1 and Articles 3 through 38 as set out below to wit:

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the *Old Point School Election Room* in said Town, on Tuesday, the fourteenth (14th) day of June, 2022 A.D. at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon by secret ballot Article 2 as set out below, the polling hours, therefore, to be from eight o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening:

Article 1

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Ernie Hilton was nominated for Moderator, votes cast for Ernie Hilton.

Article 1 B

To adopt The Moderators Manual 6th Edition for said Town Meeting.

Motion was made and 2nd to adopt Moderators Manual 6th Edition, carried.

Town manager spoke briefly about, the 3.5% increase in budget, ARPA funds spending, Ordinance changes to fee schedules and Purchasing Policy. He also spoke on Articles 3 & 4.

Article 2

To elect all Municipal Officers, Directors for S.A.D. #59 and other Municipal Officials as are required to be elected:

- 2 Select Board, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for 3 years
- 2 Directors for SAD #59 for 3 years
- 1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Sanitary District for 3 years
- 1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Water District for 3 years
- 1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Water District for 2 years
- 1 Trustee for Madison Public Library for 5 years
- 1 Director for Madison Electric Works for 5 years
- 1 Town Clerk/Treasurer for 1 year
- 1 Road Commissioner for 1 year

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to change the Town Clerk/Treasurer position from elected to appointed, said change to be effective at the 2023 annual town meeting.

Select Board Recommends YES

Motion made and 2nd, clerk was asked to speak by a resident, clerk would like to see it remain as an elected position. Residents questioned why done at Town Meeting vs. Referendum, as done previously, which was voted down. Questions about the hiring process and the length of the appointed term. Motion Carried.

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to change the term of the elected Road Commissioner position from one-year to three-year, said change to be effective at the 2023 annual town meeting.

Select Board Recommends YES

Motion made and 2nd , carried.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to pay the Directors of the Department of Electric Works \$10,200.00 for the ensuing year, said sum to be paid from the funds of the department.

Select Board Recommends YES

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,200.00 to pay its Select Board*.

Advisory Board Recommends YES

*Compensation is included under Article 8.

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to use up to \$25,000 from undesignated revenue in the event of overdrafts, unforeseen events or emergencies. Any use of this contingency arrangement must be voted on at a Select Board meeting and the expenditures made will be listed in the subsequent town report. Total transfer of undesignated revenues shall not exceed \$25,000 within the fiscal year. Transfer of undesignated revenues in excess of \$25,000 must be authorized by a town meeting vote.

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 8

To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **General Government** account in the General Fund:

Administration	\$551,425.00
Planning Board	\$5,775.00
Code Enforcement	\$52,750.00
Boards & Committees	\$19,300.00
Assessing Services	\$42,500.00
<u>Elections</u>	<u>\$7,500.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$679,250.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$37,000.00)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$642,250.00
Select Board Recommends	\$642,250.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$642,250.00

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 9

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Public Safety** in the General Fund:

Ambulance	\$80,500.00
Police	\$480,000.00
Fire	\$114,000.00
<u>Animal Control</u>	<u>\$9,950.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$684,450.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$25,000.00)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$659,450.00
Select Board Recommends	\$659,450.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$659,450.00

Motion made and 2nd, Brief discussion, carried.

Article 10

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Utilities** account in the General Fund.

Street Lights	\$64,000.00
Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling	\$275,000.00
Storm Drains	\$50,000.00
<u>Fire Protection (Hydrants)</u>	<u>\$260,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$649,000.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$40,000.00)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$609,000.00
Select Board Recommends	\$609,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$609,000.00

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 11

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Public Works** account in the General Fund.

Public Works	\$683,050.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$43,000.00)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$640,050.00

Select Board Recommends	\$640,050.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$640,050.00

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 12

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Recreation** account in the General Fund.

Select Board Recommends	\$83,500.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$83,500.00

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 13

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Cemeteries** in the General Fund.

Select Board Recommends	\$44,050.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$44,050.00

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 14

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Community Services** in the General Fund.

General Assistance	\$17,500.00
Community Programs	
US Naval Sea Cadets Corps	\$1,000.00
Lake Association	\$5,500.00
American Legion Flags	\$600.00
People Who Care Food Cupboard	\$16,500.00
Recycling/HHW	\$1,000.00
Lakewood Theater	\$5,000.00
St. Sebastian Cemetery	\$1,000.00
Total Community Programs	\$30,600.00

Service Organizations

Madison Anson Senior Citizens	\$4,500.00
Somerset Humane Society	\$7,650.00
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	\$2,500.00
Spectrum Generations	\$4,600.00
Total Service Organizations	\$19,250.00
<u>Grand Total Community Services</u>	<u>\$67,350.00</u>
Approved revenue from TIF	(\$5,000.00 Lakewood Theater)
Select Board Recommends	\$62,350.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$62,350.00

Motion made and 2nd, Resident questioned why St. Sebastian cemetery is separate From others, it is privately owned, motion carried.

Article 15

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Madison Public Library** in the General Fund.

Select Board Recommends	\$122,935.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$122,935.00

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 16

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Town Owned Property** account in the General Fund.

Select Board Recommends	\$26,550.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$26,550.00

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 17

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Road Surface Projects**.

Select Board Recommends	\$157,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$157,000.00

Motion made and 2nd, brief discussion, carried.

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$115,000 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for **Road Surface Projects**:

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Moved and 2nd, discussion of roads to be done and funding, motion carried.

Article 19

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Highway Equipment Purchases**.

Select Board Recommends	\$110,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$110,000.00

Moved and 2nd, will be used for purchase of Rubber Tire Excavator, motion carried.

Article 20

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for future **Fire Dept Equipment Purchases**.

Select Board Recommends	\$160,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$160,000.00

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for **Fire Department Equipment Purchases**:

Advisory Board Recommends	YES
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Motion moved and 2nd, carried.

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$35,000 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for a **Small Business Matching Grant Program**:

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$60,000 from Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal government for **Town Property Renovations**:

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 24

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Sidewalk Maintenance**.

Select Board Recommends	\$50,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$50,000.00

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 25

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Cemetery Repair**.

Select Board Recommends	\$50,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$50,000.00

Motion made and 2nd, carried.

Article 26

To see if the Town will vote to use **\$400,000.00 from undesignated fund balance to offset taxes.**

Select Board Recommends	YES
Advisory Board Recommend	YES

Motion made and 2nd, brief discussion of undesignated and designated funds, Motion, carried.

Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to allocate the balance of the snowmobile excise tax refund to the Abnaki Snow Riders Snowmobile Club.

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Moved and 2nd, carried.

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2023-2024 not yet due or assessed.

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Moved and 2nd, carried.

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote the date of September 15, 2022 or 30 days after commitment, whichever is later, as the date when the first one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable, and the date of March 15, 2023, when the second one-half of taxes assessed for the current year shall become due and payable, with taxes unpaid after said dates to bear interest at the rate of four percent (4.00%) per annum from said dates.

Select Board Recommends	YES
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Moved and 2nd, carried.

Article 30

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with residential taxpayers establishing a “tax club” payment plan for property taxes, whereby: (1) the taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the town based on his/her estimated and actual tax obligation for the current year property taxes; (2) the town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement; (3) the town authorizes the collector to accept tax club payments for current taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes; (4) the agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due dates and interest dates and rates as other taxpayers who are not participating in a tax club; (5) only taxpayers who do not have any outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program; and (6) taxpayers wishing to participate in a tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter into an agreement with the town by a publicly-advertised deadline determined by the Tax Collector.

Select Board Recommends YES

Moved and 2nd, carried.

Article 31

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to advertise and sell Town-owned personal property at public sale.

Select Board Recommends YES

Moved and 2nd, carried.

Article 32

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner that the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town.

Select Board Recommends YES

Moved and 2nd, carried.

Article 33

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to set all wages and salaries for the coming year, except for those already provided for.

Select Board Recommends YES

Moved and 2nd, carried.

Article 34

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager, under the direction of the Select Board, to apply for grant monies and to expend monies received for the stated grant purposes.

Select Board Recommends YES

Moved and 2nd, carried.

Article 35

To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, will vote to fix the rate of one percent (1.00) % interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes.

Select Board Recommends YES

Moved and 2nd, carried.

Article 36

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept any money or property, real or personal, from any Donor and such money or property shall be utilized as specified by the Donor.

Select Board Recommends YES

Moved and 2nd, carried.

Article 37

Shall an ordinance entitled “Expenditure of Public Funds” (Chapter 572) be amended?

Select Board Recommends YES

Moved and 2nd, carried.

Article 38

Shall an ordinance entitled "Fees" (Chapter 583) be amended?

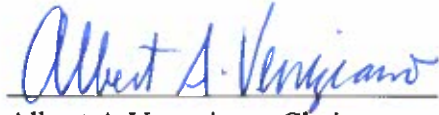
Select Board Recommends

YES

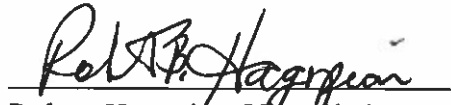
Motion made and 2nd, carried

Motion made and 2nd to adjourn until June 14, 2022, motion carried.

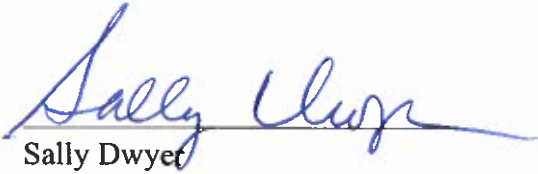
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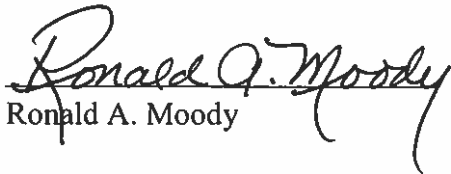
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