

2018 Town of Madison Town Meeting Warrant

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 eleventh (11th) day of June, 2018 A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon Article 1 and Articles 3 through 36 as set out below to wit:

And, to notify and warn said inhabitants to meet at the Municipal Building in said Town, on Tuesday, the twelfth (12th) day of June, 2018 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.

Motion made and 2nd to nominate Ernie Hilton as moderator. Motion Carried.

**The Moderator added: Article 1A) to Adopt the Maine Moderators Rules
Motion made and 2nd, motion carried.**

Article 2

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

- 1 Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for 3 years*
- 3 Directors for SAD #59 for 3 years*
- 1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Sanitary District for 3 years*
- 2 Trustees for Anson-Madison Water District for 3 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 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.

Selectmen Recommend

YES

Article 3 was moved and 2nd for recommended amount, motion carried.

Article 4

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

Advisory Board Recommend YES

*Compensation is included under Article 5.

Article 4 was moved and 2nd for the recommended amount, motion carried.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$525,934.46** from property taxation to fund the General Government account.

Selectmen Recommend:	YES
Advisory Board Recommend:	YES
Administration	\$475,200.00
Planning Board	\$5,825.00
Code Enforcement	\$26,400.00
Boards and Committees	\$19,350.00
Assessing Services	\$45,500.00
Elections	\$3,000.00
Total Expenses	\$575,295.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$49,360.54)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$525,934.46

Article 5 was moved and 2nd for the recommended amount, motion carried

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$869,461.60** from property taxation to fund the Public Safety account.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES
Ambulance	\$92,250.00
Police	\$440,000.00
Fire	\$103,230.00
Animal Control	\$10,900.00
Street Lights	\$58,000.00
Hydrants	\$225,000.00
Total Expenses	\$929,380.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$59,918.40)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$869,461.60

Article 6 was moved and 2nd for the recommended amount, motion carried.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$218,930.00** from property taxation to fund the Other Government account.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES
Storm Drains	\$45,000.00
Waste Disposal	\$204,000.00
Total Expenses	\$248,000.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$29,070.00)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$218,930.00

Article 7 was moved and 2nd for the recommended amount, motion carried.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$501,873.94** from property taxation to fund the Public Works account.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES
Public Works	\$598,525.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$96,651.06)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$501,873.94

Article 8 was moved and 2nd for the recommended amount, motion carried.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$73,950.00** from property taxation to fund the Recreation account.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 9 was moved and 2nd for the recommended amount, motion carried.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$21,900.00** from property taxation to fund the Cemetery account.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 10 was moved and 2nd for the recommended amount, motion carried.

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$175,735.00** from property taxation to fund the Community Services account.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES
Library	\$113,940.00
Tree Warden	\$3,000.00
US Naval Sea Cadets Corps	\$950.00
Abnaki Snowmobile Club	\$1,900.00
Lake Association	\$5,225.00
American Legion Flags	\$570.00
People Who Care Food Cupboard	\$14,250.00
Recycling Committee	\$1,500.00
Somerset Community TV (Ch.11)	\$1,000.00
General Assistance	\$15,000.00
Madison Anson Senior Citizens	\$4,500.00
Somerset Humane Society	\$7,300.00
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	\$2,000.00
<u>Spectrum Generations</u>	<u>\$4,600.00</u>
Total	\$175,735.00

Article 11 was moved and 2nd for recommended amount, motion carried.

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$25,275.00** from property taxation to fund the Town Owned Property account.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 12 was moved and 2nd for the recommended amount, motion carried.

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$235,375.00** from property taxation to fund the Capital Expenditures account

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES
Capital Equipment	\$55,000.00
Road Surface Projects	\$176,375.00
<u>Capital Improvements Fire Dept</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
Total	\$235,375.00

Article 13 was moved and 2nd for the recommended amount, motion carried.

Article 14

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to use **\$300,000.00** from undesignated fund balance to offset taxes.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommends	YES

Article 14 was moved and 2nd for the recommended amount, motion carried.

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Madison Electric Works Board of Directors to amend the MEW charter to authorize the Electric Works to borrow through the issuance of revenue bonds.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
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Article 15 was moved and 2nd, brief discussion, motion carried.

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote the date of September 15, 2018 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, 2019, 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 eight percent (8.00%) per annum from said dates.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
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Article 16 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2018-2019 not yet due or assessed.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
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Article 17 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 18

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.

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 18 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and the Madison Public Library Board of Trustees to convey all rights, title and interest in the land in East Madison known as “Jacob’s Pines” to the Somerset Woods Trustees to be conserved in a manner fitting with the intentions of George Jacobs when he willed the property to the Town in 1987.

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 19 was moved and 2nd, discussion in regards to lack of taxation, motion carried.

Article 20

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

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 20 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 21

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

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 21 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 22

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

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 22 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 23

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

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 23 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 24

To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, will vote to fix the rate of 4% interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes.

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 24 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen 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.

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 25 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 26

Shall an ordinance entitled “Cemeteries, Town” (Chapter 26)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 26 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 27

Shall an ordinance entitled “Cemeteries” (Chapter 532)” be eliminated?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 27 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 28

Shall an ordinance entitled “Site Review” (Chapter 484)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 28 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 29

Shall an ordinance entitled “Animals” (Chapter 148)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 29 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 30

Shall an ordinance entitled “Parks and Recreation Areas” (Chapter 667)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 30 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 31

Shall an ordinance entitled “Parks, Cemeteries and Water-Access Areas” (Chapter 285)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 31 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 32

Shall an ordinance entitled “Sex Offenders” (Chapter 308)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 32 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 33

Shall an ordinance entitled “Prohibition of Marijuana Retail Establishments” be adopted?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 33 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 34

Shall an ordinance entitled “Subdivision of Land” (Chapter 490)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 34 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 35

Shall an ordinance entitled “Smoking” (Chapter 702)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 35 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 36

Shall an ordinance entitled “Excavations” (Chapter 189)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend YES

Article 36 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Town of Madison Board of Selectmen

Albert A. Veneziano, Chairman

John E. Ducharme, III, Vice Chair

George Elias

Paul R. Fortin

Ronald A. Moody