

# 2020 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 July, 2020 A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon Article 1 and Articles 3 through 31 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 fourteenth (14th) day of July, 2020 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 and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Nominations ceased, Ernie Hilton Was voted in as moderator. Julie Forbus was appointed Deputy Moderator.**

1A) To Adopt the 6<sup>th</sup> 2005 Addition of the Moderator's Manual.

**Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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:

- 2 Selectmen, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for 3 years
- 2 Directors for SAD #59 for 3 years
- 2 Trustees for Anson-Madison Sanitary District for 3 years
- 1 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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

**Article 4 was Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

\*Compensation is included under Article 5.

**Article 5**

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.

Selectmen Recommend YES

Advisory Board Recommend YES

**Article 5 was Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

**Article 6**

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

Administration \$505,865.00

Planning Board	\$5,825.00
Code Enforcement	\$29,500.00
Boards & Committees	\$19,325.00
Assessing Services	\$40,000.00
Elections	\$4,000.00
Total Expenses	\$604,515.00
<b><u>Approved revenue from TIF</u></b>	<b><u>(\$44,500.00)</u></b>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$560,015.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$560,015.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$560,015.00

**Article 6 was Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the recommended amount, motion carried.**

### **Article 7**

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

Ambulance	\$92,250.00
Police	\$455,000.00
Fire	\$110,230.00
Animal Control	\$11,525.00
Total Expenses	\$669,255.00
<b><u>Approved revenue from TIF</u></b>	<b><u>(\$30,00.00)</u></b>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$639,255.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$639,255.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$639,255.00

**Article 7 was Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the recommended amount, motion carried.**

### **Article 8**

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

Street Lights	\$60,000.00
Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling	\$225,000.00
Storm Drains	\$25,000.00
Fire Protection (Hydrants)	\$235,000.00
Total Expenses	\$545,000.00
<b><u>Approved revenue from TIF</u></b>	<b><u>(\$50,000.00)</u></b>

Total Raised by Taxation	\$495,000.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$495,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$495,000.00

**Article 8 was Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the recommended amount, motion carried.**

**Article 9**

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

Public Works	\$632,460.00
<b><u>Approved revenue from TIF</u></b>	<b><u>(\$75,500.00)</u></b>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$556,960.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$556,960.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$556,960.00

**Article 9 was Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the recommended amount, motion carried.**

**Article 10**

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$78,050.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$78,050.00

**Article 10 was Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the recommended amount, motion carried.**

**Article 11**

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$27,050.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$27,050.00

**Article 11 was Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the recommended amount, motion carried.**

**Article 12**

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

<b>General Assistance</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>
<b>Community Programs</b>	
US Naval Sea Cadets Corps	\$1,000.00
Lake Association	\$5,500.00
American Legion Flags	\$600.00
People Who Care Food Cupboard	\$14,500.00
Recycling Committee	\$1,000.00
<u>Somerset Community TV (Ch.11)</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
<b>Total Community Programs</b>	<b>\$24,100.00</b>
<b>Service Organizations</b>	
Madison Anson Senior Citizens	\$4,500.00
Somerset Humane Society	\$7,650.00
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	\$2,300.00
<u>Spectrum Generations</u>	<u>\$4,500.00</u>
<b>Total Service Organizations</b>	<b>\$18,950.00</b>
<b><u>Grand Total Community Services</u></b>	<b><u>\$58,050.00</u></b>
Selectmen Recommend	\$58,050.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$58,050.00

**Article 12 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the recommended amount, motion carried.**

**Article 13**

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$121,585.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$121,585.00

**Article 13 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the recommended amount, motion carried.**

**Article 14**

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$27,875.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$27,875.00

**Article 14 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the recommended amount, motion carried.**

**Article 15**

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$180,050.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$180,050.00

**Article 15 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the recommended amount, motion carried.**

**Article 16**

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$105,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$105,000.00

**Article 16 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the recommended amount, motion carried.**

**Article 17**

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$30,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$30,000.00

**Article 17 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the recommended amount, motion carried.**

**Article 18**

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for **Library Capital Fund (Roof Replacement)**

Selectmen Recommend	\$50,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$50,000.00

**Article 18 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the recommended amount, motion carried.**

**Article 19**

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

Selectmen Recommend	YES
Advisory Board Recommend	YES

**Article 19 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

**Article 20**

To see if the Town will vote the date of September 15, 2020 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, 2021, 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 20 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

**Article 21**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2021-2022 not yet due or assessed.

Selectmen Recommend	YES
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**Article 21 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

**Article 22**

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 22 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

**Article 23**

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 23 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

**Article 24**

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 24 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

**Article 25**

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 25 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

**Article 26**

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 26 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

**Article 27**

To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A, will vote to fix the rate of four percent (4.00%) interest to be paid on overpaid or abated taxes.

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Article 27 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

**Article 28**

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 28 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

**Article 29**

Shall an ordinance entitled “Shoreland Zoning” (Chapter 478)” be amended to meet the standard required by the State of Maine?

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Article 29 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, brief discussion of the changes, Motion carried.**

**Article 30**

Shall an ordinance entitled “Vehicles and Parking” (Chapter 399)” be amended to include existing stop signs at the intersection of Spruce and Ash Streets, and at the intersection of Towne and Fall Streets?

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Article 30 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> , motion carried.**

**Article 31**

To see if the town will vote to approve the order pursuant to Title 23 M.R.S. 3026-A(2), signed by the Select Board on April 13, 2020, to discontinue a portion of Chamberland Court, beginning at a point 140 feet from the edge of the Town right of way on Lower Mills Road and extending from the south side of land described as Lot No. 13, on Madison Tax Map 11, more fully described in a deed dated September 4, 1970, and recorded in the Somerset County Registry of Deeds in Book 799, Page 1134, and proceeding in a northerly direction a distance of approximately 180 feet, as described in Article 43 of the Town of Madison Annual Town Meeting Warrant on June 7, 1993. The portion to be discontinued is described in Article 43 (June 7, 1993), as Lot 13 on Madison Tax Map 11 (Edward & Evangeline Chamberland), and Lot 15 on Madison Tax Map 11 (Donna Knight – Second Parcel). **A public easement is not to be retained in the section of Chamberland Court that is being discontinued.**

In addition, to approved damages in the amount of \$0.00 to be paid to the abutting property owners, as determined by the municipal officers. As a result of the Order and by agreement with the abutting property owners, no appropriation of funds is necessary to finalize this discontinuance.

Selectmen Recommend                      YES

**Article 31 was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried.**

**Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Town Meeting to recess until July 14, 2020 @ 8:00 am at the Municipal Building for the Elections of Article 2. Motion carried.**

**Town of Madison Board of Selectmen**

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Albert A. Veneziano, Chairman

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John E. Ducharme, III, Vice Chair

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George Elias, Selectman

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David Savage, Selectman

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Ronald A. Moody, Selectman