

2019 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 tenth (10th) day of June, 2019 A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon Article 1 and Articles 38 through 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 eleventh (11th) day of June, 2019 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 was made and 2nd to nominate Philip Curtis for moderator. Motion carried.

Moderator added: Article 1a) To adopt the Maine Moderator's Manual.

Motion made and 2nd, motion carried.

Moderator added: Article 1b) To allow non-residents to speak if requested. Motion made and 2nd, motion carried.

Town manager informed the residents that the abatement for Madison Paper Industries was denied. He also shared general information in regards to the warrant.

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*
- 1 Director for SAD #59 for 1 year*
- 1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Sanitary District for 3 years*
- 1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Sanitary District for 1 years*
- 1 Trustee for Anson-Madison Water District for 3 years*
- 1 Trustee for Madison Public Library for 5 years*
- 1 Trustee for Madison Public Library for 3 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 for the ensuing year, said sum to be paid from the funds of the department.

Selectmen Recommend \$10,200.00

Article 3 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 4

To see what sum the Town will vote to pay its Board of Selectmen*.

Advisory Board Recommend \$11,200.00

*Compensation is included under Article 5.

Article 4 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 5

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

Administration	\$495,275.00
Planning Board	\$5,825.00
Code Enforcement	\$26,800.00
Boards & Committees	\$19,350.00
Assessing Services	\$40,000.00
<u>Elections</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$591,250.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$49,360.00)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$541,890.00
Selectmen Recoment	\$541,890.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$541,890.00

Article 5 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 6

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

Ambulance	\$92,250.00
Police	\$440,000.00
Fire	\$108,080.00
Animal Control	\$11,410.00
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Total Expenses	\$651,740.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$28,500.00)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$623,240.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$623,240.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$623,240.00

Article 6 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 7

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

Street Lights	\$60,000.00
Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling	\$220,000.00
Storm Drains	\$107,500.00*
<u>Fire Protection (Hydrants)</u>	<u>\$225,000.00</u>
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Total Expenses	\$612,500.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$63,400.00)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$549,100.00
Selectmen Recommends (4-1 vote)	\$549,100.00
Advisory Board Recommends (7-4 vote)	\$485,600.00*

*The Advisory Board recommendation reflects allocating \$44,000.00 to the Sanitary District to pay for services rendered by the District for maintenance on the storm water system within the Town of Madison. The AMSD has assessed a Storm water Maintenance Fee to the Town for \$107,500.00 in lieu of holding invoices for service.

Article 7 was moved and 2nd for the advisory amount of \$485,600.00. Discussion Followed. Motion carried.

Article 8

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

Public Works	\$614,200.00
<u>Approved revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(\$88,740.00)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	\$525,460.00
Selectmen Recommend	\$525,460.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$525,460.00

Article 8 was moved and 2nd, Motion carried.

Article 9

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$75,600.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$75,600.00

Article 9 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 10

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$25,600.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$25,600.00

Article 10 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 11

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

General Assistance	\$15,250.00
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	\$14,500.00
Recycling Committee	\$1,200.00
Somerset Community TV (Ch.11)	\$1,500.00
Total Community Programs	\$24,300.00
Service Organizations	
Madison Anson Senior Citizens	\$4,500.00
Somerset Humane Society	\$7,650.00
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	\$2,200.00
Spectrum Generations	\$4,500.00
Total Service Organizations	\$18,850.00
<u>Grand Total Community Services</u>	<u>\$58,400.00</u>
Selectmen Recommend	\$58,400.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$58,400.00

Article 11 was moved and 2nd, brief discussion about the food cupboard, motion carried.

Article 12

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$116,210.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$116,210.00

Article 12 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 13

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

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

Article 13 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 14

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$253,500.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$253,500.00

Article 14 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 15

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

Selectmen Recommend	\$269,000.00
Advisory Board Recommend	\$269,000.00

Article 15 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 16

To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Fire Department purchases.

Selectmen Recommend	\$65,000.00
Advisory Board Recommend	\$65,000.00

Article 16 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 17

To see what sum the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to bring forward from undesignated fund balance to offset taxes.

Selectmen Recommend	\$400,000.00
Advisory Board Recommends	\$400,000.00

Article 17 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 18

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 18 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 19

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 19 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote the date of September 15, 2019 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, 2020, 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 2nd, motion carried.

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2020-2021 not yet due or assessed.

Selectmen Recommend	Yes
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Article 21 was moved and 2nd, 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 2nd, 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 2nd, brief discussion, 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 2nd, 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 2nd, 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 2nd, 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 2nd, 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 2nd, motion carried.

Article 29

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

Selectmen Recommend Yes

Article 29 was moved and 2nd, brief discussion, motion carried.

Article 30

Shall an ordinance entitled “Appeals Board” (Chapter 7)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend Yes

Article 30 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 31

Shall an ordinance entitled “Building Construction” (Chapter 165)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend Yes

Article 31 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 32

Shall an ordinance entitled “Sewage Disposal” (Chapter 303)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend Yes

Article 32 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 33

Shall an ordinance entitled “Use of Town Property” (Chapter 738)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend Yes

Article 33 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 34

Shall an ordinance entitled “Special Amusement Permit” (Chapter 142)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend Yes

Article 34 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 35

Shall an ordinance entitled “Vehicles & Traffic” (Chapter 399)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend Yes

Article 35 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 36

Shall an ordinance entitled “Roads & Highways” (Chapter 694)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend Yes

Article 36 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

Article 37

Shall an ordinance entitled “Shore land Zoning” (Chapter 478) be amended?

Selectmen Recommend Yes

Article 37 was moved and 2nd, brief discussion, motion failed.

Article 38

Shall an ordinance entitled “Floodplain” (Chapter 422)” be amended?

Selectmen Recommend Yes

Article 38 was moved and 2nd, motion carried.

**Motion moved and 2nd to recess to June 11, 2019 8:00 am at Municipal Building,
Motion carried.**

Town of Madison Board of Selectmen

John E. Ducharme, III

George Elias

David Savage

Ronald A. Moody

Albert A. Veneziano, Chairman