

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To: Kathy Estes, a resident in 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 Main Street Middle School Auditorium, in said Town, on Monday, the eighth (8th) day of June, 2026, at seven o'clock in the evening (7PM), then and there to act upon Article 1 and Articles 3 through 42 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 ninth (9th) day of June 2026, at eight o'clock in the morning (8AM) until eight o'clock in the evening (8PM):

ARTICLE 1

To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2

To elect all Municipal Officers, Directors for SAD #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 Directors for Madison Electric Works for 5 years

2 Trustees 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 Road Commissioner for 3 years

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to pay the Directors of the Department of Electric Works \$10,200 for the ensuing year, said sum to be paid from the funds of the department.

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,200 to pay its Select Board.

Advisory Board Recommends: YES *Compensation is included under Article 6.

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.

Select Board Recommends: YES

Advisory Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 6

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Government account from the General Fund.

Administration	719,239.00
Planning Board	6,570
Code Enforcement/Facilities Maintenance	107,145.59
Boards & Committees	21,366
Elections	8,900
Assessing	60,000
Total Expenses	923,220.59
<u>Approved Revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(33,500)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	889,720.59

Select Board Recommends: 889,720.59

Advisory Board Recommends: 889,720.59

ARTICLE 7

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

Ambulance	132,300
Police	572,780.54
School Resource Officer	50,000
Fire Department	193,195
Animal Control	6,245
Total Expenses	954,520.54
<u>Approved Revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	934,520.54

Select Board Recommends: 934,520.54

Advisory Board Recommends: 934,520.54

ARTICLE 8

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

Streetlights	62,500
Hydrants/Fire Protection	316,540.83
Storm Water	100,000
Waste Disposal	380,000
Total Expenses	859,040.83
<u>Approved Revenue from TIF</u>	<u>(46,500)</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	812,540.83

Select Board Recommends: 812,540.83

Advisory Board Recommends: 812,540.83

ARTICLE 9

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

Highway	776,244
Winter Roads	73,500
Summer Roads	79,725
Total Public Works	929,469
<u>Approved Revenue from TIF</u>	<u>35,000</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	894,469

Select Board Recommends: 894,469

Advisory Board Recommends: 894,469

ARTICLE 10

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

Select Board Recommends: 157,688

Advisory Board: 7 in favor, 2 opposed

ARTICLE 11

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

Select Board Recommends: 43,325

Advisory Board Recommends: 43,325

ARTICLE 12

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

Select Board Recommends: 172,112

Advisory Board: 6 in favor, 3 opposed

ARTICLE 13 (*General Assistance has been moved to a separate article)

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

Community Programs	
Somerset Community TV	1,000
Community Recycling	1,000
Lake Association	15,000
America Legion	750
People Who Care Food Cupboard	18,000
Recycling/Household Hazardous Waste	1,000
Lakewood Theater	5,000
St. Sebastian Cemetery	1,000
Madison Business Alliance	5,000
The LifeFlight Foundation	1,500
Maine Public Radio & TV	100
VFW	750
Total Community Programs	50,100

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Service Organizations	
Anson/Madison Senior Citizens	4,500
Spectrum Generations	5,000
Somerset Humane Society	13,750
Hospice Volunteers of Somerset County	3,000
Literacy Volunteers	150
Grand Total Community Services	26,400
<u>Approved Revenue from TIF</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Total Raised by Taxation	70,500

Select Board Recommends: 70,500

Advisory Board: 6 in favor, 3 opposed

ARTICLE 14

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

**General Assistance (GA) is a State-mandated program. While the Town must fund 100% of assistance upfront, up to approximately 70% of eligible costs are reimbursed by the State of Maine after submission and approval.*

Select Board Recommends: 32,050

Advisory Board Recommends: 32,050

ARTICLE 15

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

Select Board Recommends: 40,100

Advisory Board Recommends: 40,100

ARTICLE 16

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

Select Board Recommends: 15,000

Advisory Board Recommends: 15,000

ARTICLE 17

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

Select Board Recommends: 175,000

Advisory Board Recommends: 175,000

ARTICLE 18

To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Culverts.

Select Board Recommends: 7,500

Advisory Board Recommends: 7,500

ARTICLE 19

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

Select Board Recommends: 125,000

Advisory Board Recommends: 125,000

ARTICLE 20

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

Select Board Recommends: 70,000

Advisory Board Recommends: 70,000

ARTICLE 21

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Department Vehicle Replacement/Repair.

Select Board Recommends: 200,000

Advisory Board Recommends: 200,000

ARTICLE 22

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Department SCBA Equipment/Safety Equipment.

Select Board Recommends: 25,000

Advisory Board Recommends: 25,000

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward 25,000 in previously designated unspent capital funds for the purchase of Fire Department SCBA Equipment.

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward 200,000 in previously designated unspent capital funds for the purchase of Fire Department Vehicle.

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward 40,000 in previously designated unspent capital funds for the Repairs & Maintenance of Municipal Building (Town Office).

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward 5,000 in previously designated unspent capital funds for the Repairs & Maintenance of Municipal Building (Old Point School).

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward 22,911 in previously designated unspent capital funds for the Repairs & Maintenance of Madison Public Library.

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward 21,900 in previously designated unspent capital funds for Road Surface Projects.

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward 35,950 in previously designated unspent capital funds for Sidewalk Maintenance.

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to carry forward 24,000 in previously designated unspent capital funds for Cemeteries.

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 31

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate 500,000 from undesignated fund balance to offset taxes.

Select Board Recommends: YES

Advisory Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 32

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

ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes for the year 2026-2027 not yet due or assessed.

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 34

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the date of September 15th, 2026 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, 2027, 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 a rate of 7.00% per annum from said dates, the maximum rate of interest that can be charged per Title 36, M. R.S.A. Section 505.4.

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 35

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

ARTICLE 36

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

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 37

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 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 the 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 the tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter into an agreement with the town by a publicity advertised deadline determined by the Tax Collector.

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 38

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of tax-acquired property as they deem in the best interest of the Town, except that they shall first use the sale process in 36 M.R.S.A. 943-C if they choose to sell the property to anyone other than the former owner. For sales to someone other than the former owner, excess sale proceeds, as defined in 36. M.R.S.A. 943-C, shall be returned to the former owner.

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 39

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

ARTICLE 40

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.

Select Board Recommends: YES

ARTICLE 41

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

ARTICLE 42

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance any overdrafts in FY2025 and FY2026 after audit completion.

Explanation:

It is estimated that the following articles were overdraft:

Article 8 (Public Utilities FY25) Over \$25,000 due to unanticipated Waste Disposal Expenses

Article 11 (Community Services FY25) Over \$25,000 due to unanticipated General Assistance Expenses

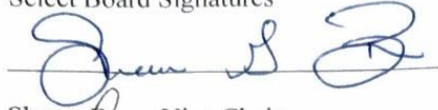
It is anticipated that the following articles will be overdraft in FY2026:

Article 8 (Public Utilities FY26) Approximately \$75,000 due to unanticipated Water District Fees and Waste Disposal Expenses

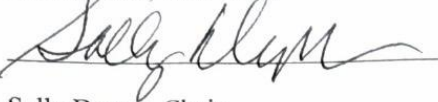
Article 13 (Community Services FY26) Over \$25,000 due to unanticipated General Assistance Expenses

Select Board Recommends: YES

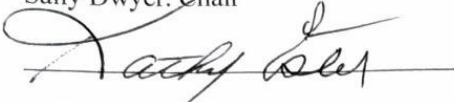
Select Board Signatures



Shawn Bean, Vice Chair



Sally Dwyer, Chair



Kathy Estes



John Martins



Michael Pike

A True Copy of the Warrant and Notice of Election attest: 

Cheyenne Stevens, Town Clerk
Town of Madison