

# MINUTES OF THE MADISON TOWN MEETING

**MARCH 13, 2007**

On March 5, 2007 Town Clerk Marcia Shackford and Registered Voter Carolyn Wickers completed the ballot count test on the Town's Accu-Vote Tallying Machine for both Town and School Absentee and Regular Ballots.

At 7:56 AM, March 13, 2007, the Moderator and Supervisor of the Checklist Carol A. Hally examined the vote tallying machine's ballot box before the meeting was convened to assure it was empty and the Moderator had the vote tallying machine print the Election Zero Report for the annual Town & School election.

Moderator George Epstein opened the meeting at 8:00 AM. A motion was made by Kenneth Hughes, and seconded by Muriel Hughes to waive the reading of the warrant. The Moderator then declared the polls open for acting upon Articles 1 and 2.

Due to the vote tallying machine not accepting ballots, cast ballots were manually put in the machine's ballot box to be run through the tallying machine later. Upon installing Madison's tested memory chip into a machine loaned to Madison by LHS, the moderator printed the Election Zero Report again, removed the cast ballots from the ballot box and proceeded to enter those cast ballots through the tallying machine.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Madison in the County of Carroll in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the James Noyes Hall at the Madison Elementary School in Madison on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, polls to be open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM to act upon Articles 1 and 2 with the meeting to reconvene at nine o'clock in the forenoon of Saturday, March 17, 2007 in the James Noyes Hall at the Madison Elementary School in Madison to act upon the remaining Articles:

**Article 1.** To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Results of ballots cast—declared winners' names are noted in **bold print and underlined**. Only the names of candidates receiving a total of 10 or more write in votes is listed.

		VOTES
Selectman for Three Years	<b>Michael R. Brooks</b>	<b><u>306</u></b>
	Peter Klomp	104
Two Planning Board Member for Three Years	<b>Marc Ohlson</b>	<b><u>332</u></b>
	Write-In <b>James "Jay" Buckley</b>	<b><u>24</u></b>
Planning Board Member for Two Years	<b>Noreen C. Downs</b>	<b><u>322</u></b>
Planning Board Member for One Year	<b>Mark E. Brown</b>	<b><u>302</u></b>
	James "Jay" Buckley	11
Supervisor of the Checklist for Three Years	<b>Cheryl Brooks</b>	<b><u>383</u></b>

Supervisor of the Checklist for One Year	<b>Carol A. Hally</b>	<b><u>359</u></b>
Trustee of the Trust Funds for Three Years	*****	*****
Trustee of the Trust Funds for Two Years	*****	*****
Two Trustee of the Library for Three Years	<b>Angela Mae Johnson</b> <b>Susan Ellis</b>	<b><u>290</u></b> <b><u>319</u></b>
Two Budget Committee Members for Three Years	Write In <b>Raymond F. O'Brien</b> <b>Susan Norris</b>	<b><u>58</u></b> <b><u>12</u></b>
Fire Commissioner for Three Years	<b>Warren E. Coonrod</b>	<b><u>342</u></b>
Two Old Home Week Committee Member for Three Years	<b>Candy Sue Jones</b> *****	<b><u>368</u></b> *****
Old Home Week Committee Member for Two Years	<b>David Lyman</b>	<b><u>372</u></b>

The following vacancies remain to be filled:

- \*\*\*\*\* One Trustee of the Trust Funds for Three Years
- \*\*\*\*\* One Trustee of the Trust Funds for Two Years
- \*\*\*\*\* One Old Home Week Committee Member for Three Years

**Article 2.** To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend 1.3 Existing, Non-Conforming Uses. A. by clarifying the language allowing non-conforming uses.

**YES-273**      NO-78      **Amendment #1 PASSED**

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend 1.3 Existing, Non-Conforming Uses. B. by adding allowable expansion of non-conforming structures.

**YES-240**      NO-130      **Amendment #2 PASSED**

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend 2.1 Enforcement; Violations and Penalties C.1 to clarify the square foot calculation.

**YES-291**

NO-76

**Amendment #3 PASSED**

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend 2.1 Enforcement; Violations and Penalties C.2 to comply with existing building regulations.

**YES-289**

NO-71

**Amendment #4 PASSED**

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend 2.1 Enforcement; Violations and Penalties C.3 to comply with existing building regulations.

**YES-284**

NO-73

**Amendment #5 PASSED**

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Delete 2.1 Enforcement; Violations and Penalties C.4 to comply with existing building regulations.

**YES-276**

NO-78

**Amendment #6 PASSED**

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend 2.1 Enforcement; Violations and Penalties D to clarify the wording.

**YES-297**

NO-60

**Amendment #7 PASSED**

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend 2.1 Enforcement; Violations and Penalties E to comply with existing state statute (RSA 676:17, I) amended January 1, 2007.

**YES-283**

NO-73

**Amendment #8 PASSED**

9. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend 4.6 Eidelweiss Residential District; A. Permitted Uses to clarify allowed structures within the district.

**YES-273**

NO-83

**Amendment #9 PASSED**

10. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend 5.6 Minimum Lot Size to clarify lot size requirements and calculations.

**YES-283**

NO-76

**Amendment #10 PASSED**

11. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend 5.9 Minimum Setbacks G to clarify structures requiring a certified boundary plan.

**YES-271**

NO-91

**Amendment #11 PASSED**

12. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 12 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Definitions by adding a definition for Steep Slopes to be consistent with language within the zoning ordinance.

**YES-281**

NO-75

**Amendment #12 PASSED**

13. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 13 as proposed by the Commissioners of the Village District of Eidelweiss for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add 7.5 Prohibited Uses. J. "Commercial water withdrawals for offsite uses or sales are not permitted within the 4,000 feet protective radius of the Village District of Eidelweiss as defined and mapped by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services."

The Planning Board does not recommend this Amendment.

**YES-199**

NO-173

**Amendment #13 PASSED**

**TOTAL VOTES CAST: 423**

**TOTAL REGISTERED VOTERS: 1625**

### **MARCH 17, 2007**

Due to a severe winter storm warning being predicted for Friday night through Saturday morning, the Moderator, before 10:00 AM, Friday, March 16, 2007, delayed the reconvening of Town Meeting from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Notice of the Moderator's decision was posted at the upper and lower level of the Town Office Building, Madison Elementary School, Madison's Web Page, Madison Library, Madison Fire Station, Madison and Silver Lake Post Office, the Madison Transfer Station, Silver Lake Hardware, Community Market and Deli, and Cobble Pond Store, as well as being broadcast on WMWV, WPKQ/OKQ, WSCY, and WASR radio, and WCSH and WMUR television, and printed on the front page of the Conway Daily Sun newspaper Saturday's edition.

Prior to reconvening the meeting at the Madison Elementary School Gym, Moderator George Epstein had Cheryl Brooks and Catherine Tilton witness the 2 ballot boxes to assure each was empty. Moderator Epstein reconvened the meeting at 1:00 p.m., by announcing the results of Tuesday's Town and School elections and led the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator then explained the procedure for voting on warrant articles by instructing each voter to raise his/her YES-NO paper ballot, unless the Moderator receives a proper request by five or more voters for a secret paper ballot vote. Voters were asked to proceed to the Supervisors of the Checklist, check in and receive and sign his/her paper ballot.

One hundred sixty-two (162) voters received paper ballots.

POINT OF ORDER: Henry Forrest made a motion, seconded by Susan Forrest, to move Articles 40 and 41 up between 18 and 19 so that these two articles could be considered with maximum representation present.

**POINT OF ORDER PASSED** by a show of hand-held paper ballots.

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) to seal and penetrate Fox, Rabbit Run, and Heritage Roads, Danforth Lane, Greenwood Drive and Spur, seal a section of East Madison Road and to shim the lower section of Colby Hill and a portion of East Madison Roads with any excess funds to be used towards other road repair projects at the Selectmen's discretion.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: Michael Brooks

Seconded: John Arruda

**Article 3 PASSED.**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-one thousand dollars (\$31,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund to replace the Pumper Fire Truck in 2014.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: John Arruda

Seconded: Josh Shackford

John Arruda made a motion, seconded by Michael Brooks, to amend the dollar amount to fifteen thousand (\$15,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund to replace the Pumper Fire Truck in 2014.

Amendment passed.

**Article 4 PASSED as AMENDED:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund to replace the Pumper Fire Truck in 2014.

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to build an addition on the Madison Town Library, with twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) coming from the Building Addition to the Madison Town Library Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose, and the remaining twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be raised from general taxation.

Not Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-2

Moved: Ray Stineford

Seconded: Henry Forrest

**Article 5 PASSED.**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of repairing and restoring the Historical Society Building.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1  
Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-2

Moved: Josh Shackford

Seconded: James "Jay" Buckley

By Town Meeting 2008, if not sooner, Jonathan Hutchinson requested that the investment information on our Capital Reserve Funds be publicized showing at what rate of the Town accounts are accruing.

**Article 6 PASSED.**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) for painting and paving the fire station.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: Michael Brooks

Seconded: John Arruda

The painting to be done pertains to the interior of the fire station and will likely be done by volunteers.

**Article 7 PASSED.**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease agreement for twenty-six thousand two hundred thirty-four dollars (\$26,234) for the purpose of leasing a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser and to raise and appropriate eleven thousand nine hundred seventy-one dollars (\$11,971) of which six thousand five hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$6,559) will apply to the first year's payment for that purpose and five thousand four hundred twelve dollars (\$5,412) to outfit the police cruiser. This lease agreement contains an escape clause and a buyout option for one dollar (\$1) at the end of the four years.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: Michael Brooks

Seconded: Josh Shackford

Lengthy discussion followed about leasing vehicles versus buying outright.

Edward Bickford asked for this article to be voted by paper ballot. After a show of five hands, this moderator declared that voters use paper ballot "A" to vote on this article.

**Article 8 PASSED** by a ballot count using Ballot "A" – **Yes 122**; No 24.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand two hundred dollars (\$11,200) for the purpose of replacing the vehicle door to the Madison Town Garage.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: John Arruda

Seconded: Josh Shackford

**Article 9 as placed on the floor:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand two hundred dollars (\$11,200) for the purpose of replacing the **garage** door to the Madison Town Garage.

**Article 9 PASSED as placed on the floor.**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to purchase a speed control trailer for police use with 50% of the purchase price to come from grant funding.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: Michael Brooks

Seconded: Josh Shackford

**Article 10 PASSED.**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand three hundred dollars (\$6,300) for the purpose of completing the repair project on the Town Boat Ramp. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the funds have been exhausted with the completion of the repairs or by December 31, 2012, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: Josh Shackford

Seconded: John Arruda

**Article 11 PASSED.**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to perambulate the town lines of Albany, Conway and Freedom pursuant to RSA 51:2 that requires the town to do so every 7 years.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: Michael Brooks

Seconded: John Arruda

**Article 12 PASSED.**

Both Article 13 and Article 14 were placed on the floor for discussion at the same time. Both articles were voted upon and PASSED.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Multi Purpose Field Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: Josh Shackford

Seconded: John Arruda

**Article 13 PASSED.**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of excavation and hydro seeding the Ward Parcel. Eleven thousand five hundred fifty four dollars (\$11,554) to come from surplus (this represents the amount in Article 13 from the dissolution of the Multi Purpose Field Capital Reserve Fund), with the remainder to be raised through taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the funds have been exhausted with the completion of the drainage improvements or by December 31, 2012, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: Josh Shackford

Seconded: John Arruda

**Article 14 PASSED.**

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand six hundred sixty-five dollars (\$5,665) for the purpose of installing a vehicle lift at the Madison Town Garage.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: John Arruda

Seconded: Josh Shackford

**Article 15 PASSED.**

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for the second year funding of the estimated three year Town Records Archive

Project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the funds have been exhausted with the completion of the Town Records Archive Project or by December 31, 2012, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: John Arruda

Seconded: Josh Shackford

**Article 16 PASSED.**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$3,750) for the purpose of updating the wiring and installing a new electrical box at the Madison Town Garage.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: Josh Shackford

Seconded: John Arruda

**Article 17 PASSED.**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand four hundred dollars (\$3,400) for the purpose of repairing the Silver Lake Dam.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: Josh Shackford

Seconded: John Arruda

**Article 18 PASSED.**

**Article 40. By Petition.** To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Madison.

These actions include:

1. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
2. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Madison encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

Petition signed by Marianne Jackson, et al.

Recommended by the Selectmen

Moved: Henry Forrest

Seconded: Jonathan Hutchinson

Robert D. King raised a point of order and made a motion, seconded by Jesse Shackford, III, to pass over this article.

**Article 40 was PASSED OVER** by a show of hand held paper ballots.

**Article 41. By Petition.** "After careful consideration, we the citizens (voters) of the Town of Madison, New Hampshire gathered together in town meeting do offer the following resolution to our elected representatives of the United States Congress:

We believe that the prolonged involvement by the United States armed forces in the internal affairs of Iraq should be ended. We call for the gradual, certain, safe and complete withdrawal of such armed forces within 6 months. These brave men and women have served long and well; they deserve a timetable, and so do the American people". Petition signed by Jon Hutchinson, et al.

Not Recommended by the Selectmen

Moved: Jonathan Hutchinson

Seconded: Henry Forrest

Charlotte Emmel made a motion, seconded by Ron Force, to pass over this article.

**Article 41 was PASSED OVER.**

Jonathan Hutchinson requested to this article be revisited for discussion and a vote by paper ballot but seven (7) voters did not support the request.

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million nine hundred seventy-two thousand six hundred twenty-one dollars (\$1,972,621) for general Town operations with discussion and amendments to be considered line by line.

	<u>2006 Approved</u>	<u>2006 Expended</u>	<u>2007 Proposed</u>
Ambulance	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,070.81	\$ 25,000.00
Animal/Pest Control	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,447.87	\$ 2,950.00
Assessing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,677.00
Building Inspection	\$ 36,300.00	\$ 34,922.07	\$ 36,050.00
Conservation Commission	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 2,542.87	\$ 2,900.00
Direct Assistance	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 21,672.17	\$ 24,600.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	\$ 10,600.00	\$ 8,300.21	\$ 8,825.00
Executive	\$ 97,715.00	\$ 97,381.83	\$ 103,042.00
Financial Administration	\$ 97,846.00	\$ 94,128.73	\$ 102,170.00
Fire Rescue	\$ 70,379.00	\$ 70,091.65	\$ 80,272.00
General Government Buildings	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 40,858.45	\$ 52,165.00
General Government Equipment	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 10,827.44	\$ 11,600.00
Highway	\$ 388,607.00	\$ 381,844.68	\$ 374,981.00
Insurance	\$ 45,200.00	\$ 45,430.86	\$ 47,530.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,108.38	\$ 17,000.00
Legal	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 54,543.89	\$ 50,000.00
Library	\$ 38,793.00	\$ 37,849.27	\$ 40,458.00
Madison PEG TV	\$ 5,125.00	\$ 5,116.83	\$ 20,500.00

Notes Due	\$ 87,472.00	\$ 87,471.85	\$ 85,473.00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 39,442.00	\$ 35,353.06	\$ 55,303.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 750.00	\$ 432.17	\$ 750.00
Personnel Administration	\$ 265,935.00	\$ 213,841.59	\$ 255,852.00
Planning Board	\$ 31,085.00	\$ 19,077.35	\$ 18,090.00
Police	\$ 188,843.00	\$ 191,956.18	\$ 256,597.00
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 218,845.00	\$ 227,839.90	\$ 231,010.00
Street Lighting	\$ 7,650.00	\$ 7,789.70	\$ 7,850.00
Zoning Board	\$ 10,490.00	\$ 11,072.17	\$ 14,976.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,798,527.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,743,971.98</b>	<b>\$ 1,972,621.00</b>

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

**Article 19 as placed on the floor:** Increase General Government Buildings by \$2,060 (\$54,225) and Highway by \$2,500 (\$377,481) for a new total of one million nine hundred seventy-seven thousand one hundred eighty-one dollars (\$1,977,181) for general Town operations with discussion and amendments to be considered line by line.

Moved: Michael Brooks

Seconded: John Arruda

Line Item: Madison PEG TV. Jim Molloy made a motion, seconded by Robert D. King, to increase this line by \$1,000 to broadcast meetings on the internet. New total one million nine hundred seventy-eight thousand one hundred eighty-one dollars (\$1,978,181)

Amendment passed.

Line Item: Recreation Department: Henry Forrest made a motion, seconded by Donald Marks, to eliminate all recreation employees with the exception of one swim instructor and revert to a volunteer Recreation Department by reducing this line by \$21,632.

Motion defeated.

**Article 19 PASSED as amended** by a show of hand-held paper ballots with a total of one million nine hundred seventy-eight thousand one hundred eighty-one dollars (1,978,181) for general Town operations.

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Animal/Pest Control	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,447.87	\$ 2,950.00
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Direct Assistance	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 21,672.17	\$ 24,600.00
Election, Registration, Vital Statistics	\$ 10,600.00	\$ 8,300.21	\$ 8,825.00
Executive	\$ 97,715.00	\$ 97,381.83	\$ 103,042.00
Financial Administration	\$ 97,846.00	\$ 94,128.73	\$ 102,170.00
Fire Rescue	\$ 70,379.00	\$ 70,091.65	\$ 80,272.00
General Government	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 40,858.45	\$ 54,225.00
General Government Equipment	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 10,827.44	\$ 11,600.00
Highway	\$ 388,607.00	\$ 381,844.68	\$ 377,481.00
Insurance	\$ 45,200.00	\$ 45,430.86	\$ 47,530.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,108.38	\$ 17,000.00



**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of RSA 202-A: 4-d providing that:

- I. Any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing the public library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, and such authorization shall remain in effect until rescinded by a vote of town meeting.
- II. Prior to the acceptance of any gift valued at over \$5,000, the public library trustees shall hold a hearing on the proposed acceptance.
- III. No acceptance of any personal property under the authority of this section shall be deemed to bind the town or the library trustees to raise, appropriate, or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of such personal property.

Recommended by the Selectmen

Moved: Michael Brooks

Seconded: John Arruda

**Article 23 PASSED.**

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend money from state, federal, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year, in accordance with the procedures set forth in New Hampshire (RSA 31:95-b). This authorization, in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, shall remain in effect until rescinded by vote of the municipal meeting.

Recommended by the Selectmen

Moved: Michael Brooks

Seconded: John Arruda

**Article 24 PASSED.**

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the previously established Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of land acquisition and conservation purposes.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1

Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: Michael Brooks

Seconded: Josh Shackford

**Article 25 PASSED.**

**Article 26. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the purpose of reimbursing individuals for legal fees incurred in the drawing up of deeds that convey gifts of real property that are accepted by the Town. Legal fees unrelated to deed preparation shall not be subject to reimbursement under this Article. Based on a review of documentation evidencing the fees incurred, the Board of Selectmen shall have authority to determine the amount of reimbursement in each instance. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation pursuant to RSA 32:7, paragraph VI, and will not lapse until the funds

have been exhausted or until December 31, 2012, whichever is sooner. Petition signed by Henry Forrest, et al.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

Moved: Henry Forrest

Seconded: Robert D. King

The intent of this article relates to public access land acquisitions, not land conservation acquisitions, as clarified by Robert D. King.

**Article 26 PASSED.**

**Article 27. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the elected position of Road Agent and replace it with an appointed position, authorizing the Selectmen to appoint a Highway Foreman. Petition signed by Lawrence Bickford, et al.

Recommended by the Selectmen

Moved: Lawrence Bickford

Seconded: Jesse Shackford, III

POINT OF ORDER to grant Mr. Bickford additional speaking time was DEFEATED.

More than five people raised hands to request this article be voted upon by paper ballot.

James Molloy made a motion, seconded by Richard Judkins, to amend the language of the article replacing Highway Foreman with Director of Public Works.

Amendment passed.

**Article 27 as amended:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the elected position of Road Agent and replace it with an appointed position, authorizing the Selectmen to appoint a Director of Public Works.

Jonathan Hutchinson made a motion, seconded by Henry Forrest, to move the question. Motion passed. The moderator then instructed the voters to use the paper ballot marked "B" for voting on this article.

**Article 27 DEFEATED** by paper ballot vote "B": Yes – 61; **No - 65.**

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to lay out a portion of Lead Mine Road starting at the road's junction with Black Brook Road (a class VI highway) and proceeding westerly to its junction with East Shore Drive ( a class V highway) as a highway to summer cottages pursuant to RSA 231:81, I(b). If this article passes, then the Town shall be exempt from keeping open and repairing the designated portion of the road from December 10 to April 10 of each year.

Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1

**Article 28 as placed on the floor.** To see if the Town will vote to **designate** a portion of Lead Mine Road starting at the road's junction with Black Brook Road (a class VI highway) and proceeding westerly to its junction with East Shore Drive (a class V highway) as a highway to

summer cottages pursuant to RSA 231:81, I(b). If this article passes, then the Town shall be exempt from keeping open and repairing the designated portion of the road from December 10 to April 10 of each year.

Moved: Michael Brooks

Seconded: John Arruda

Discussion centered around the closing date of December 10 since by that date several inches of snow and/or ice could have accumulated on the road making travel hazardous.

**Article 28 PASSED as placed on the floor.**

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to lay out a portion of Glines Hill Road starting 50 yards east of the driveway at 557 Glines Hill Road also known as Map 226 Lot 9 and proceeding easterly to the town line of the Town of Eaton as a highway to summer cottages pursuant to RSA 231:81, I (b). If this article passes, then the Town shall be exempt from keeping open and repairing the designated portion of Glines Hill Road from December 10 to April 10 of each year.

Recommended by the Selectmen

**Article 29 as placed on the floor.** To see if the Town will vote to **designate** a portion of Glines Hill Road starting 50 yards east of the driveway at 557 Glines Hill Road also known as Map 226 Lot 9 and proceeding easterly to the town line of the Town of Eaton as a highway to summer cottages pursuant to RSA 231:81, I (b). If this article passes, then the Town shall be exempt from keeping open and repairing the designated portion of Glines Hill Road from December 10 to April 10 of each year.

Moved: Michael Brooks

Seconded: Josh Shackford

**Article 29 PASSED as placed on the floor.**

**Article 30. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the Green Mountain Conservation Group as a donation towards the Water Quality Monitoring program for Madison. Petition signed by Noreen Downs, et al.

Not Recommended by the Selectmen

Not Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee 4-2

Moved: Noreen Downs

Seconded: Henry Forrest

Noreen Downs made a motion, seconded by Marcia McKenna, to amend the amount to five hundred dollars (\$500).

Amendment passed.

**Article 30 PASSED as amended:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for the Green Mountain Conservation Group as a donation towards the Water Quality Monitoring program for Madison.

**Article 31. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the Optional Veterans Tax Credit on residential property to the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). By Article 11 in

2004, the Town Meeting adopted the provisions of RSA 72:28 II, thereby establishing the Optional Veterans Tax Credit as a replacement for the Standard Veterans Tax Credit and at that time set the amount for the Optional Tax Credit at two hundred fifty dollars (\$250). Petition signed by Ed Foley, et al.

Selectmen Abstain  
Advisory Budget Committee Abstain

Moved: Edmund Foley

Seconded: Henry Forrest

**Article 31 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

James Curran made a motion, seconded by Raymond Stineford, to consider Articles 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39 as a group totaling twenty-one thousand six hundred seventy-three dollars and eighty cents (\$21,673.80).

**Articles 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39 PASSED** as a group.

**Article 32. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand seven hundred forty-one dollars and eighty cents (\$6,741.80) for the support of White Mountain Community Health Center. Petition signed by Pauline Vendola, et al.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

**Article 32 PASSED.**

**Article 33. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600) to support Madison home delivered meals (Meals on Wheels), congregate meals, transportation and program services provided by the Gibson Center for Senior Services. Petition signed by Raymond Stineford, et al.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

**Article 33 PASSED.**

**Article 34. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) for the Tri-County Community Action Program for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Madison. Petition signed by Yvonne Courtney, et al.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

**Article 34 PASSED.**

**Article 35. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand one hundred forty-nine dollars (\$2,149) to assist the Mental Health Center of Northern Human Services. Petition signed by Nancy Martin, et al.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

**Article 35 PASSED.**

**Article 36. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in the support of the Ossipee Children's Fund providing financial assistance for Madison children. Petition signed by Robin Lurie-Meyerkopf, et al.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

**Article 36 PASSED.**

**Article 37. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred sixty-six dollars (\$666) to assist Starting Point providing crisis services to the victims of domestic and sexual violence and their children. Petition signed by Kimberly Coleman, et al.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

**Article 37 PASSED.**

**Article 38. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$2,350) for the Early Supports & Services Program (birth to 3 years) of Children Unlimited, Inc. Petition signed by Sandra Z. Chandler, et al.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

**Article 38 PASSED.**

**Article 39. By Petition.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand six hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$1,667) to defray the operating expense of service delivery of the Mt. Washington Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. Petition signed by Tamara Flanigan, et al.

Recommended by the Selectmen  
Recommended by the Advisory Budget Committee

**Article 39 PASSED**

**Article 40. By Petition.** To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly

harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Madison.

These actions include:

3. Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
4. Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Madison encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices. Petition signed by Marianne Jackson, et al.

Recommended by the Selectmen

**See Article 40 placed between Article 18 and 19.**

**Article 41. By Petition.** "After careful consideration, we the citizens (voters) of the Town of Madison, New Hampshire gathered together in town meeting do offer the following resolution to our elected representatives of the United States Congress:

We believe that the prolonged involvement by the United States armed forces in the internal affairs of Iraq should be ended. We call for the gradual, certain, safe and complete withdrawal of such armed forces within 6 months. These brave men and women have served long and well; they deserve a timetable, and so do the American people". Petition signed by Jon Hutchinson, et al.

Not Recommended by the Selectmen

**See Article 41 placed between Article 18 and 19.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Lawrence Bickford mentioned that the property at the corner of Route 113 (Conway Road) and Boulder Road should be considered unbuildable and should be acquired by the Town.

Since there was no further business, Henry Forrest made a motion, seconded by Susan Forrest, to adjourn. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marcia E. Shackford*  
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Certified Town Clerk