

**ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE  
TOWN OF MADISON  
October 22, 2024  
MINUTES**

**Members Present** – Sharon Schilling; Joe Dame; Rick Judkins; Selectboard Rep Joy Gray, joined the meeting at 6:12pm.

**Members Excused** – School Board Rep Sarah DeMartino

**Others Present** – Town Administrator Linda Shackford; MadTV Videographer Amanda Hayford

**Where and When Posted** – Town Hall upper & lower bulletin boards and Madison & Silver Lake Post Offices on May 28, 2024.

**Meeting Called to Order** – By Schilling at 6:05 p.m.

**Welcome and Introductions** were made by Schilling. Schilling announced the resignation of Elwin King.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Dame led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge.

**Public Comment** – There were none.

**Approval of Minutes – Motion** by Judkins, seconded by Dame to approve the minutes of September 24, 2024 as amended. The motion passed **3-0**.

**2024 Budget Drawdown and Detail by Warrant Article 4-19, 29-33** – The Committee reviewed the year-to-date drawdown focusing on lines that are already overspent. L. Shackford was able to offer some comments and explain several lines. After the last meeting, L. Shackford sent the list to Schilling of the budget lines for the creation of a document to assist in keeping track of comments on overspent lines.

Adjustments to the format of the drawdown were suggested by Schilling. Those adjustments included grouping the DPW, Public Safety and General Government by title adjustments which would be more in line with how the warrant articles are presented. Shackford will look into the suggestion and offered another option that included four separate drawdowns.

Discussion progressed to 501(c)(3) entities associated with the Town. They included the Madison Fire/Rescue, Historical Society, Friends of the Library, Madison Elementary PTO and the Madison Scholarship. Old Home Week funds were also discussed. The Committee would like to have all of these entities to direct them to their website and furnish their financials on paper. Schilling feels it is necessary to have this information because their funds could assist in offsetting financial needs that would be in the budget.

**CIP** – The working group met last on October 8<sup>th</sup> and made adjustment to the document. Gray will send out the new content to the Committee that includes all equipment with the expectation that it be sent to the department heads so they can offer information on future needs.

Items that could impact the 2025 budget included a cruiser, a backhoe, a plow truck, the grader and a chipper.

The road plan listing improvements out to 2030 and the school's expenses will be added to the CIP.

**Health Insurance** – The Selectmen voted to change the plan for 2025 that would lower the premiums by agreeing to a plan that had higher co-pays and higher deductibles. Dame will revise his informational document to include the new premium numbers.

**Other Business** – Schilling noted that King's resignation did not include a reason. Schilling asked that anyone interested in joining the committee to please contact her.

Judkins, having received the ambulance company's latest report, asked for specifics on the call numbers. It was suggested by Gray that he put those questions into an email to Shackford who can connect Action Ambulance's John Hatch with Judkins to supply those answers for him.

**8:24 PM – Motion** by Gray seconded by Judkins to adjourn. The motion passed **4-0**. The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shackford,  
Town Administrator/Recording Secretary