



TOWN OF MADISON BOARD OF FINANCE

Budget Workshop, March 22, 2017

Subject to Approval

Present: Joe MacDougald, Mark Casparino, Ron Cozean, Bennett Pudlin; Jennifer Tung

Also present: Tom Banisch, First Selectman; Stacy Nobitz, Finance Director; Alma Carroll, Tax Collector; Michael Ott Director of Engineering; John Iennaco, Director of Public Works; members of the public; MCTV

Mr. MacDougald called the Workshop to order at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Pudlin stated that the Governor's budget changes cannot be predicted at this time, therefore he proposes that the Board postpone the budget decision as late as possible and change the present schedule. Mrs. Tung was concerned that this would create an extra burden on the staff if the Board changed the present schedule for a Board vote and also delayed the referendum. She also stated that Governor Malloy pisses away money and the budget he sets in July may not be available to provide town funding by December. The State is too unpredictable to burden the employees with maybes, the Madison Public Schools budget should reflect a decrease in State funding. The staff would review the requirements and inform the Board of any impact at the next workshop.

Mr. MacDougald started a discussion on the North Madison Fire Department's water tanks line. The BOS did not add in the extra funding request for \$25,000, a need created when NOMAD gave funding to an unexpected shortfall for a tank, in a new development, in the Hose 1 district. In addition, he request the Selectmen to explain the cut to Communications in the Capital Projects. The Board decided to reach out to the Fire Departments to see if they could attend a workshop to discuss the impact these changes would have on the departments.

Mrs. Tung asked the First Selectman about the \$100,000 study the DEEP has told the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) must be done in Madison. The purpose of the study is to determine if groundwater was being infiltrated by waste since the last study performed 30 years ago. With the increase in development and severe storms through those years it creates a concern for an increase in nitrogen entering the sound. Abby White, a Commissioner for the WPCA, stated that there could be a 55% rebate for the \$100,000 spent if the Town began a reserve this year to start the study, yet there is no

ending date to when this rebate will be funded. Mr. Banisch stated that we cannot depend on the State to keep a commitment for a rebate in the present State economic condition. In conversation with Ms. Nobitz, it was determined that the Planning Reserve contained \$198,000 at this time and could cover the study. Therefore, Mrs. Tung recommended Mr. Banisch discuss with the DEEP when the study must be completed and to keep the BOF updated.

Salt Meadow Park has a requirement by the State to widen the driveway. The Town is going to determine if it is a legal requirement and if the extra funding will be necessary for the next fiscal year.

On motion made by Mr. MacDougald, and seconded by Mr. Cozean the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Jennifer Tung, Board Member Secretary