



## **TOWN OF MADISON BOARD OF FINANCE**

**Budget Workshop, May 5, 2016  
Town Campus Room A**

Subject to approval

Present: Joseph MacDougald, Mark Casparino, Sharon Kokoruda, Bennett Pudlin,  
Jennifer Tung, Jason Ulstad

Also present: Selectmen Thomas Banisch, Joan Walker, and Al Goldberg, Stacy Nobitz,  
and Alma Carroll

Mr. MacDougald called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

Mr. MacDougald started the meeting by discussing the collection rate. He preferred to lower it from 99% to 98.75%. A majority, except for Mrs. Tung, agreed in a straw vote. No motion is to be made until the mil rate is set.

State Representative Kokoruda through an email provided the most up to date figures for the State budget to contribute to Madison. ECS funding is now at \$605,000, and the town should expect approximately \$900,000 to cover ECS, PILOT, and MCS.

Three scenarios were discussed for the budget with mil rate outcomes for each.

- Modify the revenue and reduce the expenditures by \$550,000 (BOE \$300,000 and Town \$250,000) the mil rate will increase 2.60%
- Do the same as above, but modify the collection rate to 98.75% the mil rate will increase 2.83%
- Reduce the expenditure by \$450,000 (BOE \$300,000 and Town \$150,000) and a 98.74 collection rate, the mil rate will increase 2.99%

Mr. Pudlin preferred the 2.99 % mil rate increase. Mr. MacDougald preferred the 2.83% increase. Mrs. Tung agreed with Mr. MacDougald, because the State has been known to not provide all the funding they say they will provide in June and by January we could see a commitment to only half of the fiscal year obligation. Mr. Casparino and Ms. Kokoruda concurred. Mr. Ulstad stated that the difficulty is the uncertainties at this time. He is happy with a change to the lower collection rate, yet desires to restore some of the Town line items.

Mr. MacDougald recommended, in regards to the budget freeze, that the Boards do nothing until they see the final State budget.

Mr. Banisch stated that the Town budget should have \$30,000 restored for public safety items. Ms. Walker agreed that the extra dispatcher is necessary.

Ms. Kokoruda reviewed a BOS list of desired items discussed which would be restoring \$158,336.

Ms. Walker recommended that extra funds to return to the Town should go into contingency. Then the BOS can decide what has merit later on to spend from the Contingency fund. Mr. Goldberg concurred. Mr. MacDougald recommended that \$50,000 can go into Contingency and the rest should stay in the undesignated fund balance.

Ms. Nobitz stated that the BOS did not provide details on what they want restored where. Mrs. Tung in support, said that the BOS should have given that with their suggestions when discussing amounts they could have cut or restored to the budget. She suggested that the BOF now needs to walk through each line item to be restored and what amount so that Ms. Nobitz could quickly get the information for publication. Several Items were reviewed and \$28,688 was the total considered to have merit.

In discussion, the across the budget cut of 5%, became 3%, the Town reduction total would be \$128,720. The Board originally removed \$193,333 in additional budget requests. Only \$28,688 in additional budget requests were agreed to be restored, as Mr. Banisch suggested.

Ms. Kokoruda motioned to restore a list of additional budget requests of \$28,688 for public safety, with a 3% Town budget reduction and \$300,000 cut from the BOE budget. Mr. MacDougald seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. The Final Approved Budget of \$79,801,034 brings an increase of \$2,006,721, Town \$343,840 or 1.14% and BOE \$1,662,881 or 3.09% for a total increase of 2.58%. This brings the projected mil rate is 26.49, a 0.73 increase or 2.83%.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jennifer Tung, Board of Finance Member Secretary