



Madison PEG TV
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Approved 8 May 2025

Meeting Minutes
11 April 2026, 11:30 AM

Attendance: Ron Force (2027), Hope Hutchinson (2028) Doug Mcallister (2009)
Noreen Downs, alternate

Others Present: Aysia Wellinghurst, Madison TV Operations Manager
Lauren Woss, videographer

When and Where Posted: Notice of this meeting of the Madison TV Board was posted at the
Madison and Silver Lake Post Offices and at the Town Hall on ____2026.
Also posted as a PSA on Channel 3 and the town website.

Meeting Called to Order:

Board Chair Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 11:36 AM.

Approval Of The Agenda

MOTION: McAllister moved and Force seconded a motion to allow Hutchinson to participate via
Zoom. Motion passed on a Roll Call vote.
Hutchinson confirmed that there was no one else at her remote location listening to the meeting.

MOTION: McAllister moved and Force seconded a motion to approve the agenda.
Motion passed 3/0

MOTION: Hutchinson moved and Mcallister seconded a motion to request the Board of
Selectmen appoint Noreen Downs as alternate on the Madison TV Board for another
year. Motion passed 3/0

MOTION: Hutchinson moved and Force seconded a motion to request the BOS appoint
Doug McAllister to a three year term, through March 2029, on the Madison TV Board.
Motion passed 3/0

Public Comment:

None

Business:**Need for Air Conditioning at our office**

Operations Manager Aysia Wellinghurst reviewed our efforts to replace a 20+ year old AC unit which stopped working in the fall. Due to the considerable heat producing electronic equipment necessary for our work it is imperative that we replace the AC unit ASAP as warm weather returns. We have a donated AC unit that can be installed. In November we asked the BOS to assign the work to the Department of Public Works as we are a service to the town and our office is in the DPW garage at 213 Village Road. The BOS did so, Chairman Adam Price said he would speak to the head of DPW. Over the winter no help was forthcoming. Wellinghurst did not press the issue, knowing that winter is a very busy time for DPW. At a BOS meeting on 31 March she asked again, citing need to have working AC as the weather warms. She was told by the Selectmen and Dillon Eldridge, the Acting Director of DPW, that David Swift would meet her at our office ready to discuss/do the work. Wellinghurst and Swift agreed to meet the next morning and did so. They met again on 3 April prepared to do the install the air conditioning unit. When Swift arrived that morning he told Wellinghurst that he had been instructed by Selectman Jake Bowie not to do any work for Mad TV.

Wellinghurst contacted Board Chair Hutchinson to discuss how to proceed. We agreed that a full board meeting should be held ASAP despite the fact that Hutchinson is out of state until 2 May 2026. The Board was polled and this meeting scheduled.

In preparation for the meeting Wellinghurst shared links to the March town meeting and several recent BOS meetings where Mad TV was discussed. There was strong support from the voters to expend some town funds supplement our cost of operating now that Franchise Fees no longer fully cover our expenses. However that are questions regarding our status as a town Board now that we are no longer financially independent. One selectman has expressed his opinion that we should not receive support from the town – financial or otherwise.

A lengthy discussion ensued. We agree that we need to increase our communication with the BOS and review how/if our status within (under?) the town government changes.

Wellinghurst has gotten a quote for a mini-split which could provide both AC and supplemental heat in our office. Further discussion on that option, cost, logistics.

Mcallister offered to ask the BOS on Tuesday's meeting (on 4/14) if there was a board decision not to have DPW do some work for us. Force will check the minutes for their 3/31 regarding same. If not we will ask again for help from DPW for at least a temporary solution to our need for AC. All agreed to this next step. If no help is forthcoming from the town Mcallister and Force offered to do the minimum work to get a donated AC unit working in our office.

Working with BOS Going Forward

- We will increase our communication with the BOS
- Noreen will send our recently updated Policies and Procedures, Board Responsibilities and Mission Statement to new BOS members.
- We will offer to meet with BOS quarterly
- We will discuss further at our next meeting

Video Taping in Tamworth

Force expressed his opinion that we should not be doing any outside work. Given questions raised at a recent BOS meeting about our taping non-Madison events and our increased understanding of the proper steps to be taken before we do so, we will cease doing any work in other towns. We might revisit this at a future date. Could it be a way for us to raise funds?

Training Opportunity

Wellinghurst spoke of a training session on closed captioning offered by New Hampshire Coalition for Community Media to be held in Merrimack, NH on May 7th. She would like to attend and take one of our videographers with her. All agreed to this request.

Motion: Hutchinson moved and Mcallister seconded a motion to end the public portion of this meeting and adjourn to a non-public session to discuss RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and RSA 91-A:3 II (l). Motion passed 3/0.

Next Meeting Date: 8 May at 10:00 AM in the Chick Room at the Madison Library.

Minutes Recorded by Hope Hutchinson