



Thomas S. Scarpati
First Selectman

TOWN OF MADISON CONNECTICUT
06443-2563
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William Gladstone
Noreen Kokoruda
Kathi Traugh
Charles F. Walz

MEETING DATE: **Monday, January 23, 2006**

MEETING PLACE: **Madison Room (Room A), Town Campus**

A. OPENING:

Selectman Scarpati called the regular session of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:33 p.m. Present were Selectmen Scarpati, Gladstone, Kokoruda, Walz and Traugh.

1. Approval of minutes – January 9, 2006.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2006 meeting.

Selectman Traugh made the following additions to the minutes, on page 67 –
Selectman Kokoruda abstained from the vote instead of Selectman Traugh.

Selectman Kokoruda made the following additions to the minutes; page 72 under liaison reports Selectman Kokoruda said that Hank Maguire and Catherine Nellie were the two members that had left the Zoning Board of Appeals. On page 72, under liaison reports/ Water Pollution Control Authority – Selectman Kokoruda wanted to clarify that the Reserve Plan for Downtown was for a future wastewater system. Selectman Scarpati called the motion as amended and it was approved unanimously.

2. Citizen Comments. Selectman Scarpati recognized Chris Scranton, 100 Boston Post Road. Mr. Scranton asked why the Town doesn't yet have a contract with Durham Bus Company. Selectman Scarpati said the contract was in negotiation. Mr. Scranton

asked when the contract would be finalized. Selectman Scarpati said that Art Sickle is responsible for the Board of Education contract and he would check into that on when it will be.

Selectman Scarpati recognized Mr. Ed Detmer, 20 Manzoni Farm Road. Mr. Detmer asked for an update on the LeSage property that the Town acquired for a girls softball/multipurpose athletic field.

Selectman Scarpati said that as it stands right now there isn't any state funding for the field; it will be the first item in the Capital Projects presentation. Selectman Scarpati added that to maximize field maintenance efficiency the plan would include the same material and maintenance system the field at the high school was developed with and the Town would have to go to bonding for it.

Selectman Gladstone recommended filing a Title 9 complaint since the governor was holding up the state funding.

Mr. Detmer said that State Representative Heinrich was resubmitting the proposal to the Bonding Commission.

B. NEW BUSINESS

3. Discuss and take action on calling the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting for Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Robert H. Brown School for the following purpose:

1. State of the Town Report
2. Five-Year Capital Plan
3. To receive the Annual Report of the permanent Boards, Commissions, Agencies, Committees and the Town's Auditor Report in accordance with Article II, Section 2.1.4.1 of the Town Charter.

4. To consider and take action on special appropriation request of \$163,061 from Madison Public Schools for project funding required for aggregate electricity charges for all cost centers based on expected trends for the rate increase effective January 2006.
5. To consider and take action on special appropriation request of \$82,670 from Madison Public Schools for project funding required for aggregate natural gas charges for all cost centers based on expected trends for the rate increase effective January 2006.

Selectman Kokoruda read the following resolution into record: The legal voters of the Town of Madison are hereby warned and notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Robert H. Brown School for the following purpose:

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The motion was seconded by Selectman Gladstone and was unanimously approved.

4. Discuss and take action on request from Madison Hose Company #1 for emergency repair needed to water tank on 1988 Pierce Pumper truck.

Selectman Scarpati recognized Fire Chief, Bob Gerard. Mr. Gerard said that while the replacement pumper truck for this truck was being built, it won't be ready until June and in the meantime the inside of the 750 gallon tank on this truck is in need of replacement.

Mr. Gerard said that two bids for the replacement of the 750 gallon tank were reviewed by Hose Company #1's Replacement Committee and they include the following New England Fire Equipment - \$16,709; and Firematic of Rocky Hill - \$9,476. The Replacement Committee recommends accepting the bid from Firematic of Rocky Hill with funds to come from the Replacement Reserve Account.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Walz to approve the recommendation from Hose Company #1's Replacement Committee to award bid to Firematic of Rocky Hill for the replacement of a 750 gallon tank on the 1988 Pierce Pumper truck, funds to come from the Fire Department's Replacement Account. This was unanimously approved.

5. Discuss and take action on line item transfer request from Tax Collector for \$500 from Tax Sales to Office Supplies.

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to approve the line item transfer request from the Tax Collector for \$500 from Tax Sales to Office Supplies. This was unanimously approved.

6. Discuss and take action on line item transfer request from the Selectmen's Office for \$171 from Office Supplies to Community Support. Selectman Scarpati said this was for the congratulatory ad placed for Hands Football season.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Walz to approve the line item transfer request from the Selectmen's Office for \$171 from Office Supplies to Community Support. This was unanimously approved.

7. Discuss and take action on the following line item transfer requests from Police Dept.:

1. \$2,000 from Staff Development to Class OT-ED. & Training
2. \$5,000 from Sal-Tech to Classified OT-Replacement
3. \$5,000 from Wages to Classified OT-Investigation
4. \$10,000 from Wages to Classified OT-Replacement

Selectman Scarpati recognized Chief of Police Paul Jakubson. Chief Jakubson said that the first one was for training for the two lieutenant promotions and there will be no further trainings in the department unless it's necessary for certifications. The second one was for the communications division. The third was for investigations and DUI enforcement. The fourth was to cover overtime replacements.

Selectman Scarpati said that the wage account was being used to offset overtime from the department being down 2 in staffing.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to approve the line item transfer requests from the Department of Police Services as presented. This was unanimously approved.

8. Discuss and take action on the following special appropriation requests from Beach & Recreation Dept.:

- \$500 request due to water usage higher than expected due to drought conditions this past summer. (Water East Wharf)
- \$680 request due to water usage higher than expected due to drought conditions this past summer and watering in some seed adjacent to the new walkways. (Water Surf Club)
- \$3,100 request due to water usage higher than expected due to drought conditions this past summer and repair work that will be needed prior to next season due to a leak. (Water Strong Field)

Selectman Kokoruda said that at their last meeting the Beach & Recreation there was discussion and evaluating of these requests and there was no room in their budget to do these as line item transfers. Selectman Kokoruda added that with Strong Field, funds could not come from the Fund for Strong Field because the fund stipulates field enhancements only.

Selectman Walz said the new pipe/grid system at the Surf Club will allow shut offs of water where needed in the future.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to approve the special appropriation requests from the Beach & Recreation Department as presented. This was unanimously approved.

9. Discuss and take action on recommendation from the Madison Democratic Town Committee to appoint Holly Algood as an Alternate Member to the Planning & Zoning Commission to fill vacancy to expire on 1/1/08.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the recommendation from the Madison Democratic Town Committee to appoint Holly Algood as an Alternate Member to the Planning & Zoning Commission to fill vacancy to expire on 1/1/08. This was unanimously approved.

10. Discuss and take action on resignation of James Keane from the Flood and Erosion Control Board.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to accept the resignation of James Keane from the Flood and Erosion Control Board, with the Town's thanks. This was unanimously approved.

11. Discuss and take action on resignation of William Nicholls as Deputy Director of Emergency Management for the Town of Madison.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to accept the resignation of William Nicholls as Deputy Director of Emergency Management for the Town of Madison, with the Town's thanks. This was unanimously approved.

13. Tax Abatements/Refunds

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the request for refunds of taxes from the Tax Collector in the total amount of \$626.94. This was unanimously approved.

REFUNDS

Kevin Stratton	\$ 95.54
Mercedes Benz Credit	\$ 240.18
Saab Leasing Co.	\$ 291.22
TOTAL REFUNDS:	<u>\$626.94</u>

14. Liaison Reports

Pension Committees – Selectman Walz said the Town and Library Pension Committees are in the Request for Proposal phase for a financial advisor. He said that he will be part of the first review, the initial sort and then he will recuse himself after that

since his company will be a RFP candidate, and then come back in after the selection is made.

Board of Police Commissioners – Selectman Traugh said there wasn't a quorum at the last meeting but there was discussion about holding another election to clear the question of the special meeting.

Board of Education – Selectman Traugh said they received a commendation from the State of Connecticut for their students with disabilities indicators – they were among a few districts of top districts on all five data points.

Library Board– Selectman Traugh said they might be receiving a \$500,000 grant – the full amount they applied for. This grant amount is now on the Bonding Commission's agenda and these monies would be available once the other money needed for the expansion project were in place.

Senior Citizen's Commission – Selectman Kokoruda said the Facilities Review Committee met with them and discussed Island Avenue School as a potential site for a Senior/Community Center – no vote was taken.

Selectman Kokoruda said that Senior Services Director David Melillo has done an outreach campaign with organizations in town that provide services to seniors and got them together.

Selectman Kokoruda said that the Senior Services Commission was looking into alternate sites for their programming since the activity participation at the Depot is at full capacity. She added that this activity level is being reflected at \$16,000 in the first six months while for the whole previous year was a total of \$20,000.

Planning & Zoning – Selectman Kokoruda said the commission discussed extending the wait period on structure demolition for buildings that are older than 60 years old so that a review of the historical/cultural significance can take place. The Commission suggested holding a public hearing about it. She added that all national and state preservation groups support this.

Economic Development Commission – Selectman Gladstone said that a real estate broker made a presentation and review from their perspective of the Bradley Road project and it was very encouraging. He said the broker said that as long as there was a wastewater treatment there then there would be a lot of interest.

Selectman Gladstone said the commission also discussed the overall septic picture for the core area of downtown and the possible need for the current owners to do some improvements – so maybe now is an opportunity to pool resources.

Selectman Gladstone said there was also some discussion about the affordable housing picture in town and they will be doing some more research and assess what the current circumstances are.

Selectman Scarpati added that there will be an ordinance coming forward that will update affordable housing activities and that Alma Carroll is developing language for this ordinance by revising and standardizing definitions and requirements for developers that get involved with affordable housing projects in the Town of Madison.

Selectman Scarpati said that Alma brought to his attention a tax assessment situation between affordable housing units and identical non-affordable housing units being assessed and taxed the same and perhaps a tax credit should be established.

Selectman Walz added that he was surprised that when it comes to assessment values Madison is grouped in New Haven County and the Department of Urban Housing and Development (HUD) won't redesign their county pictures, i.e. New Haven – New London counties.

16. Selectmen Comments

Selectman Scarpati said the Steering Committee (Two people from each of the Boards of Education, Selectman, Finance) has been reconstituted for the upcoming budget and they will examine the 06/07 budgets as it pertains to the Long Range Capital Plan and make a Long Range Financial Plan. He said that in the 06/07 budget will be a test to the Town's Long Range Financial Plan in that the implications of the 06/07 budget, while trying to limit budget growth – some of the capital projects desired for now and the future may have to be deferred.

Selectman Scarpati said he attended the first meeting of the Governor's Commission on Equal Cost Sharing (ECS) as one of 23 members. He said the State Secretary for the Office of Policy & Management spoke about the opening of the beginning legislative session for the 2007 budget. He said that they had a presentation of the current ECS funding schedule. He added that he personally requested to hold a meeting dedicated to examining the legislative/judicial history of the ECS program: beginning with the Meskill v. Horton case and the development of the land values formula as the basis of the current practice.

Selectman Kokoruda wanted to remind the public that the February 13th Selectmen's meeting has been changed to the 15th.

Selectman Gladstone wanted to invite the public to attend the Broadwater Liquefied Natural Gas Public Hearing that will be held at Brown School on February 2nd at 7 o'clock.

Selectman Scarpati recognized Board of Finance Chairman Fillmore McPherson. Mr. McPherson said that after the combined Selectman-Finance-Education meeting on the 15th, the Board of Finance would hold their regular meeting.

Selectman Scarpati added that the Facilities Review Committee would be making a presentation at that meeting and that, along with the new baseline (additional \$500K) of energy budget costs will require a closer look at operating budgets. He added that new borrowing would be precarious if the Town becomes unable to hold operating budgets to the recommended percentages.

C. ADJOURNMENT:

17. Adjourn to Executive Session

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to adjourn to executive session. The regular meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Abigail White

Recording Secretary

Pro Tem