



Thomas S. Scarpati
First Selectman

TOWN OF MADISON CONNECTICUT
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William Gladstone
Noreen Kokoruda
Kathi Traugh
Charles F. Walz

MEETING DATE: Monday, November 6, 2006

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

Selectmen Scarpati called the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:30 a.m. Present were Selectmen Scarpati, Walz, Gladstone, and Traugh. Selectman Kokoruda was absent. Also present was Director of Human Resources, Katherine Christopher.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Walz to enter into executive session at 7:35 a.m. to discuss the following item:

1. Personnel – Land Use Matters

This was unanimously approved.

Present were Selectmen Scarpati, Walz, Gladstone, and Traugh. Selectman Kokoruda was absent. Also present was Director of Human Resources, Katherine Christopher. Administrative Services Assistant Helen Burland joined the meeting at 7:50 a.m. Building Official Fred Astorino and Inland Wetlands Officer Robert Kuchta were advised of, and invited to, the executive session; but were not in attendance.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to exit the executive session at 8:30 a.m. to begin the regular session. This was unanimously approved.

Selectman Scarpati called the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 8:36 a.m. Present were Selectmen Scarpati, Walz, Gladstone, and Traugh. Selectman Kokoruda was absent.

2. Approval of minutes – October 23, 2006.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2006 meeting. Selectman Traugh offered the following corrections to the minutes:

Page 329, Liaison Reports—Board of Education, the second sentence should read “They held their regular meeting where they are examining their final enrollment figures which will be available at their November meeting.”

Page 329, Liaison Reports—Library, the paragraph should read as follows: “Selectman Traugh said the working group of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance and the Library Board looked over the language in the Memorandum of Understanding. She and John James are revising some of it. Also the Library is moving ahead with their expansion planning.”

The motion was then called as amended and carried unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments. Administrative Services Assistant Helen Burland stated the posting of the Board of Selectmen minutes on the website will change. The approved prior meeting’s minutes will remain on the website, along with a draft of the current meeting’s minutes. There will be two sets of minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Discuss and take action on request for Board of Finance regulation change regarding Radio Reserve Account (tabled 6/12/06).

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Walz to take the item off the table. This was unanimously approved.

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to deny this request. This was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discuss and take action on accepting grant from the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security in the amount of \$12,803 for the 2006 Federal fiscal year. This grant is broken into two allocations: \$7,423 in Homeland Security funds and \$5,380 in Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention funds and to adopt resolution authorizing the First Selectman to act on behalf of the Board.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to accept the grant from the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security in the amount of \$12,803 for the 2006 Federal fiscal year. Selectman Walz stated he would like to see an overall picture of Madison's communications arena—to identify holes/weaknesses will all four organizations working together and moving ahead in a positive direction—Police communications network, North Madison Volunteer Fire Company, Madison Hose Company #1, and the ambulance network. Director of Emergency Management John Bowers stated he is working on where we are and where we want to go. Cell towers are not part of this grant. Selectman Traugh asked about Homeland Security and Law Enforcement grant programs—how are they structured? Director of Emergency Management John Bowers stated he will submit an application on

November 15, 2006 designating what the money will be used for because there are boundaries to follow. This was unanimously approved.

Selectman Scarpati read the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Madison Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Thomas S. Scarpati as First Selectman of the Town of Madison, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Madison Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to accept the resolution. This was unanimously approved.

6. Discuss and take action on accepting a donation of \$2,500 for Back Stage Kids theater program run through the Beach and Recreation Department. Funds will be used to purchase stage props and materials for the production. The family making the donation asked to remain anonymous.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to accept a donation of \$2,500 for Back Stage Kids theater program run through the Beach and

Recreation Department. Funds will be used to purchase stage props and materials for the production. The family making the donation asked to remain anonymous. This was unanimously approved.

7. Capital Plan Project Updates. Administrative Services Assistant Helen Burland gave an update on Capital Plan Projects.

Senior Center Feasibility Study Group – the Study Group has held several meetings to define the program requirements; the program needs were submitted to the architects; the preliminary site assessment has been completed; and there is an agreement with the architects to assist Madison with ambulance location at the Depot. The next steps are to: integrate program needs to conceptual plans, review parking requirements, and assess systems, i.e., mechanical, roof at Island Avenue School.

Academy School Study Group – the Study Group has established a timeline with the architects (JCJ); they have toured the site to further assess systems and structure; existing code modifications were compiled and sent to the architects; the Board of Education is considering program requirements for a grade K-4 elementary school; the Board of Education reviewed ADS enrollment figures and asked for a two-week extension to review the State Department of Education projections; research on the National Historic District designation is still on-going; and the Study Group has developed program requirements for the Town Hall. The next steps are: meet with the Board of Education representatives regarding enrollment projections; finalize program requirements for a Town Hall or a K-4 School; and begin conceptualization of options.

Bradley Road Vision Study – there will be a joint meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Economic Development, and the Zoning Board of Appeals

scheduled to see how the boards will interact; the Study Group will continue discussion with DOT regarding Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Train Station and parking; the Chamber of Commerce will be meeting with property owners and businesses in the Super Block; and there will be a review of proposal responses regarding the assessment of septic system and soil and hydraulic capacity. The next steps for the Vision Study Group are: listen to feedback from the joint meeting of three boards and commissions; listen to feedback from the Chamber of Commerce; refine the Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional services; and propose a study request to the Board of Selectmen.

8. Liaison Reports

Board of Education – Selectman Traugh stated there had not been a Board of Education meeting.

Economic Development Commission (EDC), Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z), and Ethics Commission (EC) – Selectman Gladstone stated they are meeting this evening.

Liaison to Phones Committee – Selectman Gladstone is working with the Director of Technology Art Sickle to discuss costs and feature options.

Beach and Recreation – Selectman Walz reported it is very quiet right now.

9. Tax Abatements/Refunds

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to approve the requests for tax refunds in the amount of \$989.19:

REFUNDS

Ari Fleet LT.	\$ 242.85
D. L. Peterson Trust	\$ 141.39
Highland Lease Corp.	\$ 235.50
Honda Lease Trust	\$ 242.95

Kimberly R. Orefice

\$ 126.50

TOTAL REFUNDS: \$989.19

This was unanimously approved.

10. Selectmen Comments.

Selectman Traugh stated she visited a meeting of the Ethics Commission in Guilford and felt they would assist Madison in establishing a Commission.

Selectman Traugh further stated this meeting date was changed to accommodate the November holiday schedule, that one of her colleagues was not in attendance, that it is very important to be at the meetings, and that it was unfortunate.

Selectman Gladstone stated that many campaign signs are being knocked down or removed; and that people should have more respect.

Selectman Gladstone asked that packets be complete and include as much information as early as possible (this was inadvertently omitted from the October 23, 2006 minutes).

Selectman Walz seconded Selectman Gladstone's comments.

Selectman Walz stated a house located at 154 Middle Beach Road was destroyed within hours of being purchased by William Plunkett. He questioned the ordinance that there is a 90-day posting before a building over 50 years old is destroyed. Administrative Services Assistant Helen Burland stated she will look into the ordinance as it pertains to this situation and also the ordinance in general.

Selectman Scarpati stated that at the next meeting the Board of Selectmen will start to deliberate on ethics changes to update Madison's policy; the new document will be presented with changes. The Ethics Committee will make a recommendation as to

whether there should or should not be a Commission. He stated the major responsibility of the Board of Selectmen is to be the Ethics Commission for the town. The level of authority as an Ethics Commission will be initiated with Board of Selectmen authority.

Selectman Scarpati also stated that tomorrow is Election Day; please go out to vote.

11. Adjournment.

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m. This was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Palmer
Recording Secretary