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First Selectman

TOWN OF MADISON CONNECTICUT 06443-2563
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William Gladstone
Noreen Kokoruda
Kathi Traugh
Charles F. Walz

MEETING DATE: Monday, August 28, 2006

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

Selectman Scarpati called the special regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen Scarpati, Walz, Kokoruda, Gladstone, and Traugh.

1. Approval of minutes – July 24, 2006 and Special Meeting – August 9, 2006. Selectman Kokoruda offered the following corrections to the minutes: page 249, Item #10- change Lightning Protection to Lightning Detection; page 249 last sentence insert ‘this issue, Lightning Detection,’ ... was talked about two years ago; page 251 & 257 – change ACA to ACCA; page 257 under Police Commission – insert the last name ‘Smith’ after Dave; page 259 – under Selectman Scarpati, the line should read: ‘he “read” a letter form a resident who points out the dead zones for cell phones in town, “and safety issues’ ...

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2006 meeting as amended. This was unanimously approved.

Special Meeting – August 9, 2006 minutes.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the minutes for the August 9, 2006 special meeting. This carried with one abstention (Gladstone).

2. Citizen Comments. Director of Senior Services, Dave Melillo said that recent coverage of the Dial-a-ride program overlooked the Community Services’ Medical Transportation program.

Melanie Clark, 71 Beekman Place said with regard to the proposed feasibility studies on this evening’s agenda that she was on the Facilities Review Committee and the next step was the forming of a building committee. She said that this is government and the Selectmen need to be responsible to the public and this feasibility study process should not be driven by staff people but driven from a citizen committee. She added that she would like to see this discussed in public session – how it should be formed and who should be put on it.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Scarpati said items #3 should remain tabled until the second September meeting; item #4 tabled until the first September meeting; and item #5 be withdrawn from the agenda and Alma Carroll will prepare an improvement plan and present it at the September 11th meeting.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Walz to withdraw agenda item #5 from the agenda. This was unanimously approved.

3. Discuss and take action on request for BOF regulation change regarding Radio Reserve Account. (tabled 6/12/06).

4. Discuss and take action on revised Administrative Procedures for the use of Recreational Facilities in the Town of Madison. (tabled 6/26/06)

5. Discuss and take action on awarding bid for the October 1, 2007 Revaluation to Vision Appraisal for a bid price of \$177,500. (tabled 7/24/06)

6. Discuss and take action on hiring a consulting firm to study the town's Emergency Communications Center. (tabled 7/24/06)

7. Discuss and take action on proposal for Senior Center feasibility study. (tabled 7/24/06). Selectman Kokoruda asked if the Selectmen were voting on awarding a bid and Administrative Services Assistant Helen Burland said they are asking to be authorized to do that once the funding is approved at Town Meeting, and what the Selectmen have in their packet is her attempt to give the Selectmen some background on the process, and at the appropriate time, she will comment on the advisory groups that were referred to by Ms. Clark and give the Selectmen some update on that.

Selectman Kokoruda said that what she was asking about was the wording of the motions for items #7 and #8.

Mrs. Burland said the Selectmen could authorize the entering into a contract pending the availability of funding as a result of the town meeting.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda that the Board of Selectmen enter into a contract with East Wharf Architects, Inc for \$18,200 pending town approval for the study of a future senior center. The motion was seconded by Selectman Walz.

Selectman Traugh said that the Facilities Review Committee looked at Island Avenue School as a Community Center/Senior Center and in Mrs. Burland's memo it only says that the Island Avenue School site will also require the identification of additional space and its possible uses.

Mrs. Burland said that Island Avenue is much larger than what was defined as potential space for a senior center that when they met with the architects they talked to them about that additional space and what role they may play in helping us place something else there. She said they weren't specific in those discussions but the architects understand that that's a component of this.

Selectman Traugh said she read East Wharf's RFP and she's not clear about whether this is opening up a whole new plethora of possibilities of what might go into Island Avenue.

Mrs. Burland said that in her discussions with them she did not direct them that it would have to be a community center because; that we just identified that there is additional space in that building.

Selectman Traugh said she feels strongly that we had a group of citizen's work for a year and a half, looking at this from all different perspectives and they came to the conclusion of looking at the senior center in the context of this being shared as a community center because that could influence how an architect decides to layout the space.

Selectman Traugh said with regard to Bradley Road West how locating a senior center there would impact the Ambulance Association.

Selectman Walz said that this feasibility study is only intended to give costs for doing a senior center.

Mrs. Burland added, and also a timeline.

Selectman Walz said he assumes that as part of this work product it is stated that if the senior center is put in Island Avenue, that Academy Street School would have to be open as a school; and conversely, if a senior center is put on Bradley Road that the American Legion and the Ambulance Association will have to be taken care of.

Selectman Kokoruda said that Island Avenue has to have the concept of a community center.

Mrs. Burland said that this does not preclude that.

Barbara Davis, Stone Road, said her concern is that the parameters of the study is too narrow – without comparing Island or Academy, which should stay a school – and Bradley Road does open opportunities for comparisons so that the best solution can be selected in a choice vote.

Selectman Gladstone said that the Selectmen need to have real numbers to work with to move beyond the initial Facilities Review. He said that he would like to be a part of the committees selections.

Selectman Traugh said she thinks the Selectmen need to formally appoint committees with formal charges and oversee this process on behalf of the Selectmen.

Mrs. Burland said that with regard to senior center she asked Jim Satterwhite to recommend some people from the former committee and did not ask him to be that person, and she asked Dave Melillo to recommend people from Senior Services. On the Academy piece, Mrs. Burland said she contacted the Chairman of the Board of Education and it is his authority to appoint someone from his Planning Committee.

Selectman Scarpati said a liaison group of citizens should work with the professionals not run the professionals.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Walz to approve entering into a contract with East Wharf Architects, Inc., for \$18,200 for the purpose of doing a site review and

preliminary design and cost comparison for a senior center, looking at two locations. This was unanimously approved.

8. Discuss and take action on proposal for Academy/Town Campus feasibility study (tabled 7/24/06).

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Walz to approve entering into a contract with JCJ Architecture, Inc., for \$50,000 for the purpose of assessing the feasibility of renovation of Academy School to be a new elementary school or a town hall, and provide design and cost comparison. This was approved with one opposition (Traugh)

NEW BUSINESS

9. Discuss and take action on calling a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Level of the Memorial Town Hall for the following purpose:

1. To consider and take action on Special Appropriation request of \$300,000 from Selectmen's Office for funds needed to complete fields at Green Hill Road. State funding received at \$500,000 level.
2. To consider and take action on Special Appropriation request of \$69,000 from Selectmen's Office to support professional services required to support the evaluation of facilities both new and existing that assist in the definition of the long range capital plan under development. Two projects under review are the disposition of Academy School and the implementation of a senior center facility.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to call a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Level of the Memorial Town Hall for these two items. This was approved with one abstention (Traugh)

10. Discuss and take action on approving Board of Selectmen statement regarding the Charter Revision Commission's Final Report.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to approve the Board of Selectmen statement regarding the Charter Revision Commission's Final Report. This was unanimously approved.

11. Discuss and take action to authorize the Town Clerk to submit ballot question for the November 7, 2006 election.

Pursuant to Sec. 7-191 (e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, to vote on the following Charter Revision question for the approval or disapproval, a vote "YES" being a vote for approval, and a vote "NO" being a vote for disapproval.

1. "SHALL THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF MADISON, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION AND AS ON FILE IN

THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE, BE APPROVED?" (The full text of the proposed Charter is available for public viewing in the Town Clerk's Office.)

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to authorize the Town Clerk to submit ballot question for the November 7, 2006 election:

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This was unanimously approved.

12. Discuss and take action on the ratification of the Memo of Understanding with IBPO Local 456 collective bargaining agreement for the terms of 2005 – 2012.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to ratify the Memo of Understanding with IBPO Local 456 collective bargaining agreement for the terms of 2005 – 2012.

Selectman Scarpati said there significant negotiations made with regard to benefits:

1) with the issue of retiree medical – the Town requested their agreement of a next tier of new employees with a change in benefit while grandfathering previous employees. He said that in 07/08 the Town has to report on the value of embedded medical in the police contract as 3.55 million dollars.

He said there is no overtime in the pension calculation and the Town agreed to give them the premium for spousal medical.

He said that the Town bought back 17 days of lost time (time taken for vacation, personal and training that requires replacement with more officers) and in return the Town agreed to pay for a supplement to Medicare when officers are eligible for Medicare and come off of the town's medical plan.

Selectman Kokoruda commended the police and Selectman Scarpati for the agreement that has been reached.

Selectman Walz concurred with Selectman Kokoruda and said the officers did a great job and they got a nice contract.

Selectman Gladstone said the Selectman have to watch the second tier benefit and ensure Madison remains competitive in attracting future needed officers.

Selectman Scarpati said the private sector is doing away with embedded medical benefit – and over time the public will see parity in competitiveness with what Madison as other towns deal with this issue. Selectman Scarpati then called the motion which was unanimously approved.

13. Discuss and take action on status changes: for William Coady (replaces Donald Sullivan) to move from part-time dispatcher to full-time dispatcher effective 8/1/06 and Robert Maluk Jr. to move from part-time dispatcher to full-time dispatcher (necessary for coverage) effective 8/15/06.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the status changes for William Coady to move from part-time dispatcher to full-time dispatcher, effective 8/1/06, and Robert Maluk Jr. to move from part-time dispatcher to full-time dispatcher, necessary for coverage, effective 8/15/06. This was unanimously approved.

14. Discuss and take action on accepting the resignation of Katherine Dickson, part-time receptionist, Selectmen's Office effective 7/28/06.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone, with regrets. This was unanimously approved.

15. Discuss and take action on accepting the retirement and resignation of Detective Todd Curry from the Madison Police Department effective 8/1/06.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh with thanks for 22 years of service. This was unanimously approved.

16. Discuss and take action on request from Department of Police Services to waive the bid requirement for the purchase of two police vehicles. Selectman Scarpati recognized Lieutenant Robert Stimpson.

Lt. Stimpson said these two vehicles were replacements to two other vehicles and within the State Department of Administrative Services Contract for purchase of police vehicles the Crown Victoria is currently available in stock while the second vehicle (Ford Expedition) is currently not in stock.

In response to Selectman Walz's inquiry about getting a smaller cruiser than a Crown Victoria, Lt. Stimpson said the smaller ones weren't available.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the request from the Madison Department of Police Services to waive the bid requirement for the purchase of two police vehicles. This was unanimously approved.

17. Discuss and take action on awarding bid for chip sealing of various town roads, approximately 4.1 miles. No action this agenda item was taken.

18. Discuss and take action on awarding bid for the construction of the Nathans Lane Water Main Extension.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the recommendation from the Public Works Department and award the bid for the construction of the

Nathans Lane Water Main Extension to Pinder Construction Company, Inc., for \$12,400. This was unanimously approved.

19. Discuss and take action on donation of \$2,500 from Quinnipiac University for buying computer equipment for training Senior Citizens in computer skills.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to accept the donation of \$2,500 from Quinnipiac University for buying computer equipment for training Senior Citizens in computer skills. This was unanimously approved.

20. Discuss and take action on donation of \$3,500 from Madison Newcomers Club for Surf Club Playground improvements.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to accept the donation of \$3,500 from Madison Newcomers Club for Surf Club Playground improvements, with thanks. This was unanimously approved.

21. Discuss and take action on resignation of Bob Hodge from the Bauer Park Advisory Committee.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to accept the resignation of Bob Hodge from the Bauer Park Advisory Committee, with thanks for his many years of service. This was unanimously approved.

22. Liaison Reports. Board of Education – Selectman Traugh said they were awarded a Teachers Of Critical Language Grant, one of ten recipients nationwide, and they will collaborate with Yale University to build a Chinese language program at the high school. 2) They reviewed their current enrollment figures – total under by 12 in projection overall; 3) They had a presentation on the Expanded Mastery Test since they now have to test all grades between third and eighth – Madison did well in all the testing and are focusing on one area in particular, Annual Yearly Progress – No Child Left Behind, for development improvement with the Brown School’s special needs students.

Library – Selectman Traugh said they thanked the community for the success of their recent annual book sale and that all unsold books are donated worldwide; 2) Teen reading is up 10% from last year; 3) They getting ready for their September and October activities including their Parade of Parties, Taste of Madison, and a new event called Parade of Pooches on September 16 from 10 – noon.

Planning & Zoning – Selectman Kokoruda said that on Winding Road there was an inspection last week at Anderson Brothers and violations were found.

Senior Services Commission – Selectman Kokoruda said Dial-A-Ride gave a presentation; 2) They are forming a committee for senior tax relief.

School District – Selectman Kokoruda said that she attended today’s opening day for teachers roundtable discussion with local civic and business people and Ken Kay from the Partnership for 21st Century Skills

and talked about skills most schools are not providing. She said the Partnership advocates the following 21st century skills be integral in every student's education:

- 21st century content: global awareness; financial, economic, business and entrepreneurial literacy; civic literacy
- Learning and thinking skills: critical thinking and problem solving, effective communications skills, creativity and innovation skills, and information and media literacy skills
- Life skills: leadership, ethics, accountability, adaptability, personal productivity, personal responsibility, people skills, self-direction and social responsibility.

Youth & Family Services – Selectman Gladstone said they are working on their substance abuse survey.

Economic Development Commission – Selectman Gladstone said they are planning a joint meeting with the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Governor's Commission on ECS – Selectman Scarpati said that actual education cost sharing data shows the state is not providing upwards of a billion dollars when they are supposed to be funding 50% of the education costs, so towns and cities have to make up the difference.

Selectman Kokoruda said that she was concerned to find out at their last meeting that towns like Guilford and Branford are guaranteed what they receive for funding even if their enrollments go down, while towns like Madison and Westbrook are on another list that sees adjustments made if there are enrollment decreases.

23. Tax Abatements/Refunds.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Walz to approve the requests for refund totaling \$2011.54.

REFUND

Victor Cannelli Jr.	\$ 63.99
Toyota Motor Credit Corp.	\$1,182.83
UBVL Auto LT.	\$ 733.82
Glenn H. Diedricksen	\$ 30.90

REFUNDS TOTALING \$2,011.54

This was unanimously approved.

24. Selectmen Comments. Selectman Traugh said she regrets she is unable to attend the next meeting but said she believes the creating of an advisory is a great move forward and she would like to participate in that process. She said she would like to recognize the four members of the Facilities Review

Committee that sat through this meeting – showing we have citizens who are concerned and who want to contribute.

25. Adjournment.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to adjourn this evening's meeting at 9:42 p.m. This was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Abigail White

Recording Secretary