



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: Wednesday, August 9, 2006

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

Selectman Scarpati called the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 3:43 p.m. Present were Selectmen Scarpati, Walz, Kokoruda, and Traugh. Selectman Gladstone was absent. Also present were Director of Human Services, Katherine Christopher, and Director of Health and Emergency Management, John Bowers.

1. Discuss and take action on Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Madison and National Association of Government Employees, (NAGE) Local Union No. RI-215. Selectman Scarpati recognized Director of Human Services, Katherine Christopher. Ms. Christopher summarized the new agreement with the five-member Building & Grounds Maintenance union as follows. They negotiated a four-year contract with a 3% increase for all four years. The percent cost share for the Blue Care Anthem plan will remain at 8% for 06/07 and 07/08, and will then go to 9% for the second two years. The annual longevity benefit that other town employees have, will be instituted July 2007 as a three-tier, years-of-service plan: \$250 for more than five years but less than 10; \$300 for more than 10 but less than 15; and \$350 for more than 15 years of service. Nextel walkie-talkie devices were negotiated as the members wanted to be able to communicate back to their supervisor. The annual boot cost allowance has been increased from \$150 to \$200, and their meal allowance was also increased by a dollar and that now is in parity with the allowance amount of the public works department.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Walz to approve Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Madison and National Association of Government Employees, (NAGE) Local Union No. RI-215. This was unanimously approved.

2. Discuss and take action on request from Director of Health to accept grant from the State Health Department in the amount of \$17,918.69. Selectman Scarpati recognized Director of Health and Emergency Management, John Bowers.

Mr. Bowers said the State Health Department offers full-time health departments throughout the state a \$1 per capita grant. He said that he proposes distributing the monies to:

Meals On Wheels – to help cover increases in usage;

Beach testing – of town beaches;

Part-time Food Service Inspector – hire this person and have Mac Walker do other things not easily subcontracted;

Upgrade Septic System Maintenance database to be web-based and accessible by realtors and septic system contractors so they don't always have to come into the office;

Purchase emergency supplies – collapsible water jugs, and hand sanitizer in large quantity.

Selectman Traugh said that during the last budget season there was a discussion about the Clinton Community Health Center and that they asked for assistance and partnering with Madison on certain health issues, and she thought that the per capita grant was to help fund that. In addition, she added that some towns use the per capita funds to sponsor health promotion and education programs for residents.

Selectman Kokoruda said she understands the need for more help with food service inspection.

Selectman Traugh added that there's a need for more help to be able to enforce the public health code.

Selectman Kokoruda said that the Water Pollution Control Authority has said they would want the septic system maintenance database.

Selectman Traugh reiterated that she had expected to see the Community Health Center and some community health programs supported by this per capita fund.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Walz to accept the request from Director of Health to accept grant from the State Health Department in the amount of \$17,918.69.

Selectman Traugh said that she would like to have further discussion on the distribution of the per capita fund.

Selectman Walz said that the Selectmen were only accepting the grant.

Selectman Scarpati then asked Mr. Bowers to meet with Selectman Traugh and report back at the next meeting. Selectman Scarpati then called the motion and it was unanimously approved.

3. Discuss and take action on request from Director of Health to accept grant from the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) in the amount of \$83,217. Selectman Scarpati recognized Director of Health and Emergency Management, John Bowers.

Mr. Bowers said that this is a Federal grant coming through the state and the funds need to be spent before September 1, 2006 and there were a number of factors between the town, the Dept. of Homeland Security, and the Connecticut State Attorney General, as to why it's been held up before now but had been in the works for some time. He said he recommends purchasing mobile radios for the Ambulance Association; pagers for both fire and ambulance; and mobile radios for Madison Hose Company #1.

Selectman Scarpati read the following Resolution of the Madison Board of Selectmen into the record.

“RESOLVED:

That the First Selectman, Thomas S. Scarpati, be and hereby is authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Selectmen in executing a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, for participation in the FY 2004 State Homeland Security Grant Program..”

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Walz to accept the request from Director of Health to accept grant from the State Department of Emergency

Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) in the amount of \$83,217. This was unanimously approved.

4. Discuss and take action on request from Board of Police Commissioners to increase fee for use of patrol vehicle at an outside job from \$50 to \$100.

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the request from Board of Police Commissioners to increase fee for use of patrol vehicle at an outside job from \$50 to \$100. This was unanimously approved.

5. Adjournment.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda, seconded by Selectman Traugh to adjourn this evening's meeting at 4:08 p.m. This was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Abigail White

Recording Secretary