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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, April 23, 2007

MEETING PLACE:

Madison Room (Room A), Town Campus

Selectman Kokoruda called the Public Hearing of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:06 p.m. Present were Selectmen Kokoruda, Traugh, and Walz. Absent were First Selectman Scarpati and Selectman Gladstone.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Selectman Kokoruda read the following:

Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment, opposition and support for the following: **modifications** to ordinances required for consistency to Town Charter and for **proposed new ordinance** "Ordinance Regarding the Establishment of a Historic District."

DISCUSSION: The Board of Selectmen received comments from the public.

At 7:22 p.m. the Public Hearing was closed.

Selectman Kokoruda called the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:32 p.m. Present were Selectmen Kokoruda, Traugh, and Walz. Absent were First Selectman Scarpati and Selectman Gladstone.

REGULAR SESSION

2. Approval of minutes – April 9, 2007.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Walz to accept the minutes of April 9, 2007 as amended.

DISCUSSION: Selectman Traugh asked that Item 7. DISCUSSION read as follows:

Director of Public Health John Bowers commented the Emergency Action Plan is required by the State's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for

all public employees. It is a statement that employees who are exposed to job risks get out of buildings as quickly as possible. Department heads should train their employees on 911, fire exists, signs in buildings leading to exits. When we adopt this Plan, we will be committing to a personnel policy and will follow through on implementation. Selectman Traugh commented that the emergency response roles and duties should be incorporated into job descriptions; Mr. Bowers agreed. Selectman Traugh encouraged the implementation and asked that the plan also address “white powder emergencies.”

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments.

None.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Discuss and take action on charge for Ad-Hoc Committee to review energy related issues. (tabled 4/9/07).

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Walz to 'untable,' discuss and take action on charge for an Ad-Hoc Committee to review energy-related issues.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the charge for the Ad-Hoc Committee on Energy.

Selectman Walz read the following:

Ad-Hoc Committee for Energy Charge

The Town of Madison recognizes that energy, its consumption and cost, contributes a significant amount to the cost of operations in the Town. In addition, Town government has the responsibility to provide leadership to its citizens in the area of conservation. In order to coordinate these efforts, an ad-hoc committee will review:

- Review current energy usage and make recommendations on methods of reducing the total net energy consumed by the Town. Review the cost benefit ratio of any recommended reductions. Any reductions shall consider the environmental impact of the recommendations and implementation costs.
- Review the 20% by 2010 program for methods that might be used to obtain greater participation by Madison residents. Review financial and facility

implications of any *'free'* clean energy equipment. Investigate the feasibility of renewable energy generation within the Town including availability of grants and other cost-effective methods of funding.

- Develop a communication plan to promote energy conservation opportunities and clean energy initiatives for citizens.
- Review the purchasing methods used by the Town and make recommendations regarding the forward purchase of energy.

DISCUSSION: Selectman Traugh requested that the following be added at the end of sentence #2 in the opening paragraph:

In addition, Town government has the responsibility to provide leadership to its citizens in the area of conservation and use of clean/renewable energy.

Selectman Traugh requested that bullet 4 read:

- Review the purchasing methods of all energy types by the Town and make recommendations regarding the forward purchase of energy.

DISCUSSION: Owen Charles, 5 Nichols Hill Drive, commented that the ad-hoc committee should look at other innovative solutions besides 20% by 2010. Selectman Walz stated the minutes of the last Board of Selectmen's meeting mentioned looking at and possibly capturing hydraulic energy and capturing energy from the Hammonasset River. Paul Wong, 47 Surrey Drive, commented he would like to see the Board of Selectmen move ahead with the 20% by 2010 initiative. He would also like to see the committee look more broadly at initiatives; he feels the Board of Selectmen is being too cautious. Selectman Walz stated he still has lots of questions to be addressed, he wants to do his homework, and he does not want to endorse something he does not know everything about. The ad-hoc committee can move ahead with 20% by 2010; then look at broader areas. We should not rush through the process. Selectman Kokoruda stated the Board of Selectmen wants to be more cautious. Selectman Traugh stated she expects the Board of Selectmen will hear back from the committee quickly with suggestions to endorse. Herb Gram, 287 Boston Post Road, asked if there is a 'time clock?' Selectman Walz commented the Board of Selectmen is just putting together the 'charge' this evening; both political committees have been notified to forward potential committee members. A timetable for the committee will be established when the committee is seated.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Garry Leonard.

Selectman Kokoruda stated this “**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**” is awarded to Garry Leonard for his length of service and dedication as a member of the Madison Planning and Zoning Commission presented on this 23rd day of April 2007. We appreciate all your work; we appreciate all the work from our volunteers.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Walz to open the agenda and add Item 6.A. “To discuss updates on the Nathans Lane bus depot project.”

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Walz to close the agenda.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action on calling a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Level of the Memorial Town Hall for the purpose of bonding authorization for the proposed new Senior Center/Ambulance Facility Project. Resolution will call for adjournment to referendum on May 22, 2007.

Selectman Walz read the information that will be carried on the ballot:

“Shall the Town of Madison appropriate \$6,835,000 for an ambulance facility to be located at 9 Old Route 79, a senior center to be located at 35 and 29 Bradley Road, and shared parking and driveway access improvements to the American Legion Post 79 Hall site at 43 Bradley Road for the benefit of the proposed senior center, And authorize the issue of bonds and notes to finance the appropriation?”

DISCUSSION: Assistant for Administration Helen Burland explained the language of calling the Special Town Meeting has been prepared by the Town’s bond counsel. Selectman Walz stated the two projects are tied together because it involves switching two parcels of land. Selectman Kokoruda commented there will be a public informational meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at the Memorial Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. to go over any more information people want to know on this project.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

6.A. Discuss updates on the Nathans Lane bus depot project.

Assistant Town Engineer Mike Ott explained that the project is essentially complete and Durham School Services has been operating out of the bus depot since December 2006 (temporary certificate of occupancy). There are several construction items that need to be completed:

- storm water wetlands need topsoil and wetland plantings
- topsoil around curbs and seeding shoulder areas
- screening and foundation plantings to install
- trash enclosure around trash receptacle
- site sign
- curbing and minor widening of Route 1 (Department of Transportation)

He stated the site work will be done in one month. There still remain two stockpiles of soil on the site and options for disposal of the piles are being looked at. Option (1) is to remove the soil from the site and properly dispose of it and Option (2) is to keep the soil on site in a manner controlled by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). We have set a deadline for completion by July 31, 2007. Selectman Kokoruda asked if the piles of soil are covered? Mr. Ott stated one of the covers is ripped and will be replaced on Thursday. Selectman Traugh stated that we are 18 months into this project and we still have not issued a Certificate of Occupancy (CO); this is unusual. She received a letter from the Chairman of Planning and Zoning expressing concerns about the contaminated soil. Mr. Ott explained an environmental consultant was hired to manage the remediation of the site (required by law); there are on-going discussions, the remediation plan is active, we are in compliance except for the cover coming off. There is no time limit as far as removing the soil; but we are committed to dispose of the soil by July 31, 2007.

7. Discuss and take action on setting referendum date on the Town and School Budgets for **Tuesday, May 22, 2007** pending approval of dollar amounts from the Board of Finance Final Budget Workshop Meeting on April 30, 2007.

MOVED by Selectman Walz to set referendum date on the Town and School Budgets for Tuesday, May 22, 2007 pending approval of dollar amounts from the Board of Finance Final Budget Workshop Meeting on April 30, 2007.

Selectman Walz read the language that will be included on the ballot:

“Shall the Town government budget of the Town of Madison for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 in the amount of \$_____ be approved?”

Selectman Walz read the following:

“Shall the Education budget of the Town of Madison for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008 in the amount of \$_____ be approved?”

DISCUSSION: Chairman of the Board of Finance Fillmore McPherson stated the Finance Committee may wrap up the budget numbers on April 26, 2007.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action on awarding bid for Sloped Glazing Replacement at Walter C. Polson School.

DISCUSSION: Assistant for Administration Helen Burland stated Director of Facilities, Bill McMinn, asked that this item be removed from the agenda. This is the third time the Town has gone out to bid and only one contractor submitted a bid on Friday, April 20, 2007. Mr. McMinn will be re-evaluating the work required.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Walz to remove the agenda item.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action on request from Beach and Recreation Department to accept donation from Madison Little League to purchase bases, benches, fence protection caps, and other items related to the Green Hill Road softball fields. Items valued at a maximum of \$5,000.

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Traugh to allow the Beach and Recreation Department to approve a donation from Madison Little League to purchase bases, benches, fence protection caps, and other items related to the Green Hill Road softball fields. Items valued at a maximum of \$5,000.

DISCUSSION: Chairman of the Board of Finance Fillmore McPherson commented the Board of Finance has already approved the donation due to the baseball season starting. Assistant Town Engineer Mike Ott thanked the Madison Little League for

the donation; the Little League has been nice enough to donate these items, this will finish up the field project. We should be able to play on the synthetic field in two weeks.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

10. Discuss and take action on line item transfer request from Selectmen's Office for \$1,000 from Repairs, Maintenance-Copy Machine to Legal Notices.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Walz to approve a line item transfer request from Selectmen's Office for \$1,000 from Repairs, Maintenance-Copy Machine to Legal Notices.

DISCUSSION: Selectman Walz asked if legal notices must go in the Shore Line Times? Assistant for Administration Helen Burland stated the Charter now indicates a 'local newspaper' can be used.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

11. Discuss and take action on line item transfer request from Madison Youth & Family Services for \$600 – (\$200) from Family Counseling, (\$200) from Postage, and (\$200) from Staff Development to Telephone.

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve a line item transfer request from Madison Youth & Family Services for \$600 – (\$200) from Family Counseling, (\$200) from Postage, and (\$200) from Staff Development to Telephone.

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action on the following line item transfer request from Senior Services:

- o \$2,500 from Professional Services to Printing and Binding
- o \$1,500 from Wages (Bus Driver - Transportation) to Salary (Administration)

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve line item transfer requests from Senior Services as follows:

- o \$2,500 from Professional Services to Printing and Binding
- o \$1,500 from Wages (Bus Driver - Transportation) to Salary (Administration)

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

- 13.** Discuss and take action on resignation of Michael Heaney from the Police Commission.

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Traugh to ‘table’ this item until the next Board of Selectmen’s meeting.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

- 14.** Discuss and take action on the following recommendations from the Democratic Town Committee:

Appointment - Francine Larson – Planning & Zoning Alternate – to fill seat vacated by Holly Algood – term to expire 1/1/08.

Appointment – Gary Gyenizs – Police Commission (appointment effective May 15, 2007) – to fill seat vacated by Michael Heaney – term to expire 1/1/08.

Reappointment – Andrea Hopkins and Lori Lodge – Rockland Preserve – terms to expire 1/1/2010.

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Traugh to ‘table’ this item until the next Board of Selectmen’s meeting.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

- 15.** Discuss and take action on the following recommendations from the Republican Town Committee:

Appointment - Richard Zeranski – Employee Retirement Board – to fill seat vacated by Michael McKinnon – term to expire 1/1/08.

Appointment – Bill Freeman – Alternate Member on the Inland Wetlands Commission - to fill vacancy for a term to expire 1/1/08.

Appointment – Robert Speziale – Alternate Member on the Inland Wetlands Commission - to fill vacancy for a term to expire 1/1/09.

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Traugh to appoint the following Madison citizens from the Republican Town Committee:

Appointment - Richard Zeranski – Employee Retirement Board – to fill seat vacated by Michael McKinnon – term to expire 1/1/08.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Traugh to appoint the following Madison citizens from the Republican Town Committee:

Appointment – Bill Freeman – Alternate Member on the Inland Wetlands Commission
- to fill vacancy for a term to expire 1/1/08.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Traugh to appoint the following Madison citizens from the Republican Town Committee:

Appointment – Robert Speziale – Alternate Member on the Inland Wetlands Commission
- to fill vacancy for a term to expire 1/1/09.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

16. Tax Abatements/Refunds.

MOVED by Selectman Walz and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the requests for refunds of property taxes in the amount of \$105.18:

REFUNDS

Stephanie Pullis	\$ 29.08
VW Credit	\$ 76.10

TOTAL REFUNDS: **\$105.18**

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

17. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments.

Selectman Traugh commented lots of letters have been received concerning the proposed zoning change and the Highway Economic Development Services (HEDS) proposal; and she encourages residents to attend the Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing on Friday, April 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Polson Middle School Auditorium and urges residents to speak up--the Planning and Zoning Commission has exclusive authority to make this decision. She is also getting letters regarding Tibbals Bridge. Helen Burland explained the Town received the requested correspondence from Tom Crosby, attorney for the Hammonasset Fishing Association, today. We asked him to provide correspondence from the Town of Killingworth regarding the other end of the bridge. We are still in the exploring stage.

Selectman Walz stated the Beach and Recreation Commission met and they put out their first quarter program list that showed 1,552 participants in the winter programs (a

four-month period). \$72K was raised in fees and services from their participants; their cash flow was positive; they are doing a marvelous job in running the programs. He also encouraged residents to come out on May 1, 2007 to vote to either: (1) continue the present process of appointing the Planning and Zoning Commission or (2) changing the process to electing officials. He stated he supports the present system.

Selectman Kokoruda stated there was a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting last Thursday, April 19, 2007 at Memorial Town Hall that included a Public Hearing for a text change to zoning. The hearing was stopped by the Town's Fire Marshal due to overcrowding. The Public Hearing has been continued to Friday, April 27, 2007, 7:00 p.m., at the Polson Middle School Auditorium. The Madison Citizens for Community Character (MCCC) group is doing an impressive job in a very positive manner. She stated the Senior Citizen Commission is working on a public relations campaign to get the vote out on May 22, 2007. She thanked everyone who was involved in the Green-Up/Cleanup program—thank you volunteers! This is a busy week in our Town; we have the following meetings:

- Public Hearing on Senior Center/Ambulance, Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Memorial Town Hall
- Public Hearing on the Budget, Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at Polson Middle School
- Public Hearing – Planning and Zoning Commission on zone change, Friday, April 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Polson Middle School Auditorium

Selectman Kokoruda furthered that the Town of Madison has lost many special community members this week: Phil Costello, Jim Hagan, and David Parcels. They will be missed; our hearts go out to their families.

Bill Walling, 15 Tamarac Drive, commented he was at the Planning and Zoning Commission hearing last week when it was halted; he was quite upset with the manner in which it was shut down. He stated the Fire Marshal did not announce who he was when he made the announcement to shut down the meeting.

18. Adjournment.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Walz to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Palmer
Recording Secretary