

MEETING DATE:

Monday, June 23, 2008

MEETING PLACE:

Madison Room (Room A), Town Campus

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

First Selectman Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Selectmen Goldberg, MacDougald, Gladstone, and Kokoruda. Selectman Traugh was absent.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to enter into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss:

1. Personnel

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to exit Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

First Selectman Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:35 p.m. Present were Selectmen Goldberg, MacDougald, Gladstone, Kokoruda, and Traugh.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to open the agenda and add the following 4 items.

5.A. Discuss and take action to send the proposed Scranton Library Addition project to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review in accordance with Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes if appropriate.

10.A. Discuss and take action on hiring Edna Kripps and Guido Martini as per diem bus drivers for Madison Senior Services – C-2, Step 2, \$13.46 per hour, start date of July 1, 2008.

14.A. Discuss and take action on special appropriation request of \$26,500 for creation of office space for Youth Services in Memorial Town Hall.

14.B. Discuss and take action on donation of \$2,400 from the Madison Chamber of Commerce for reinstatement of the Community Service Officer program to serve the downtown area during the summer months.

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

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

2. Approval of minutes – June 9, 2008.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to accept the minutes of June 9, 2008 as written.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments.

Herb Gram, 287 Boston Post Road, spoke about the performance of Connecticut Zenon wastewater treatment systems throughout the State of Connecticut.

Gus Horvath, 50 Beechwood Drive, stated he has taken a look at the same data and has come up with different results

Peter Sakalowsky, 50 Mendingwall Circle, spoke in support of Tim Millhiser being considered as a Planning and Zoning Commission member.

Tom Banisch, 554 Boston Post Road, stated he was troubled because a planning and zoning position has been open for a couple of months.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Discuss and take action on petition requesting that the Town of Madison enact the following ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Ensuring Effective Management of Large Community Sewerage Systems.

DISCUSSION: Town Attorney Bill Clendenen discussed the petition and the proposed ordinance as they relate to the Town Charter and Connecticut State Statutes as to whether it is appropriate for the Board of Selectmen to call a Town Meeting (a legal subject). After research and consideration he presented an opinion, dated June 20, 2008, stating that this particular ordinance is not a proper legal subject and should not be submitted to a Town Meeting because it conflicts with Connecticut State Statutes.

Attorney Keith Ainsworth, who represents Stop Griswold Over Development (SGOD) stated he disagrees that this is not a proper subject for a Town Meeting.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to accept the opinion of the Town Attorney that this petition which requests that the Town of Madison

enact the following ordinance entitled: **An Ordinance Ensuring Effective Management of Large Community Sewerage Systems** is not a proper legal subject for a Town Meeting.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action on reappointing William Clendenen, Esquire, as Town Attorney for the Town of Madison for a period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to **reappoint William Clendenen, Esquire, as Town Attorney** for the Town of Madison for a period from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

5. Discuss the timetable of the review process leading to a referendum on the proposed library expansion.

First Selectman Goldberg stated the Scranton Memorial Library Board of Trustees have requested that the proposed library expansion/addition go to referendum in November 2008.

Public Works Director Stew MacMillan commented that meeting the proposed timeline is challenging, but possible; there would need to be a special meeting to move it to the Board of Finance to be discussed at their July 2008 meeting; then in August they would approve the expenditure and send it back to the Board of Selectmen by September 4, 2008 (60 days before the election). There are three issues:

(1) A Project Review Committee on the Renovation and Expansion of the Scranton Memorial Library was appointed and charged to report back to the Board of Selectmen by the end of September 2008.

(2) Typically with a capital project there would be several public hearings between now and September 4, 2008.

(3) The last concern is to develop an agreement between the Town and library as to how the money will be spent.

Ted Mallory, President of the Scranton Memorial Library Board of Trustees, stated this proposal has been in the process for quite some time and has included three public hearings.

The Selectmen concluded that work will proceed to bring both the **Scranton Memorial Library project and the Senior Center/Ambulance Center project to the November 4, 2008 referendum.**

5.A. Discuss and take action to send the proposed Scranton Memorial Library addition project to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review in accordance with Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, if appropriate.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to forward the proposed **Scranton Memorial Library renovation and expansion project to the Planning and Zoning Commission** for review in accordance with Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, if appropriate.

The Planning and Zoning Commission needs to comment on the project. If the project passes at referendum, there will be a very long zoning process.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

7. Discuss and take action on purchasing a Digital Call Logging Recorder for the Emergency Communications Center from Business Electronics, Inc. of Cheshire, Connecticut for a proposed price of \$11,500.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to purchase a **Digital Call Logging Recorder** for the Emergency Communications Center from Business Electronics, Inc. of Cheshire, Connecticut for a proposed price of \$11,500.

DISCUSSION: Director of Emergency Management John Bowers stated five proposals were submitted and based on their evaluation, the committee recommends that the Town purchase the **Nice Call Focus III digital call logging recorder from Business Electronics, Inc. of Cheshire, CT at their proposed price of \$11,500.** The committee feels this proposal meets our needs and we have had a very positive service history with Business Electronics, Inc.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action on awarding bids for painting services in various schools in the Madison district.

Jeffrey School	Art Conroy	\$2,033
Island Avenue School	Kevin Dolan	\$5,500
Polson Middle School	Art Conroy	\$5,200
Daniel Hand High School	David Ashman	\$1,100
Athletic Storage	Art Conroy	\$3,985

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to award bids for **painting services in various schools** in the Madison district as stated above.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action on awarding bids for Flooring Improvements at the Town Campus Arts Barn and the Town Campus Gymnasium.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to award bid for **Flooring Improvements at the Town Campus Arts Barn** to Advantage Sport U.S.A. Inc. in the amount of \$58,410 plus alternate cove base of \$3.15 per lineal foot.

DISCUSSION: Director of Public Works Stew MacMillan stated no other bids were received; four companies were called, three of them came to the mandatory bid conference; but only Advantage Sport U.S.A. Inc. submitted bids.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to award bids for **Flooring Improvements at the Town Campus Gymnasium** to Advantage Sport U.S.A. Inc. in the amount of \$81,340 base bid and \$13,320 alternate multi-use room plus alternate cove base of \$3.15 per lineal foot.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

10. Discuss and take action on request from Director of Recreation to hire a temporary person to be the Interim Recreation Supervisor to help with the workload in the office until this position can be filled.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve request from Director of Recreation to hire a temporary person to be the **Interim Recreation Supervisor** to help with the workload in the office until this position can be filled.

DISCUSSION: Recreation Director Scot Erskine stated Austin Hall has taken a promotion at another facility. Since his department is in the midst of summer programs, he needs additional help.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

10.A. Discuss and take action on hiring Edna Kripps and Guido Martini as per diem bus drivers for Madison Senior Services – C-2, Step 2, \$13.46 per hour, start date of July 1, 2008.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Traugh to hire **Edna Kripps and Guido Martini as per diem bus drivers for Madison Senior Services – C-2, Step 2, \$13.46 per hour, start date of July 1, 2008.**

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

11. Discuss and take action on line item transfer request from Fiscal Services for \$12,717 from Social Security to Worker’s Compensation.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to **approve line item transfer request from Fiscal Services for \$12,717** from Social Security to Worker’s Compensation.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action on resignation of Holly Algood from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to accept the **resignation of Holly Algood from the Planning and Zoning Commission** – with our thanks.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

13. Discuss how citizens who are not affiliated with a political party can be considered for appointment to a Town board or commission.

The Selectmen noted that at the present time appointed officials are recommended by one of two political parties. The Selectmen would like to identify additional avenues to encourage unaffiliated voters to apply for appointed positions. It was agreed that an application specifically designed for unaffiliated voters be drawn up, that it be posted on the Town’s website, and also aired as a public service announcement. This will be used to create

an additional pathway for unaffiliated interested voters to register their interest in an appointed position.

14. Discuss and take action on creation of office space for Youth and Family Services.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve creation of **office space for Youth and Family Services.**

DISCUSSION: The Historical Society would like to take back their space at Lee Academy; thus those groups who use this space need to move.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

14.A. Discuss and take action on special appropriation request of \$26,500 for creation of office space for Youth and Family Services in Memorial Town Hall.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve a **special appropriation request of \$26,500 for creation of office space for Youth and Family Services in Memorial Town Hall.**

DISCUSSION: Director of Youth and Family Services David Melillo stated this request will provide funding for conversion of the East Meeting Room at Memorial Town Hall to office space for their Youth Services counseling operation due to the fact that they need to move out of the Lee Academy.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

14.B. Discuss and take action on donation of \$2,400 from the Madison Chamber of Commerce for reinstatement of the Community Service Officer program to serve the downtown area during the summer months.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to accept **a donation of \$2,400 from the Madison Chamber of Commerce for reinstatement of the Community Service Officer program** to serve the downtown area during the summer months – with our thanks.

DISCUSSION: Acting Chief of Police thanked the Chamber of Commerce for this donation. This person will be positioned downtown assisting shoppers and business people, controlling the parking situation, and providing more exposure with the general public. The

Police Commission had a special meeting this afternoon and voted to recommend acceptance of this donation.

VOTE: This motion was unanimously approved.

15. Tax Abatements/Refunds

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to approve the requests for **tax abatements or refund of property taxes** in the amount of \$319.72 and \$175.80 respectively.

Prior Year Refund		
Steven B. Walter	\$ 319.72	
<u>Total Prior Year Refunds</u>		<u>\$ 319.72</u>
Current Year Refund		
VW Credit Leasing LTD	\$ 175.80	
<u>Total Current Year Refunds</u>		<u>\$ 175.80</u>

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

16. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments.

Selectman Kokoruda commented the Senior Citizen Commission did a walk-through at Memorial Town Hall. The Senior Center/Ambulance Center committee continues to hold meetings every two weeks. Reminder – there will be a big Fourth of July weekend here in Madison – fireworks on July 3rd; parade on July 4th; and Concert on the Green on July 5th. She requested that the appointment of Tim Millhiser to the Planning and Zoning Commission be added as an item on the July 28, 2008 agenda.

Selectman Traugh commented the Selectmen’s Council on Youth Substance Abuse held a meeting and discussed the importance of adults setting good examples. Reminder – the Concert on the Green is an alcohol-free event. She attended the Scranton Memorial Library Board meeting and discussed their proposed timeline for their expansion/addition. Also, the library has begun its summer hours.

17. Adjournment.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Palmer
Recording Secretary