

MEETING DATE:

Monday, September 8, 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 7:30 a.m. Present were Selectmen Goldberg, MacDougald, Gladstone, and Traugh. Selectman Kokoruda was absent.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to enter into Executive Session at 7:30 a.m. to discuss:

1. Personnel – Public Works Director

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to exit Executive Session at 8:02 a.m.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

First Selectman Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 8:13 a.m. Present were Selectmen Goldberg, MacDougald, Gladstone, and Traugh. Selectman Kokoruda was absent.

2. Approval of minutes – August 25, 2008.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Traugh to accept the minutes of August 25, 2008 as written.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

3. Citizen Comments.

None.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Approval of minutes – July 9, 2008 (**tabled 7/28/08**)

DISCUSSION: The Board of Selectmen agreed to keep this item tabled.

5. Discuss and take action on resignation of David Kadamus from the Economic Development Commission. **(tabled 7/28/08)**

DISCUSSION: The Board of Selectmen agreed to keep this item tabled.

6. Discuss and take action on documents describing the Nominating Process for Appointed Boards and Commissions. **(tabled 7/28/08)**

DISCUSSION: The Board of Selectmen agreed to keep this item tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Update from **Inland Wetlands Commission** on their activities (C. Thomas Paul, Chairman).

UPDATE: C. Thomas Paul, Chairman of the Inland Wetlands Commission, gave an update on their activities.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to open the agenda and move **Item #9** before **Item #8**.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

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

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action on request from Madison Hose Company #1 for approval to send tanker truck out to bid.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve request from **Madison Hose Company #1 to send tanker truck out to bid**.

DISCUSSION: Jeff Young from Madison Hose Company #1 gave a brief presentation regarding the request for a new tanker truck. Dave Thomas, Captain of Madison Hose Company #1, explained the present truck is 17 years old; it is recommended by the insurance company that these trucks be replaced every 15 years. Director of Finance Dotty Bavin stated the line item presently has \$497,000.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

8. Presentation by **The Trust for Public Land (TPL)** (Alicia Betty, Project Manager).

UPDATE: Project Manager Alicia Betty gave a PowerPoint presentation to discuss how her organization assists towns with conserving land for residents to improve the quality of life in their communities and to protect the state's natural resources for future generations. First Selectman Goldberg stated the Board of Selectmen will schedule a subsequent meeting and invite the public, various boards and commissions for the purpose of discussing how Madison should develop policies and processes designed to consider possible land acquisitions.

10. Discuss and take action on hiring Carrie Gazda – Recreation Supervisor – Beach and Recreation Department. This position is an unaffiliated position (E-3) - \$43,000 – Start date September 24, 2008 (contingent upon successful completion of a complete background investigation, physical examination, and a post-offer drug test).

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to appoint **Carrie Gazda - Recreation Supervisor** – Beach and Recreation Department. This position is an unaffiliated position (E-3) - \$43,000 – Start date September 24, 2008 (contingent upon successful completion of a complete background investigation, physical examination and a post-offer drug test).

DISCUSSION: Recreation Director introduced Carrie Gazda. She stated she is delighted to be part of the Madison team.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

11. Discuss and take action on hiring Chris Falango – Building and Grounds Maintainer – NAGE Local RI-215 – Step 1 - \$14.18/hour – Start date September 15, 2008 (contingent upon successful completion of a complete background investigation, physical examination, and a post-offer drug test).

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to hire **Chris Falango – Building and Grounds Maintainer** – NAGE Local RI-215 – Step 1 - \$14.18/hour – Start date September 15, 2008 (contingent upon successful completion of a complete background investigation, physical examination, and a post-offer drug test).

DISCUSSION: Facilities Director Bill McMinn recommended Chris Falango for this position.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action on hiring Ellie Gillespie – Part-time Secretary, Human Services - \$14.30/hour – Start date September 9, 2008 – (contingent upon successful completion of a complete background investigation, physical examination, and a post-offer drug test).

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to hire **Ellie Gillespie – Part-time Secretary, Human Services** - \$14.30/hour – Start date September 9, 2008 – (contingent upon successful completion of a complete background investigation, physical examination, and a post-offer drug test).

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

13. Discuss and take action on line item transfer request from Human Resources for **\$1,618.37** from Personnel Upgrades to Town Clerk Office Staff.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve line item transfer request from Human Resources for **\$1,618.37 from Personnel Upgrades to Town Clerk Office Staff.**

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

14. Discuss and take action on proposed new job description:

- Director of Land Use Operations and Planning

DISCUSSION: First Selectman Goldberg presented the proposed job description which has been reviewed by the Job Evaluation Committee. The Board of Selectmen decided to circulate the proposed job description to senior staff and other boards and commissions for their comments prior to taking final action.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to share the job description with senior staff and boards and commissions, recommit to the Job Evaluation Committee, and then return to the Board of Selectmen.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

15. Tax Abatements/Refunds.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve requests for tax abatements or refund of property taxes in the amount of **\$2,110.11.**

REFUNDS

Americorp Financial LLC	\$ 152.54
Alan D. Buffey	\$ 271.77
Nicholas Castrilli	\$ 36.06
Chase Manhattan Auto Finance Corp.	\$ 728.80
DCFS Trust	\$ 333.66
Honda Lease Trust	\$ 203.65
Karen Shove	\$ 104.83
Toyota Motor Credit Corp.	\$ 278.80
<u>TOTAL REFUNDS</u>	<u>\$2,110.11</u>

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

16. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments.

Selectman MacDougald stated that the September 4, 2008 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was cancelled. The Zoning Board of Appeals met Tuesday, September 2, 2008; they are reviewing the application from Madison Beach Hotel to bring the building to the ground and then construct a new facility. The Ad Hoc Energy Committee is holding the following events:

September 26 – 27, 2008

“Going Green on the Green” – join Madison Cares and help frame a Habitat for Humanity house on the Madison Town Green
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

September 27, 2008

“Green Your Home Fair” – simple steps to save energy and money on the Madison Town Green
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Selectman Gladstone stated the proposed Common Applications for those residents interested in volunteering in Town government have been circulated to boards and commissions for their review.

Selectman Traugh stated the Board of Education met and made a presentation on the CAPT and CMT testing results; Madison out performed in their District Reference Group (DRG); the scores are excellent; Madison is where it should be for the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) requirements. The presentation and testing results can be reviewed on the Madison school website and www.CTreports.com. The Island Avenue School boiler project is on schedule and within budget. The Friends of Scranton Memorial Library are holding a “Parade of Pooches” this Saturday, September 13, 2008 on the Madison Town Green. The

Scranton Library has put up a photographic exhibit of its history in the library. The Selectmen's Council on Youth Substance Abuse was awarded the Drug Free Communities Grant; this will provide \$125,000 per year for five years to support community collaboration.

First Selectman Goldberg stated the Connecticut Siting Council visited Madison and held hearings on the proposed cell tower at the Bulky Waste facility on Ridge Road. He reminded the public that there will be a Public Meeting on October 23, 2008 which will formally adjourn to the voting booths on November 4, 2008 for the Scranton Memorial Library Expansion Project vote. He commended the Town staff, public works, the fire companies, and the police department for responding to the effects of Hurricane Hanna this past weekend.

17. Adjournment.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Palmer
Recording Secretary