

MEETING DATE:

Monday, January 12, 2009

MEETING PLACE:

Madison Room - Town Campus

## Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

First Selectman Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:00 a.m. Present were Selectmen Goldberg, Kokoruda, Traugh, MacDougald, and Gladstone. Also in attendance was Town Attorney Bill Clendenen.

**MOVED** by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to enter into Executive Session at 7:00 a.m. to discuss the following two items.

**VOTE:** This motion was approved unanimously.

1. Litigation
2. Discussion of sensitive employment and medical issues raised by individual Town employee.

**MOVED** by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to exit Executive Session at 8:08 a.m.

**VOTE:** This motion was approved unanimously.

First Selectman Goldberg called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 8:15 a.m. Present were Selectmen Goldberg, Gladstone, Kokoruda, Traugh, and MacDougald.

3. Approval of minutes
  - a. December 3, 2008 meeting minutes

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the minutes of December 3, 2008 as amended.

First paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence should read:

Present were Selectmen Goldberg, Kokoruda, Traugh, and MacDougald; Selectman Gladstone was absent.

Item #1, DISCUSSION paragraph should read:

**DISCUSSION:** The State of Connecticut is facing deficits. In the current fiscal year (2008-2009), the State is facing a \$350M deficit (2% of the budget) and it is estimated the deficit will be \$6B for the next two (2) years. For fiscal year 2010, Governor Rell and the Legislature are looking at the following:

**VOTE:** This motion to amend was approved (4-0-1). Selectman Gladstone abstained.

- b. December 15, 2008 meeting minutes

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the minutes of December 15, 2008 as amended.

Item #10, last **MOVED** should read:

**MOVED** by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to accept - with our thanks - the donation of labor services from Madison Earth Care Services, Inc. to work on

projects outlined by Bill McMinn.

**VOTE:** This motion was approved unanimously.

- c. December 30, 2008 meeting minutes

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the minutes of December 30, 2008 as written.

**VOTE:** This motion was approved (4-0-1), Selectman Gladstone abstained.

4. Citizen Comments.

Maureen Lopes, a representative from Madison Supports Seniors Group, presented a handout entitled "Ambulance Association - Senior Center Project - Fact Sheet provided by the 'Madison Supports Seniors' Committee" which outlined the reasons for the proposed project, construction, project costs, and getting the word out.

**NEW BUSINESS**

5. Discuss and take action to accept the recommendation of the Board of Finance to increase abatement amounts for Ordinance "Property Tax Relief Programs for Certain Elderly and/or Disabled Taxpayers" and send Ordinance on to a Public Hearing.

**DISCUSSION:** Tax Collector Alma Carroll stated that the Board of Finance, at their meeting of December 17, 2008, rejected the proposal presented to them by the Board of Selectmen and the Ad Hoc Senior and Disabled Tax Relief Committee (2008) and recommended changes to the current Ordinance § 20-10 to increase the amount of abatement given per each income tier, as the schedule below reflects, to be effective for FY 2009 - 2010:

<u>Income</u>	<u>Abatement</u>
0 - \$33,443	\$950.00
\$33,444 - \$44,590	\$700.00
\$44,591 - \$55,737	\$450.00
Less than 5 years	\$100.00

**MOVED** by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Traugh to modify the existing ordinance with economic changes recommended by the Board of Finance as well as including the medical exception and move it forward in the Ordinance Amendment process.

**VOTE:** This motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action on Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget Workshop Schedule.

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the **Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget Workshop Schedule** as amended - move the Wednesday, February 4, 2009 meeting to Monday, February 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

**VOTE:** This motion was approved unanimously.

7. Discuss and take action on setting the 2009 Standard Mileage Rate at 55 cents per mile for all business miles driven per 2009 Standard Mileage Rates set by the Internal Revenue Service.

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to set the calendar year **2009 Standard Mileage Rate at 55 cents per mile for all business miles driven per 2009 Standard Mileage Rates set by the Internal Revenue Service.**

**VOTE:** This motion was approved unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action on request for a resolution approving the following banks and securities firms to be authorized for deposit of Town of Madison Public Funds.

**Bank of America, Citizens Bank, Connecticut Short Term Investment Fund, Guilford Savings Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank, Liberty Bank, New Alliance Bank, Peoples Bank, Reich & Tang, Reliance Trust Company, TD BankNorth, Wachovia Bank, Wachovia Securities, Webster Bank**

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve the above-named banks and securities firms to be authorized for deposit of Town of Madison Public Funds.

**VOTE:** This motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action on hiring professional service as recommended by the Joint Facilities Review Committee for the Town of Madison facilities' study.

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to 'table' this item.

**VOTE:** The motion to table was approved unanimously.

10. Discuss and take action on promotion of Michael Ott to the position of Director of Public Works and Town Engineer, effective January 1, 2009, \$90,658, non-Union, Exempt, Level E-7.

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to promote **Michael Ott to the position of Director of Public Works and Town Engineer, effective January 1, 2009, \$90,658, non-Union, Exempt, Level E-7.**

**DISCUSSION:** Manager of Human Resources Rita Umile commented this is part of the succession plan initiated several years ago by former Director of Public Works Stew MacMillan to transition someone over a four-year period. The salary is within the competitive range compared to the towns of Guilford, North Branford, and Cheshire. The Job Evaluation Committee has reviewed and approved the revised job description.

**VOTE:** This motion was approved unanimously.

11. Discuss and take action on promotion of John Iennaco to the position of Assistant Director of Public Works and Assistant Town Engineer, effective January 1, 2009, \$75,000, non-Union, Exempt, Level E-5.

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to promote **John Iennaco to the position of Assistant Director of Public Works and Assistant Town Engineer**, effective January 1, 2009, \$75,000, non-Union, Exempt, Level E-5.

**VOTE:** This motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action on reappointment and charge of the Madison Center Project Committee.

**Appointments:** Pam McKinnon, Andrew Brauer, Lorey Walz, Eileen Banisch, Joan McPherson, Abigail Fearon, and Ryan Duques

**Charge:**

(1) To oversee implementation of the Madison Center Project Plan as adopted by the Board of Selectmen in order to beautify and strengthen the Madison Center area from Island Avenue to Scotland Avenue, and to incorporate the area from the Scranton Memorial Parking Lot to Bradley Road;

(2) To seek participation and ideas from Town of Madison Departments, Boards and Commissions, property owners, tenants and citizens, as well as other affected or interested parties, in the implementation of the Plan;

(3) To seek and apply for contributions/grants from federal, state, and local public and/or private sources to assist in the implementation of the Plan. Term of the Committee shall not exceed twenty-four (24) months.  
**Term to expire January 1, 2011.**

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to reappoint the above-mentioned appointments and charge.

**VOTE:** This motion was approved unanimously.

13. Discuss and take action on recommendation from the Democratic Town Committee to appoint/reappoint the following:

\* Appoint Barry Nann as an Alternate Member on the Inland Wetlands Commission for a term to expire 1/1/2013.

**MOVED** by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to appoint **Barry Nann as an Alternate Member on the Inland Wetlands Commission** for a term to expire 1/1/2013.

**VOTE:** This motion was approved unanimously.

\* Reappoint Sandra Hennen to the Historic Commission moving her from an Alternate to a Regular Member for a term to expire 1/1/2014.

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to reappoint **Sandra Hennen to the Historic Commission** moving her from an Alternate to a Regular Member for a term to expire 1/1/2014.

**VOTE:** This motion was approved unanimously.

14. The following line transfers are designated as routine and appropriate for approval as a single action by the Board of Selectmen, if so desired. A Board member may request removal of any line item transfer from the consent agenda for review and discussion.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve line item transfers in the amount of \$40,700 (copy of 'Summary of Line Transfers' attached to these minutes).

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

#### 15. Tax Abatements/Refunds

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve refunds in the amount of \$5,753.99 prior year and \$367.92 current year.

<u>Prior Year Refunds</u>		
CAB East LLC	\$ 1,444.23	
CAMRAC Inc.	\$ 3,966.23	
GMAC	\$ 256.20	
Volvo Finance N.A.	\$ 87.33	
Total Prior Year Refunds		\$ 5,753.99
 <u>Refunds</u>		
DCFS Trust	\$ 41.51	
Jonathan W. Burby	\$ 248.15	
Todd T. Vankirk	\$ 78.26	
Total Refunds		\$ 367.92

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve refunds totaling \$6,121.91.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

#### 16. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments

Selectman MacDougald stated the RU-2 subcommittee of the Planning and Zoning Commission continues to work on rezoning property south of Route 1. They will also focus on selecting consultants for the Plan of Conservation Development.

Selectman Gladstone stated the Beach and Recreation Commission met and prepared their budget for the next fiscal year; they expect to generate income to meet their expectations.

Selectman Kokoruda commented the Historic Commission met and is working on defining the scope of their regulations. They will have a small budget next year for supplies and secretarial/clerical support. The Facilities Project Review Committee has prepared their budget items for LOCAP and Planned and Cycled Maintenance projects. Town employees did a great job putting together the wonderful retirement event for Stew MacMillan last week.

Selectman Traugh stated the Joint Task Force for the Selectmen's Council on Youth Substance Abuse has decided to move ahead with applying for the Safe Schools Grant and has looked at possibly filing jointly with Guilford. There were two significant reports at the recent Board of Education meeting: (1) the town campus learning center/pre-school program and (2) presentation of an all-day

kindergarten study. The committee decided it is not prudent to move forward at this time with an all-day program.

First Selectman Goldberg stated that in late December 2008 the Department of Transportation held a public meeting to explain the further expansion and development of Madison's train station. The State's current plan is to begin the next expansion in 2010; however, it may be pushed back due to funding constraints. The State Legislature has convened, they have received the Governor's proposed budget; municipal levels will see increased tension to divide up the revenue pie. Madison's Public Works Department has been spending an incredible amount of hours recently to keep our roads clear from snow and ice - they have done a wonderful job! The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009; details are on the Town's website.

#### 17. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m.

**VOTE:** This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Palmer  
Recording Secretary