

MEETING DATE:

Monday, March 23, 2009

MEETING PLACE:

Madison Room - Town Campus

### Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

First Selectman Goldberg called the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:32 p.m. Present were Selectmen Goldberg, Gladstone, Kokoruda, Traugh, and MacDougald.

#### NEW BUSINESS

3. Discuss and take action on proclaiming the week of March 8-14, 2009 as "Girl Scouts Make the World a Better Place Week."

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to proclaim the week of March 8-14, 2009 as "Girl Scouts Make the World a Better Place Week."

DISCUSSION: Two Brownie Troops from the Town of Madison, along with their leaders, attended the meeting to receive a proclamation read by Selectman Traugh. (Proclamation attached to these minutes.)

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

1. Approval of minutes.

\* March 9, 2009

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 9, 2009 as written.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

2. Citizen Comments.

Bill Barker, 7 Hamilton Drive, expressed his concern with the shortage of gym space for this upcoming summer. He asked the Board of Selectmen for their support to mediate between the Beach and Recreation Commission and his summer basketball program.

Jeff Rosenberg, Chairman of Beach and Recreation Commission, stated the commission is consistently following its policies, and that they have strenuously attempted to find a compromise.

4. Discuss and take action on proclaiming Saturday, March 28, 2009 between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. as "Earth Hour 2009" in the Town of Madison.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to proclaim Saturday, March 28, 2009 between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. as "Earth Hour 2009" in the Town of Madison.

DISCUSSION: Dean Plummer, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Energy Committee, outlined the events of *Earth Hour*, the Solar Energy Workshop held this morning at the Town Campus, and the award of a

solar panel to the Town of Madison which will be installed somewhere on our main street. On *Earth Day* they anticipate designating a finalist for a poster to recognize energy conservation. Selectman Kokoruda read the Proclamation. (“**Earth Hour 2009**” proclamation attached to these minutes.)

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

5. Update on progress of Ad Hoc Ethics Program Committee.

**UPDATE:** Ed Dowling, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Ethics Committee, introduced those members of the committee who were present: Jim Matteson, Pete Pardo, and Linda Smith-Criddle. He stated the point of ethics laws for municipal officials is to improve both the perception and the reality of integrity in local government and to encourage, not discourage, citizens from participating in that government. He presented an interim report/overview of their work to date. His committee will likely recommend the establishment of an Ethics Body and an Ethics Policy.

6. Discuss and take action on calling a Public Hearing on the preliminary Town and Board of Education budgets as recommended by the Board of Finance on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Walter C. Polson Middle School in accordance with the Town Charter.

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to call a Public Hearing on the preliminary **Town and Board of Education budgets as recommended by the Board of Finance on Tuesday, April 28, 2009** at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Walter C. Polson Middle School in accordance with the Town Charter.

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

7. Discuss and take action on resolution recommending that the Town of Madison appropriate \$5,515,000 and authorize borrowing for the Ambulance/Senior Center Project and submits to the voters at referendum to be held May 19, 2009 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., in the manner provided by Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958.

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve a resolution recommending that the **Town of Madison appropriate \$5,515,000 and authorize borrowing for the Ambulance/Senior Center Project** and submits to the voters at referendum to be held May 19, 2009 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., in the manner provided by Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958. (Resolution of Board of Selectmen - Ambulance Facility/Senior Center Project attached to these minutes.)

**VOTE:** This motion was approved 4-1 (Selectman MacDougald opposed).

8. Discuss and take action on calling a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Level of the Memorial Town Hall for the following purpose:

“Shall the Town of Madison appropriate \$5,515,000 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?"

**MOVED** by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to call a **Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2009** at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Level of the Memorial Town Hall for the above purpose.

**DISCUSSION:** Selectman Traugh commented that as this project is now officially being sent to referendum, according to Connecticut State Law, the Town is prohibited from spending any taxpayers' money advocating for or against this project; only factual information can be disseminated.

**VOTE:** This motion was approved 4-1 (Selectman MacDougald opposed).

**9. Discussion of ongoing steps in managing legal activities.**

First Selectman Goldberg and Selectman MacDougald presented a discussion draft of ideas for the Board of Selectmen to investigate and consider implementing.

**DISCUSSION:**

- 1) Continue to reorient Town Government back to the traditional role in which the Board of Selectmen serves as the guiding and oversight body for all legal activity.
- (2) Continue to assure compliance with the staff administrative policies requiring that use of legal counsel for any matter or case must first be cleared with the First Selectman.
- (3) Explore the possibility of utilizing lower-priced consultants to handle certain activities which this Town has traditionally looked to outside counsel to perform (e.g. labor contract negotiations, or the development and review of policy manuals).
- (4) Continue our new practice of this Board of Selectmen meeting regularly with the Board of Police Commissioners in order to achieve some understanding regarding strategy on cases and other matters and to understand the cost benefits of those cases.
- (5) Consider developing a documented or written process where new cases or legal matters are submitted in writing, with an understanding of the cost benefits.

The members of the Board of Selectmen agreed that these items are worthy of further exploration.

**10. Identification of two Selectmen to serve on the "Joint Legal Costs Oversight Workgroup."**

**DISCUSSION:** Selectman Gladstone suggested that First Selectman Goldberg and Selectman MacDougald serve on this workgroup which will also include two members from the Board of Finance. The duration will be six months from the date of formation; with a review and possible reauthorization after six months. The workgroup members will report to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance as needed. Their charge will be to review submitted legal bills, provide on-going review of legal expenditures, provide advice regarding efficient use of legal services; but will not have direct management of any legal relationship or case.

11. Discuss and take action on calling a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room A - Town Campus for the following purpose:

1. To consider and take action on Special Appropriation request of \$385,000 from Legal Services for insufficient funding available to support legal expenditures for the current fiscal year due to increased legal fees for Assessments, matters related to the Police Department, and Pensions.

**MOVED** by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to call a **Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in Conference Room A - Town Campus for the above purpose.

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

12. Discuss and take action on awarding bid for the Surf Club Summer Concession contract for 2009, 2010 and 2011 summer seasons.

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to award **bid for the Surf Club Summer Concession contract for 2009, 2010, and 2011 summer seasons to Madison Chocolates, LLC.**

**DISCUSSION:** Director of Beach and Recreation Scot Erskine explained that ten requests for proposals were sent out; two came back. The Beach and Recreation Commission recommended Paul Staley of Madison Chocolates, LLC.

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

13. Discuss and take action on the following Job Descriptions approved by the Job Evaluation Committee:

- Assessor

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to accept the **Assessor Job Description** approved by the Job Evaluation Committee.

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

- Account Clerk

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to accept the **Account Clerk Job Description** approved by the Job Evaluation Committee.

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

14. Discuss and take action on hiring Ms. Kim Seegert as Part-Time Account Clerk - Non-Union - \$15.21/hour - Finance Office.

**MOVED** by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to hire **Ms. Kim Seegert as Part-Time Account Clerk - Non-Union - \$15.21/hour** - Finance Office.

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

15. Discuss and take action on request from Madison Youth and Family Services to accept a \$6,000 grant from Neighbor-to-Neighbor (a joint effort of the United Way of Greater New Haven and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven) to provide emergency housing assistance to Madison families in need.

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve a request from Madison Youth and Family Services to accept a **\$6,000 grant from Neighbor-to-Neighbor** (a joint effort of the United Way of Greater New Haven and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven) to provide emergency housing assistance to Madison families in need - with our thanks.

**DISCUSSION:** Social Services Coordinator Wendy Larson commented this grant money will provide funds to help families who are awaiting state and/or federal assistance - it will be a one-time only grant.

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

16. Discuss and take action on Special Appropriation request of \$37,000 to fund Heart and Hypertension account.

**MOVED** by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve **Special Appropriation request of \$37,000 to fund Heart and Hypertension account.**

**DISCUSSION:** First Selectman Goldberg noted that approximately half this overage results from steps the Board of Selectmen wants to strengthen our ability to more aggressively manage these disability claims. The other half is due to the unanticipated increase in the benefits paid to claimants for prescription drugs.

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

17. 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 MacDougald to approve **Line Transfers totaling \$7,664.91**. (Summary of Line Transfers attached.)

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

18. Discuss and take action on recommendation from the Democratic Town Committee to appoint Geoffrey Chupp as an Alternate Member to the Shellfish Commission to fill a vacancy to expire 1/1/2013.

**MOVED** by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to approve recommendation from the Democratic Town Committee to appoint **Geoffrey Chupp as an Alternate Member to the Shellfish Commission** to fill a vacancy to expire 1/1/2013.

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

19. Discuss and take action on resignation of Ruth Burris from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to accept the resignation of Ruth Burris from the Zoning Board of Appeals - with our thanks!

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

20. Tax Abatements/Refunds

**MOVED** by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve Refunds in the amount of \$1,199.83.

DCFS Trust	\$ 298.07
Nissan Infiniti	49.36
Porsche Leasing LTD	547.76
WV Credit Leasing LTD	304.64

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

21. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments

Selectman Kokoruda stated LOCAP met and DRA has had their first meeting. The Senior Citizen Commission met; they discussed with Senator Ed Meyer their fear of losing the Dial-a-Ride Program. The Commission is getting some great ideas from their newest Beach and Recreation Department employee Carrie Gazda. Shoreline Lifelong Learning - 234 people have joined. On April 3, 2009 there will be an Open House at the Senior Depot. On May 13, 2009 St Margaret's Church will present a speaker who will discuss the functionality of seniors.

Selectman Traugh attended a recent Scranton Memorial Library Trustee meeting; one item of discussion centered on their rental properties. In regards to their annual Book Sale, they are working on finding a collection site; the actual Book Sale will take place at Academy School. At the Board of Education meeting, Jean Baker, Director of Guidance at Daniel Hand High School, gave a presentation on School Counseling and how her department supports school students applying for college using on-line services. The Shellfish Commission had a guest speaker, Tim Visel, Coordinator at The Sound School; he stated the shoreline is at the beginning of a 30-year upswing for oysters.

First Selectman Goldberg informed everyone of the Special Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at the Town Campus - Room A. Also, on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 the Madison Property Owners Association (MPOA) will sponsor a seminar on regionalization at the Memorial Town Hall. The Town's senior staff is keeping an eye on grant initiatives that could arise out of the National Stimulus Package. So far they have identified three initiatives - education, hiring of police officers, and energy conservation grants.

22. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Palmer  
Recording Secretary

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Wednesday March 12, 2009, marks the 97<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia; and,

**WHEREAS**, throughout its long and distinguished history, Girl Scouting has helped build millions of girls and women of courage, confidence, and character who act to make the world a better place; and,

**WHEREAS**, Girl Scouting's core values of high ideals, patriotism, respect for self and others, and community service permeate its traditional and innovative programs; and,

**WHEREAS**, through Girl Scouting's unique leadership development program, girls develop their potential and the self-confidence and life skills to improve themselves and the world around them; and,

**WHEREAS**, through the dedication, time, and talent of volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, the Girl Scout Program is brought to over 55,000 girls in grades K-12 across the state of Connecticut; and,

**WHEREAS**, more than 3.7 million Girl Scout members nationwide will be celebrating 97 years of this American tradition with nearly 50 million women who grew up participating in Girl Scouting and who exemplify the impact of this empowering Movement that emphasizes helping others and community service;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Alfred J. Goldberg, by virtue of the authority vested in me as First Selectman of the Town of Madison, do hereby applaud the commitment Girl Scouting has made to America's girls and their local communities and proudly proclaim the week of March 8-14, 2009, as "***Girl Scouts Make the World a Better Place Week.***"

**DONE**...this, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, two thousand and nine in the Town of Madison, CT.

For the Board of Selectmen

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Alfred J. Goldberg  
First Selectman

# PROCLAMATION

## In Support of “Earth Hour 2009”

**WHEREAS**, our nation’s use of energy continues to increase resulting in detrimental effects on the world’s climate; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been estimated that turning non-essential lights out in America for one hour could save as much as 15% of the energy consumed on an average Saturday night, and

**WHEREAS**, the energy savings will reduce carbon emissions into our air, preserve the natural resources used to produce this energy, set a positive precedent for the rest of the nation, and result in reduced costs for the town, taxpayers and businesses of Madison.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Madison that the Board supports these goals, directs the Department of Public Works to make reasonable efforts to turn off non-essential lighting in public areas on or before Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 8:30 p.m., consider making these changes permanent and recommends to residents and businesses of Madison that they do the same; at least between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Dated at Madison, CT this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2009

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Alfred J. Goldberg, First Selectman

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Noreen S. Kokoruda

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William E. Gladstone

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Joseph A. MacDougald

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Kathi J. Traugh

## **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

### **Ambulance Facility/Senior Center Project**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Madison appropriate \$5,515,000, and authorize the issue of bonds or notes and temporary notes in the same amount to finance said appropriation, for design, construction, furnishing and equipping of an approximately 5,000 square foot ambulance facility to be used by the Madison Ambulance Association and located on Town-owned property at 9 Old Route 79 in Madison and of an approximately 10,600 square foot senior center to be located on Town-owned property at 35 and 29 Bradley Road in Madison, including the demolition of the existing Depot Building located on the 9 Old Route 79 site and the existing Madison Ambulance Garage and the former Madison Grange buildings located on the 35 and 29 Bradley Road site; related site improvements, appurtenances and other work, including but not limited to improvements to the American Legion Post 79 Hall site at 43 Bradley Road in Madison to provide shared parking and driveway access for the benefit of the proposed senior center; and costs related to the financing of the project. No portion of the appropriation shall be expended on the construction of said shared improvements on the 43 Bradley Road site until such time as the Town has entered into a long-term agreement with the site owner running with the land with the respect to the Town's use of said shared improvements.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a Town Meeting be held on May 5, 2009 to consider a resolution appropriating funds and authorizing financing for the project, which resolution the Board of Selectmen hereby designates for submission to the voters at referendum to be held May 19, 2009 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M., in the manner provided by Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that due and proper notice of said Town Meeting and said Referendum is given in substantially the form presented to this meeting, a copy of which shall be included in the minutes of the meeting. If said Referendum is held in conjunction with the referendum votes on the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the Town Clerk shall also incorporate notice of said Referendum into the notice of the budget referendum votes.

