

MEETING DATE:
MEETING PLACE:

Monday, April 13, 2009
Madison Room - Town Campus

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

First Selectman Goldberg called the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 8:04 a.m. Present were Selectmen Goldberg, Gladstone, Kokoruda, Traugh, and MacDougald.

1. Approval of minutes.

* March 23, 2009

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2009 as amended.

Item #21, sentence #3 should read:

~~The Beach and Recreation Commission met;~~ The Commission is getting some great ideas from their newest Beach and Recreation Department employee Carrie Gazda.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to open the agenda to read and approve the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting - Board of Selectmen/Board of Police Commissioners of March 24, 2009 as written.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

Selectman Gladstone read the minutes of March 24, 2009.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to approve the minutes of the Special Joint Meeting - Board of Selectmen/Board of Police Commissioners of March 24, 2009 as read and written.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

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

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

2. Citizen Comments.

Gus Horvath, 50 Beechwood Drive, (1) discussed the merits of reinstating the Town Administrator position and also (2) offered his assistance if a committee was organized to look at open space land acquisition.

Tom Banisch, 554 Boston Post Road, suggested putting the Charter Revision Committee back together to vote on the Town Administrator position or put in an ordinance to reinstate that position. In his opinion, the Charter does not preclude a Town Administrator's position.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Update from the Ad Hoc Energy Committee on their activities.

UPDATE: Selectman Gladstone commented that the Ad Hoc Energy Committee's two-year charge will expire in June 2009. They are presently looking at locations for the installation of a solar panel. The Connecticut Clean Energy Fund is looking at energy efficiency in our high school; it will cost \$20,000. They are also looking at grants to fund a regional energy manager position shared among neighboring towns.

4. Discuss and take action on proclaiming the month of April 2009 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in the Town of Madison.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to proclaim the month of April 2009 as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** in the Town of Madison.

Selectman Kokoruda read the following:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS...the alarming climb of Child Abuse in America poses one of the most powerful impacts on our children we as a nation face, and

WHEREAS...despite the best efforts of local and national emphasis, the rate of Child Abuse increases annually and touches more and more of our citizens, and

WHEREAS...as a consequence, each of us must accept the fact that control of Child Abuse is an obligation and responsibility that all of us must share and accept.

NOW, THEREFORE, as First Selectman of Madison, I urge all of our citizens to accept this challenge and respond to The Exchange Club of America efforts to raise awareness about the positive impact parents and caregivers can have on children and learn helpful tips about positive parenting which each of us can practice to help break the cycle of Child Abuse which we as a society collectively face.

AND FURTHER, I commend **The Exchange Club of Madison** for sounding the call for our community, but also for its commitment to a program that will help Madison residents to wage a war against Child Abuse and

THEREFORE, in support of **The Exchange Club of Madison** to focus proper public attention on this vital community effort, I hereby proclaim the month of **April 2009** be observed as **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and that this month be used to launch an aggressive determination on the part of all of us to personally counter Child Abuse in Madison.

Dated at Madison, Connecticut this 13th day of April 2009

DISCUSSION: Exchange Club of Madison Bill Lawlor commented there are four (4) child abuse prevention centers in the State of Connecticut. The Madison Exchange Club donates \$10,000 per year to these centers.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

5. Discuss and take action on proclaiming April 25, 2009 as **Green-Up Clean-Up Day** in the Town of Madison and urge all residents to participate in this worthwhile project.

Selectman Traugh read the following:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1984 the Town of Madison held its First Annual Green-Up Clean-Up Day to coincide with Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, through the outstanding efforts of the Town Landscape Committee and numerous other volunteers, this program has continued to grow over the last several years; and

WHEREAS, Madison has been in the forefront of a shoreline effort to combat litter; and

WHEREAS, through the hard work of town residents, Madison has been given an annual "Spring Cleaning" which is appreciated throughout the whole year;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Madison, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2009 as **GREEN-UP CLEAN-UP DAY** and urge all residents to participate in this worthwhile project.

Dated at Madison, Connecticut this 13th day of April 2009.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to proclaim April 25, 2009 as **Green-Up Clean-Up Day** in the Town of Madison and urge all residents to participate in this worthwhile project.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action on donation from Madison Little League of permanent structure dugouts on Jaycee Auxiliary Field. Project approved by Beach and Recreation Commission on April 3, 2009. (Pending plan approval from ACCA and Planning and Zoning.)

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to accept donation from Bozzutto's Inc. with our thanks to the family.

DISCUSSION: Tom Banisch commented these new dugouts will replace the current chain link fence dugouts with new traditional enclosed dugouts and will provide shelter for players from sun and inclement weather.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

7. Discuss and take action on request for addition to the existing resolution for the **Boiler Asbestos Removal Project/#076-0064CV**.

"The Kathleen H. Ryerson Building Committee is hereby authorized to prepare schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Kathleen H. Ryerson School boiler and piping asbestos removal."

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to approve the addition to the existing resolution for the **Boiler Asbestos Removal Project /#076-0064CV** as stated.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action on recommendation from Director of Finance that the Board of Selectmen recommend to the Board of Finance that our new Energy Assistance Reserve for Heating Fund be modified to accept revenue for administration compensation from Operation Fuel.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the recommendation from Director of Finance that the Board of Selectmen recommend to the Board of Finance that our new **Energy Assistance Reserve for Heating Fund** be modified to accept revenue for administration compensation from Operation Fuel.

DISCUSSION: Selectman Kokoruda summarized this program provides emergency energy assistance to Connecticut residents who do not qualify for, or have exhausted, their government assistance. The Town of Madison has received a check totaling \$60.00 for fuel bank application fees the Board of Selectmen recommends to the Board of Finance that our new Energy Assistance Reserve for Heating Fund be modified to accept revenue for administration compensation from Operation Fuel.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action on authorizing the First Selectman to apply for a targeted Historic Document Preservation Program Grant from the Connecticut State Library and to consider the appointment of the Town Clerk as applicant for the Grant.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to authorize the First Selectman to apply for a targeted **Historic Document Preservation Program Grant from the Connecticut State Library** and to consider the appointment of the Town Clerk as applicant for the Grant.

DISCUSSION: Town Clerk Dolly Bean stated this year we hope to receive a \$5,000 grant to have an inventory conducted of all records in the Town Clerk's office, Land Records vault, and the storeroom at Town Campus along with a Needs Assessment and Program Plan. We must have the Needs Assessment and Program Plan performed before we would be able to apply for any future competitive grants available through the Historic Document Preservation Grant Program.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

10. Discuss and take action on request from Madison Senior Services to reapply for an On-Demand Transportation (Dial-A-Ride) Grant in FY 2009-2010 for \$32,003. This would be the fourth year of this grant which provides rides for seniors and disabled citizens to medical and other appointments.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to approve request from Madison Senior Services to reapply for an **On-Demand Transportation (Dial-A-Ride) Grant in FY 2009-2010 for \$32,003.**

DISCUSSION: First Selectman Goldberg commented that Governor Rell's fiscal year 2009-2010 budget does not include money for the Dial-a-Ride program; however, the legislature is recommending that it be included.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

11. Discuss and take action on resolution authorizing the First Selectman, Alfred J. Goldberg, to negotiate and execute all necessary agreement/contract documents on behalf of the Town of Madison with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut for the Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation Expanded Program and to affix the corporate seal.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to authorize the First Selectman, Alfred J. Goldberg, to negotiate and execute all necessary agreement/contract documents on behalf of the Town of Madison with the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut for the **Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation Expanded Program** and to affix the corporate seal.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

12. Further discussion regarding developing a process for Open Space Land Acquisition.

DISCUSSION: Selectman MacDougald commented that Guilford formed a Land Acquisition Committee years ago. He noted that he attended a meeting with Town officials convened by the First Selectman to explore the idea. That group agreed that it would be timely and appropriate to form such a committee; that it would improve responsiveness should property become available. Selectman MacDougald and Selectman Traugh will develop a 'charge' for the formation of the Land Acquisition Study Committee to study open space and bring it back to the Board of Selectmen for their review and approval.

13. The following line item 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 Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to approve line item transfers totaling **\$122,520.00** (copy of "Summary of Line Transfers" dated April 13, 2009 attached).

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

14. Tax Abatements/Refunds

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to approve refunds in the amount of **\$2,620.30**.

Alan L. and Barbara A. Blake	\$ 955.71 (prior year)
	<u>160.56</u>
	\$1,116.27 (total)
CAMRAC, Inc.	\$1,272.45 (prior year)
Peter Czuchra	\$ 13.61
VW Credit Leasing LTD	\$ 217.97

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

15. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments

Selectman MacDougald stated the Planning and Zoning Commission subcommittee interviewed consultants for the 2010 Plan of Conservation and Development and will make a recommendation to the full commission. He suggested that the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning and Zoning Commission meet to clarify their jurisdictions. First Selectmen Goldberg, Selectman MacDougald, Finance Committee Members Jennifer Tung and Owen Charles have met to review the Town's legal bills. This new committee will meet each month to monitor the bills.

Selectman Gladstone urged residents to attend the April 28, 2009 Public Hearing on the Town and Board of Education budgets and reminded residents to vote on these budgets on May 19, 2009.

Selectman Kokoruda commented Youth and Family Services met; three of their employees gave enthusiastic presentations on their respective programs - Peg Butler (peer helpers, kindness week, the food basket, spring baskets for children, raising awareness of the needy, and spreading the word to stop the 'word'); Marcie Beatty (whose got the power - stop being bullies); and Laurie Ruderfer (update on the drug free community grant). April is volunteer appreciation month, we commend our 200-300 volunteers in this Town - they are appreciated. The Girl Scouts are taking trips to The Hearth at Tuxis Pond to visit with the residents.

Selectman Traugh stated the Selectmen's Council on Youth Substance Abuse is discussing asking the Board of Selectmen for a new name that better describes the group, as well as some changes to how the group is composed. They have already submitted their Year 2 reapplication for the Drug Free Community Grant. At the Board of Education meeting it was explained they are applying for another Federal grant "Safe Routes to Schools." The school calendar has been adjusted; Election Day will always be a Professional Development Day. An Island Avenue School class used WebCam technology to expand teaching and instructional capabilities by linking up over the web with a classroom in Kennebunkport, Maine. Scranton Memorial Library has found a book drop-off location for this year's book sale; the blue home next to The Hearth at Tuxis Pond. They want to express their thanks to everyone who helped them secure this location and hope that the community will support this important fundraiser.

First Selectman Goldberg provided a handout to the Selectmen identifying measures implemented during the current fiscal year to reduce spending of funds even though they were approved as part of the budget. He indicated that these funds, totaling nearly \$400,000, have been embargoed and he will not allow them to be spent. These savings will be used to offset other expenses or reduce the Mil Rate increases next year.

16. Adjournment

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 9:34 a.m.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Palmer
Recording Secretary