

MEETING DATE:

Monday, May 11, 2009

MEETING PLACE:

Madison Room A - Town Campus

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

First Selectman Goldberg called the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 8:03 a.m. Present were Selectmen Goldberg, Kokoruda, Traugh, Gladstone, and MacDougald.

1. Approval of minutes.

* April 27, 2009

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2009 as amended.

Item #20, second paragraph, sixth sentence, should read:

The Planning and Zoning Commission did not approve the proposed Lowrey Field Parking renovation; the Beach and Recreation Commission will look at another solution.

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

* April 24, 2009

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

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

2. Citizen Comments.

Emile Geisenheimer, 14 Middle Beach Road, Chairman of the Board of Police Commissioners, engaged the Board of Selectmen in a discussion of an Attorney to represent the Police Commission.

Walter Lippmann, 11 Sycamore Lane, made comments on the scheduling of meetings, a Reverse 911 system, and use of Town vehicles.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to open the agenda to move Item #8 after Item #3.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

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

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Discuss and take action on appointment of Town Counsel.

DISCUSSION: Selectman MacDougald summarized the search process used to identify a replacement firm. After contacting numerous firms, he and First Selectman Goldberg interviewed four (4) firms. The firm being recommended is Berchem, Moses, and Devlin, P.C. of Milford, CT.

Selectman Traugh said that she had consulted with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) on the issue of in-house Town attorney. CCM conducted a survey of 18 municipalities about the size of Madison. Only one of the 18 had an in-house counsel and the salary reported to CCM was much higher than the retainer discussed with Berchem, Moses and Devlin, P.C.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Traugh to appoint the Law Firm of Berchem, Moses, and Devlin, P.C. from Milford, CT as Town Attorney immediately to represent the Town in all matters as we direct.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

(9:03 a.m. - took a 5-minute break)

(departs Selectman Kokoruda)

(9:09 a.m. - First Selectman called the meeting back to order)

3. Discuss and take action on awarding bid for the 2009-2010 Maintenance of Landscaped Beds (tabled 4/27/09).

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to untable this item and award bid for the 2009-2010 Maintenance of Landscaped Beds to Langer Contractors, LLC, Killingworth, CT).

DISCUSSION: Director of Public Works and Town Engineer Mike Ott informed the Board that the lowest bidder withdrew their bid; two companies were then tied for second place. Langer Contractors, LLC was selected based on municipal contract experience.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Discuss and take action on charge for new committee "Land Acquisition Program Study Committee."

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Traugh to adopt the charge for the new committee "Land Acquisition Program Study Committee."

DISCUSSION: Selectman MacDougald suggested this new committee should have a member from the Conservation Commission and residents are urged to contact the First Selectman's Office if they are interested in serving.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

5. Discuss and take action on hiring Mrs. Melinda Syvertsen for the full-time position of Assistant Assessor - \$16.13/hour (N6, Step 3). Note this is a *Conditional Offer of Employment* and is contingent upon Board of Selectmen final approval.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to hire Mrs. Melinda Syvertsen for the full-time position of Assistant Assessor - \$16.13/hour (N6, Step 3).

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

6. Update from the Police Department on the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) grant application.

UPDATE: Lieutenant Stimpson explained that the United States Department of Justice offers this grant to towns and municipalities to allow for the hiring of extra police officers. He has written the grant requesting five (5) police officers. The Federal Government will pay for employee costs for entry-level officers for three years with the Town's financial responsibility increasing over those years. If funding is granted, the Police Department hopes to have a school resource officer and reinstate the Juvenile Review Board. The Town should hear back in September 2009.

7. Discuss and take action on awarding bid for the Madison Town Gymnasium Re-Roofing Project to the low bidder, Quality Roofing Systems, Inc., 599 Island Lane, West Haven, CT for a base bid sum of \$68,692 plus add Alternate 2A - Roof Platform Removal and Infill \$1,450 for a total of \$70,142.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Traugh to award bid for the Madison Town Gymnasium Re-Roofing Project to the low bidder, Quality Roofing Systems, Inc., 599 Island Lane, West Haven, CT for a base bid sum of \$68,692 plus add Alternate 2A - Roof Platform Removal and Infill \$1,450 for a not-to-exceed total amount of \$70,142.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

9. The following line transfers are designed 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 transfer item from the consent agenda for review and discussion.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve Line Transfers totaling \$965.00.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

10. Tax Abatements/Refunds.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to approve refunds in the amount of \$211.15.

REFUNDS

Honda Lease Trust	\$ 93.73
Barbara J. White	\$ 117.42

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

11. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments.

Selectman Traugh:

(1) The Memorial Day Parade will be held on the 25th of May; members of the Board of Selectmen will participate.

- (2) The May 9, 2009 production of "Capitol Steps" sponsored by the Madison Rotary Club was a great success and well attended.
- (3) This is the last meeting before the May 19, 2009 Town budget, Board of Education budget, and Ambulance Center/Senior Center referendums. She said that she supports a 'yes' vote on all three questions and encouraged everyone to get out and vote this year, absentee ballots are available in the Town Clerk's Office, and information is on the Town website.

Selectman Gladstone:

- (1) With their new charge, the Ad Hoc Energy Committee has met to discuss grant applications to pay for retro commissioning work and looking into a regional energy manager.
- (2) He encouraged everyone to get out and vote on May 19th.
- (3) He praised the expedited process to get a new Town attorney

Selectman MacDougald:

- (1) The selection and interview process for a new Town Attorney was very time-intensive and thorough and will be discussed this evening at the Town Meeting.
- (2) The Joint Legal Costs Oversight Workgroup met and reviewed current legal bills.

First Selectman Goldberg:

- (1) In regards to the appointment of a new Town Attorney, he appreciated the energy and dedication used to consider what is in the best interest of the Town and how to define moving forward.
- (2) At the recent Board of Finance meeting it was stated that the overall fiscal health of the Town is good, we remain fiscally conservative, the rainy-day funds balances are at traditional levels, our credit rating remains strong among bond rating agencies, and the Mil Rate growth has remained within the long-term guidelines.
- (3) May 19th is the referendum.

12. Adjournment.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 9:41 a.m.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Palmer
Recording Secretary