

MEETING DATE:
MEETING PLACE:

Monday, May 26, 2009
Madison Room A - Town Campus

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

First Selectman Goldberg called the Meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen Goldberg, Kokoruda, Traugh, Gladstone, and MacDougald.

1. Approval of minutes.

* May 11, 2009 - Board of Selectmen Meeting

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 11, 2009 as written.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

* May 7, 2009 - Special Board of Selectmen Meeting

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen meeting of May 7, 2009 as written.

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

* May 14, 2009 - Special Board of Selectmen Meeting

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen meeting of May 14, 2009 as written.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

* May 20, 2009 - Special Board of Selectmen Meeting

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve the minutes of the Special Board of Selectmen meeting of May 20, 2009 as written.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

2. Citizen Comments.

Gus Horvath, 60 Beechwood Drive, praised the difference between the Town of Guilford and the Town of Madison's funding practices, noting that Madison sets up a 'reserve fund account' for anticipated capital equipment purchases in advance, whereas the Town of Guilford purchases these items using bonding.

Walter Lippmann, 11 Sycamore Lane, discussed the following: (1) the Pledge of Allegiance before Town meetings; (2) termination of the former Town Attorney; (3) use of the Reverse 911 calling system; (4) the condition of the Madison sidewalks; (5) Town employees' use of Town vehicles; and (6) Attorney Clendenen billings.

Richard Bueno, 8 Hamilton Drive, commented he would like to see Mr. Barker's basketball programs stay in Madison.

Bill Barker, 7 Hamilton Drive, asked the Board of Selectmen to support a system of usage of the Polson Middle School gymnasium for programs with the greatest enrollment.

Marc Weinstein, 108 Blinshed Road, asked where to find information to better understand the mechanics of Town government.

Liz Weinstein, 108 Blinshed Road, asked what steps are involved in reorganizing how the Police Department is governed.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Discuss and take action upon a resolution to authorize the issuance of bonds to refund in whole or in part various of the Town's outstanding bond issues.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to approve a resolution to **authorize the issuance of bonds to refund in whole or in part various of the Town's outstanding bond issues as presented.**

DISCUSSION: Bill Lindsay, Director of Independent Bond and Investment Consultants (IBIC), distributed a handout entitled "Proposed Refunding - Board of Selectman Meeting - May 26, 2009" which outlined the possibility of refinancing all five of the Town's outstanding bond issues for the Daniel Hand High School project. Mr. Lindsay estimated that cash flow savings could total up to \$1.4M through year 2025. The new bonds would be issued in mid June 2009; all fees have been incorporated into the calculations.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

4. Discuss and take action on request from North Madison Volunteer Fire Company to go out to bid for a brush truck.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to approve request from **North Madison Volunteer Fire Company to go out to bid for a brush truck.**

DISCUSSION: North Madison Volunteer Fire Company Chief Brian Koczak, John Nassif, and Doug Minges attended the meeting and provided handouts and discussed the need for an updated brush truck due to the existing truck's age, dependability, availability of replacements parts, and difficulty with operating the truck. Once the bids are in hand, they will return to a Board of Selectmen's meeting for a request for approval to purchase.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

5. Discussion of **Strong Center Project.**

DISCUSSION: Kevin Garrity, 72 Wickford Place, provided an update on the proposed Strong Center Project which will enhance the current Surf Club facility by using private funding. He noted

that an enhanced field and stadium could be utilized for athletic and cultural events. There will be levels of gifting and the 'field naming rights' will be placed as an item on a future Board of Selectmen meeting. Mr. Garrity and his committee were commended for their special interest and efforts.

6. Update on Ad Hoc Ethics Program Committee.

UPDATE: The committee has requested an extension of their duration; their original six-month timeframe ended May 17, 2009; they would like another 3-6 months.

MOVED by Selectman Traugh and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to open the agenda to add Item 6.A.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

6.A. Discuss and take action to extend the duration of the Ad Hoc Ethics Program Committee for an additional 120 days to September 30, 2009.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to extend the duration of the Ad Hoc Ethics Program Committee for an additional 120 days to September 30, 2009.

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.

7. Discuss charging and appointing a Building Committee for the Senior Center/Ambulance Center Project.

DISCUSSION: The Board of Selectmen agreed on the timeliness of appointing the Senior Center/Ambulance Center Building Committee. At the next Board of Selectmen meeting there will be an agenda item for the charge and appointment of members.

8. Discuss and take action on the following FY 2009/10 increases in salary and benefits for unaffiliated Town employees as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and approved by Town Referendum on May 19, 2009.

- * Unaffiliated Town employees would receive an additional Personal Day to be granted in accordance with Town policy and procedures. The total number of Personal Days for unaffiliated employees will now be three (3).
- * Unaffiliated employees would receive a Salary Adjustment of 2.5% to their current pay rates for FY 2009/10. Step progressions will not be granted for FY 2009/10; however, they will be discussed during the budgetary process for FY 2010/11.
- * Craft and Clerical employees would continue to receive Longevity Payments in FY 2009/10 in accordance with Town policy and procedure.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to approve the above FY 2009/10 increases in salary and benefits for unaffiliated Town employees as proposed by the Board of Selectmen and approved by Town Referendum on May 19, 2009.

DISCUSSION: Selectman MacDougald inquired as to how the pay rate increases would be determined. Selectman Traugh noted the difficulty of making these decisions without knowing the amount of State revenues flowing to Madison. Selectman MacDougald commented a deficit should not fall on the backs of Town employees.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action on hiring Ms. Sarah Lam for the part-time position of Communications Technician (up to 16 hours/week), Union Local UPSEU - \$16.18/hour - effective May 27, 2009. Note this is a *Conditional Offer of Employment* and is contingent upon Board of Selectmen final approval, as well as Ms. Lam's successful completion of a complete background investigation and a post-offer drug test.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to **approve hiring Ms. Sarah Lam for the part-time position of Communications Technician** (up to 16 hours/week), Union Local UPSEU - \$16.18/hour - effective May 27, 2009 contingent upon successfully completion of a complete background investigation and a post-offer drug test.

DISCUSSION: Deputy Director of Emergency Management Ed Brunt stated with the hiring of Ms. Lam, every dispatcher shift will be filled without using overtime.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

10. 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 transfer item from the consent agenda for review and discussion.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Traugh to approve Line Item Transfers totaling **\$22,713.21** (copy of "Summary of Line Transfers" dated May 26, 2009 attached).

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

11. Tax Abatements/Refunds.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve **refunds** in the amount of **\$227.57**.

REFUNDS

DCFS Trust	\$ 202.84
Nissan Infiniti Lt.	\$ 24.73

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

12. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments.

Selectman MacDougald:

- Two candidates have expressed an interest in the Land Acquisition Study Committee. The Board of Selectmen will be looking for additional members.

Selectman Gladstone:

- Thanked the voters for coming out to vote on Referendum Day, May 19, 2009.

Selectman Kokoruda:

- At the Senior Commission meeting, the members celebrated with the passing of the Senior Center/Ambulance Center referendum. The Municipal Agent for the Elderly is working out well.
- She is happy the budget passed.
- Madison Foundation was approached regarding a Neighbor-to-Neighbor program.

Selectman Traugh:

- The Scranton Library will reinstitute the "Parade of Parties" series; it will be called the "Recession Series." They are running activities around "Springtime in Taiwan." They are still gathering books for the used book sale and may be looking for volunteers to sort them.
- The Shellfish Commission is working on a Community Clam Dig on June 20th and 21st at West Wharf in the afternoon.
- The Board of Education reported on their census for next year: they are currently 51 short of their projected number for 2010 which is 3,630. They are ending this year in the black with sufficient funding.
- She commented on the strong voter turnout.

First Selectman Goldberg:

- He commented on the strong voter turnout for the recent referenda. Polling place logistics worked well.
- There is currently an item in the legislature to consider a bill to consolidate the 117 Probate Courts down to 50 Probate Courts in the 169 cities/towns in Connecticut.

13. Adjournment.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 9:17 p.m.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Palmer
Recording Secretary

Department	Account (DEFICIT)		Amount	Account (FUNDING)		Amount	DETAIL
Human Resources	1-100	1100 0000 1120 580 00	\$620.00	1-100	1100 0000 5303 500 00	\$620.00	Reconciliation of Salary Account, Office Staff, Selectmen's Office, additional hours necessary for completion of minutes. Current deficit of \$320 for estimated BOS minute hours 5/18/09 - 6/30/09
Land Use	1-100	4100 0000 3300 760 00	\$4,200.00	1-100	4100 0000 5400 760 00	\$3,200.00	Insufficient funds to cover costs of current projects (zoning definitions, R-2 District Regulations, Wall Street Regulatory modifications through the end of this fiscal year. R-2 and Wall Street projects will continue into next fiscal year where that portion of the work has been budgeted.
Assessor	1-100	1125 0000 6101 730 00	\$1,390.00	1-100	1125 0000 3302 730 00	\$1,390.00	To transfer money for the purchase of filing cabinets needed to hold personal property files and assessment appeal files that need to be stored in the Assessor's Office
Police Department	1-100	3100 0000 6910 635 00	\$3,503.21	1-100	3100 0000 4900 635 00	\$2,003.21	Funding to cover cost-share of firearms range supplies with the Clinton Police in consideration for two-years use of their department's firearm range
							Firearms range supplies include but are not limited to bullet absorbing concrete blocks that are the protection barrier surrounding the range. Our department has lost use of our previous range and has had to seek accommodations elsewhere.
Police Department	1-100	3100 0000 1320 652 00	\$3,000.00	1-100	3100 0000 3224 652 00	\$3,000.00	Insufficient funds to balance line through remainder of fiscal year.
Police Department	1-100	3100 0000 3300 635 00	\$9,000.00	1-100	3100 0000 1040 655 00	\$6,000.00	Insufficient funds to balance line through remainder of fiscal year.
							Funding required to offset Acting Chief's funding as well as pay for pre-employment examinations for officer candidates.
Police Department	1100	3110 0000 1010 656 00	\$1,000.00	1-100	3110 0000 1040 656 00	\$1,000.00	Wages including holiday pay for remainder of year.
Police Department	1-100	3110 0000 5801 656 00	\$1,000.00	1-100	3110 0000 1040 656 00	\$1,000.00	Account overdrawn due to fuel costs
TOTAL			\$22,713.21			\$22,713.21	