



TOWN OF MADISON
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Alfred Goldberg, First Selectman
William Gladstone
Noreen Kokoruda
Joseph MacDougald
Kathi Traugh

MEETING DATE:

Monday, October 5, 2009

MEETING PLACE:

Madison Room (Room A) - Town Campus

**Special Board of Selectmen Meeting
Minutes**

First Selectman Goldberg called the **Special Meeting** of the Board of Selectmen to order at 8:00 a.m. Present were Selectmen Goldberg, MacDougald, Kokoruda, Gladstone, and Traugh. Also in attendance were Alicia Betty (Project Manager, Trust for Public Land (TPL)); Town employees Mike Ott (Director of Public Works and Town Engineer), Dotty Bavin (Director of Finance), Marilyn Ozols (Planning and Zoning Administrator); and interested citizens.

1. Discuss and take action on various activities relating to the approval process for the Griswold property.

DISCUSSION: First Selectman Goldberg opened the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen noting that this meeting was called to discuss the next steps in the approval process for the Town of Madison to purchase the Griswold property. Alicia Betty explained the basic terms.

- (1) The purchase price is \$9.7M,
- (2) the property includes 42 acres of land,
- (3) with a closing date of April 1, 2010.

Ms. Betty commented the TPL will be raising private money to offset some of the purchase price. TPL will pay for:

- (1) The appraisal,
- (2) the title review, and
- (3) the first \$10,000 of the environmental assessment; the Town may be asked to pay for any additional environmental assessment fees up to \$30,000.

The appraisal and title review will be completed by the end of October 2009; the environmental assessment will be completed in November 2009. A Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes will be scheduled for November 5, 2009. Within 45 days from contract date (no later than November 13, 2009), the Town will be asked to issue a call to send the vote to referendum. A possible referendum date is December 8, 2009; absentee ballots will be available. TPL will also put together a volunteer committee consisting of Madison residents to conduct a public effort campaign to disseminate information.

First Selectman Goldberg asked TPL to identify any compensation they will be seeking. Ms. Betty explained that the TPL is a private non-profit organization. There are no fees. Their finances depend on donations.

Selectman Traugh feels the Board should develop a visual document to make it easier for residents to understand.

Dr. Bill McCullough inquired as to who can vote at the referendum. First Selectman Goldberg reported that the registrars have indicated that:

- (1) all electors (registered voters) can vote,
- (2) all taxpayers with real/personal property in Madison worth at least \$1,000 can vote

2. Adjournment.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to adjourn the Special Board of Selectmen meeting at 8:59 a.m.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Palmer
Recording Secretary