



TOWN OF MADISON
CONNECTICUT
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Fillmore McPherson,
First Selectman
William Gladstone
Al Goldberg
Noreen Kokoruda
Joseph MacDougald

MEETING DATE:

Monday, December 20, 2010

MEETING PLACE:

James Madison Room (Room A) - Town Campus

**Board of Selectmen Meeting
Minutes**

First Selectman McPherson called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen of Monday, December 20, 2010 to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen McPherson, Gladstone, Goldberg, Kokoruda, and MacDougald.

1. Recognition of Staff Sergeant James DeVeau.

RECOGNITION: First Selectman read the following proclamation and presented Staff Sergeant DeVeau with a proclamation.

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant James DeVeau of Madison has been a member of the Connecticut National Guard for 12 years, and

WHEREAS, SSGT DeVeau has just returned safely from an extended deployment on the front lines in Afghanistan, and

WHEREAS, SSGT DeVeau served in a previous deployment when he received a Purple Heart because of wounds suffered in combat, and

WHEREAS, SSGT DeVeau deserves the gratitude, honor, and thanks of the Town of Madison;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Town hereby recognizes SSGT DeVeau's exemplary devotion to duty to the country and expresses its appreciation for his service.

Dated at Madison, Connecticut this 20th day of December 2010

2. Approval of minutes - December 6, 2010

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting of December 6, 2010 as corrected.

Item #13.

Delete: ~~Selectman Kokoruda~~

Move: Selectman Kokoruda's comments to Selectman Gladstone's comments

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Comments

- (a) The Town received a wreath today from the Worcester Wreath Company in Maine who provided truckloads of wreaths for the Veterans' graves at Arlington National Cemetery - the 'Wreaths Across America' program.
- (b) He received a phone call last Friday from Jeff Parker, Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, informing him that a portion of Route 80 in North Madison has been designated as a Scenic Road.
- (c) Received a check from the Madison Jaycees for \$500 for the Meals on Wheels program.

- (d) Madison Beach Hotel - he spoke with our Town Engineer and was assured that work is moving forward as planned

4. Citizen Comments

None.

OLD BUSINESS

5. Discuss and take action to accept \$500,000 grant from the Connecticut DEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program (tabled 11/22/10).

DISCUSSION: This item will remain tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Update from the Ad Hoc Madison Park Development Committee.

UPDATE: Chairman of the Ad Hoc Madison Park Development Committee George McManus addressed the Board of Selectmen with an update. He stated he is pleased with his committee members' efforts and their diversified ideas.

Charge: protect and preserve the natural resources of the site
allow for some athletic fields
look into maybe some commercial development

He stated decisions have been made on some recommendations. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was sent to firms interested in designing the park, his committee received 26 responses, they narrowed the companies to six firms, those six firms will be interviewed, and the favorite will be selected. They decided/voted on three full-size soccer fields and decided not to put a baseball field there; according to the Director of Beach and Recreation, the biggest need is multi-purpose fields. One area of the parcel will remain an undeveloped/unspecified grassy area. The old seaplane launch may be used as a kayak launch. Roughly 24 acres should be preserved for the three existing habitats. There is an old small white house on the property; it appears to be in good shape and will be used to some extent.

First Selectman McPherson thanked the committee for their diversified ideas and their ability to make informed recommendations.

Selectman MacDougald asked about the future timeline. By January 28, 2011 the ad hoc committee will have recommendations from the design company; they will plan to make a presentation to the Board of Selectmen in late spring 2011.

7. Discuss and take action on change to Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to approve **change to the Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule.**

DISCUSSION: First Selectman McPherson stated the change concerns the April meetings by reversing the morning and evening meetings due to the budget process schedule.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action on calling the Annual Town Meeting for Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Walter C. Polson Middle School for the following purpose:

1. State of the Town Report
2. Five-Year Capital Plan
3. To receive the Annual Report of the permanent Boards, Commissions, Agencies, Committees and the Town's Auditor Report in accordance with Article II, Section 2.1.4.1 of the Town charter.
4. Establish a permanent Committee for Land Acquisition Strategy.
5. Establish a permanent energy committee.
6. To consider and take action on special appropriation request of \$80,000 from Madison Public Schools to add to the reserve fund for unanticipated external placements for Special Education students for tuition and transportation-related services established by the Board of Finance, November 18, 2009.

MOVED and READ by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to call the **Annual Town Meeting for Wednesday, January 26, 2011** at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Walter C. Polson Middle School for the above-read purpose.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

9. Continued discussion on proposed Ethics Policy.

DISCUSSION: First Selectman McPherson asked for comments. Seth Klaskin, member of the Board of Education, commented the Board of Education just recently received the proposed Ethics Policy and has not had a chance to review or vote on it. He is a strong proponent of a Town Ethics Policy; however, there are a couple of personal issues - (a) jurisdictional issue - can a Town policy apply to the Board of Education because the Board of Education is an arm of the State and (b) could this committee become controversial and used improperly; we need to be cognizant that volunteers might become discouraged with this committee.

Ed Dowling, member of the Police Commission, stated they have not had time to review the proposed policy, but initially warns that there will be several different employee groups with different policies.

Discussion will continue to the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

13. Discuss and take action on waiving rent income from Crown Castle Inc. for the Town of Clinton's use of the cell tower on Ridge Road.

DISCUSSION: First Selectman McPherson stated he received a phone call from the First Selectman of Clinton indicating they would be installing apparatus on our tower at Ridge Road. Paul Jakobson, resident of the Town of Clinton and member of their Communications Committee, attended the meeting. He stated the Town of Clinton would be paying \$400 per month, plus an additional \$200 obligation which passes along to the Town of Madison; they are requesting that the Town of Madison waive this additional \$200 obligation. Selectman Kokoruda stated that within the spirit of collaboration and regionalization, she was in favor of this waiver. We are currently collecting income from four companies so far on the tower and the placement of apparatus from Clinton will not interfere with any future customers. It was agreed to set a time limit of five (5) years.

MOVED by First Selectman McPherson and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda **waive rent income of \$200 from Crown Castle Inc. for the Town of Clinton's use of the cell tower on Ridge Road for a period of five years.**

10. Discuss and take action on setting Standard Mileage Rate at 51 cents a mile for all business miles driven per 2011 Standard Mileage Rates set by the IRS - effective as of January 1, 2011.

MOVED by Selectman McPherson and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to set **Standard Mileage Rate at 51 cents a mile** for all business miles driven per **2011 Standard Mileage Rates** set by the IRS - effective as of January 1, 2011.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

11. Discuss and take action on approving the 457 Eligible Deferred Compensation Plan.

DISCUSSION: First Selectman McPherson stated the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations have changed; we have received a standard contract from the plan carrier which has been reviewed by Town Council who recommends adopting this 457 Eligible Deferred Compensation Plan.

MOVED by First Selectman McPherson and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda adopt the **457 Eligible Deferred Compensation Plan**.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action in issuing bills for certain sidewalk repairs per Chapter 19 of the Town of Madison Code of Ordinances.

DISCUSSION: The total bill for sidewalk repairs was \$12,748.44. Three building owners were sent letters April 1, 2010; however, repairs were performed on 12 sidewalks on both sides of Route 1. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Town absorb this \$12K expense. Selectman Goldberg asked why we should not bill the owners; review of the Town Ordinance states advance notice needs to be given before passing the expense along to the building owners.

MOVED by First Selectman McPherson and seconded by Selectman Kokoruda to absorb the \$12,748.44 in sidewalk repairs and wish our merchants a happy holiday season.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

14. Discuss and take action on Agreement for Consolidated Probate Court Facilities and Services.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to accept **Agreement for Consolidated Probate Court Facilities and Services**.

DISCUSSION: This agreement has been worked out by the town attorney's from both Madison and Guilford. The grand list of both towns is comparable. January 5, 2011 will be the official opening of the combined Probate Court.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

15. Discuss charge for Town Energy and Efficiency Committee.

DISCUSSION: There being no objections, First Selectman McPherson opened the agenda, amended this item to read as follows, and closed the agenda.

15. Discuss and take action to adopt charge for the Town Energy and Efficiency Committee.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

MOVED by Selectman Gladstone and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to adopt the charge as presented.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

16. Discuss and take action on promoting Mr. Glenn Pellici to the position of Building and Grounds Lead Maintainer effective December 20, 2010, Step 4, \$19.92 per hour.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to approve the promotion of **Mr. Glenn Pellici to the position of Building and Grounds Lead Maintainer** effective December 20, 2010, Step 4, \$19.92 per hour.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

17. Discuss and take action on reappointment of Robert Kuchta as Tree Warden for the Town of Madison for a term to expire 12/31/11.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to **reappoint Robert Kuchta as Tree Warden** for the Town of Madison for a term to expire 12/31/11.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

18. Discuss and take action on reappointment of Donald Lewis as Sexton for the Hammonasset Cemetery and Richard Hahn as Sexton for the Rockland Cemetery for a two-year term to expire 1/1/2013.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to reappoint **Donald Lewis as Sexton for the Hammonasset Cemetery and Richard Hahn as Sexton for the Rockland Cemetery** for a two-year term to expire 1/1/2013.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

19. Discuss and take action on recommendations from the Republican Town Committee to appoint/reappoint the following:

Beach and Recreation Commission

Thomas Banish - 1/1/2015

Paul Maxwell - 1/1/2015

Firemen's Benefit Committee

Joe Maco - 1/1/2015

Planning and Zoning Commission

Henry Maguire - 1/1/2015

Senior Citizen Commission

Leslie Macarelli-Naizby - 1/1/2015

Mitch Cohan - 1/1/2015

Shellfish Commission

Stephen Nikituk - 1/1/2015

Shellfish Commission Alternate

Paul Danielson - 1/1/2015

Madison Youth & Family Services

Kathleen Dess - 1/1/2015

Susan Sadowski - 1/1/2015

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to appoint or reappoint the above-named members to their respective committees.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

20. Discuss and take action on recommendation from the Democratic Town Committee to appoint/reappoint the following:

Beach and Recreation Commission
 Scott Zimmerman - 1/1/2015
Historic Commission
 Eric Berg - 1/1/2015
Historic Commission Alternate
 Thomas Boyle - 1/1/2015
Planning and Zoning Commission Alternate
 Tracey Barrett - 1/1/2015
Senior Citizen Commission
 Maureen Lopes - 1/1/2015
 Barry Miller - 1/1/2015
 Wendy Oberg - 1/1/2015
Shellfish Commission
 Ted Raff - 1/1/2015
 Perry Rianhard - 1/1/2015
Solid Waste Disposal Committee
 Barry Miller - 1/1/2015
Madison Youth and Family Services
 Joan Walker - 1/1/2015

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to appoint or reappoint the above-named members to their respective committees.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

21. Discuss and take action on resignation of Dean Plummer from the Ad Hoc Energy Committee.

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to accept the resignation of Dean Plummer from the Ad Hoc Energy Committee - with our thanks!

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

22. Tax Abatements/Refunds

MOVED by Selectman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Gladstone to approve refunds in the amount of **\$2,736.44**.

DCFS Trust	\$ 208.06
Honda Lease Trust	\$ 121.78
Toyota Motor Credit Corp	\$1,708.84
CAB East LLC	\$ 153.82
Daimler Trust	\$ 543.94

TOTAL REFUNDS \$ 2,736.44

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

23. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments

Selectman MacDougald

* With regards to the New Haven Register blogs, he has two concerns: (a) bloggers can remain anonymous, however those who wish to challenge the bloggers must identify themselves and (b) he would encourage the New Haven Register to NOT open blogging capabilities when a minor is involved in the news article

26. Adjournment (to Executive Session)

There being no objections, First Selectman McPherson adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 9:48 p.m. and moved to Executive Session to discuss the following two agenda items.

24. Land acquisition negotiation strategies

25. Legal case discussion strategies

There being no objections, First Selectman McPherson adjourned Executive Session of the Board of Selectman at 10:30 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Judy Palmer
Recording Secretary

UNAPPROVED