



TOWN OF MADISON
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Fillmore McPherson,
First Selectman

Al Goldberg
Joseph MacDougald
Diane Stadterman

MEETING DATE:

Monday, November 28, 2011

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, November 28, 2011 to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen McPherson, MacDougald, Stadterman, Walker and Goldberg.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectman McPherson led us in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

2. Approval of minutes - November 14, 2011

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve the **minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting of November 14, 2011** as amended.

VOTE: This motion was approved 4-0-1. Selectman Walker abstained.

First Selectman's Comments:

Update on the hurricane Irene rebuilding. This Board and the Board of Finance approved a \$250,000.00 special appropriation for operational costs from the hurricane. So far we have spent \$225,000.00; most of the bills are in. We still have some work to be done so the remaining \$25,000.00 will most likely be spent. We have five major projects coming up in the spring which will require another special appropriation. The original estimate for that is \$1.5 million - \$2 million should still be accurate, including the \$250,000.00. We are expecting a 75% reimbursement from FEMA.

Selectman Goldberg - I think we need to think about mitigation and future risk management. I noticed that Guilford has formed a Pre Disaster Mitigation Committee. I think we should work towards something like this.

Selectman McPherson - I agree. From the beginning we have been working to ensure that the major projects will be well-engineered and not succumb to the next storm.

3. Citizen's Comments:

•Gus Horvath - MCTV will be showing the PowerPoint presentation regarding Academy School. Discussion regarding demographic reports that may help with the budget process.

•Joe Beerbower - provided a handout regarding budget trends.

•Walter Lippman - offered praise to the Department of Public Works for their efforts and work during the storms, particularly Dave Thomas. He also discussed CL&P's removal of crews and a recent power outage unrelated to the storm.

•Carol Altieri - suggested that the new park be named the 'Robert Schumann Park' in honor of his many contributions to the community.

•Selectman Goldberg inquired about the status of the Overbrook Road project.

•Mike Ott, Town Engineer - the bids are due December 9th. We had a poor turnout for the first bid request but had a better response the second. Drainage work will commence this winter.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman McPherson - I just wanted to correct something I had said in a discussion with the Board of Finance regarding the payments. I mistakenly said we are paying a total of \$164,000.00 to Jakubson for the Heart & Hypertension claims, but it was for a settlement of his employment contract.

4. Discuss and take action on approving an agreement covering a complete settlement of Heart and Hypertension claim for retired police Sergeant Trent Fox.

MOVED by Selectman McPherson and seconded by Selectman Stadterman to approve an agreement covering a complete settlement of Heart and Hypertension claim for retired police Sergeant Trent Fox.

DISCUSSION: Selectman McPherson - the town attorney has reviewed this agreement.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

5. Discuss and take action on special appropriation request of \$125,000 for the Severance Reserve to cover a complete settlement of Heart and Hypertension claims for retired police Sergeant Trent Fox.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Walker to approve an agreement covering a complete settlement of Heart and Hypertension claim for retired police Sergeant Trent Fox.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

The Board agreed unanimously to skip ahead to item 8 on the agenda.

8. Discuss and take action on calling a Special Town Meeting on **Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** (prior to the BOS Meeting at 7:30 p.m.) in Room A - Town Campus for the following purpose:

1. To consider and take action on Special Appropriation request of \$250,000 for Tropical Storm Irene operational expenses.

2. To consider and take action on Special Appropriation request of \$125,000 for the Severance Reserve to cover a complete settlement of Heart and Hypertension claims for retired police Sergeant Trent Fox.
3. To consider and take action on a solid waste disposal agreement between Covanta Bristol Inc. and the Towns of Madison and Guilford.

Selectman McPherson noted that, regarding item 3, such agreements are not normally brought to a Town Meeting but that state law requires it for disposal agreements.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to call a Special Town Meeting on **Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.** (prior to the BOS Meeting at 7:30 p.m.) in Room A - Town Campus

DISCUSSION: Selectman Stadterman - for the public, what constitutes a quorum?

- 75 citizens

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action on approving solid waste disposal agreement between Covanta Bristol Inc. and the Towns of Madison and Guilford.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Walker to approve a solid waste disposal agreement between Covanta Bristol Inc. and the Towns of Madison and Guilford.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

7. Discuss and take action on calling a Public Hearing on **Monday, December 19, 2011 at 6:45 p.m.** in Room A - Town Campus for the purpose of receiving public comment, opposition and support for amendment to ordinance: Chapter 17 - Shellfish - Section 17-5 Permit and Section 17-8 use of dredges.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to call a Public Hearing on **Monday, December 19, 2011 at 6:45 p.m.** in Room A - Town Campus for the purpose of receiving public comment, opposition and support for amendment to ordinance: Chapter 17 - Shellfish - Section 17-5 Permit and Section 17-8 use of dredges.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

8:12pm - a brief recess was called to allow setup for the upcoming presentation.

8:20pm - the meeting resumed.

9. Presentation of conceptual plan by the Madison Park Development Committee. George McManus - presented the plan and drawing.

Key Elements of the Madison Park Development Committee Charge

- Athletic Fields (at least 3)
- Restoration/Preservation and access to the sites natural resources.

•Possible commercial use.

George McManus discussed the phases and priorities.

10. Discuss and take action on approving a resolution supporting South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) application for a Regional Performance Incentive grant for \$500,000 for a regional GIS Program.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Walker to approve resolution supporting South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) application for a Regional Performance Incentive grant for \$500,000 for a regional GIS Program.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

11. Discuss and take action on approving a resolution supporting South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) application for a Regional Performance Incentive grant for \$50,000 for a feasibility study for shared services.

MOVED by Selectman Stadterman and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve resolution supporting South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) application for a Regional Performance Incentive grant for \$50,000 for a feasibility study for shared services.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action on 2012-2013 Budget Workshop Schedule.

MOVED by Selectman McPherson and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve the 2012-2013 Budget Workshop Schedule as amended.

DISCUSSION: Selectman McPherson - I have another meeting on January 27th, I'd like to propose we move that date to January 26th.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

13. Discuss and take action on line item transfer request from Selectmen's Office of \$100 from Supplies to Telephone.

Motion: to approve Line Transfers totaling **\$100.00**

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Walker to approve Line Transfers totaling **\$100.00**

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

18. Tax Abatements/Refunds

MOVED by Selectman McPherson and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to approve the refunds in the amount of **\$1,101.68.**

PRIOR YEAR REFUNDS

Nissan Infiniti LT. \$ 49.64

REFUNDS

Nissan Infiniti LT. \$ 271.44

DCFS Trust \$ 78.11

Robert B. George
Toyota Motor Credit Corp.

\$ 44.22
\$ 658.27

TOTAL REFUNDS \$1,101.68

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

19. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments:

Selectman Stadterman - the Senior Center had its first function which was well attended. They have an open house December 9th and there will be a 'soft' opening during December. They will be meeting to discuss the use of and options for the kitchen. The Board of Education has met once since the election. They are in the process of interviewing for the superintendent position.

Selectman Goldberg - I would like to have a discussion regarding Senior Tax Relief at the next meeting. Perhaps Alma could provide a report for this?

Selectman MacDougald - the Planning and Zoning Commission met and have at least one application for subdivision. The Pension Committee met as well.

Selectman Walker - I need an assignment.

Selectman McPherson - I will put that on the agenda for next month.

21. Adjournment

There being no objections, First Selectman McPherson adjourned the meeting at 8:57pm.

Respectively submitted,

Sarah Judge
Recording Secretary