

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Board of Selectmen
Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Town Campus, Room A and Remote via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

7:00 p.m. - Regular Session

First Selectwoman Lyons called the Regular Session of the Board of Selectmen of Monday, January 23, 2023 to order. Selectman Goldberg, Selectman Murphy and Selectman Wilson also present.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectwoman Lyons led with the pledge of allegiance.

2. Discuss and take action to approve the appointment of Jennifer Gordon to the Board of Selectmen.

MOTION by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve the appointment of Jennifer Gordon to the Board of Selectmen.

VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.

3. Swearing-in of Jennifer Gordon to the Board of Selectmen by Town Clerk, Nancy Martucci.

Town Clerk Nancy Martucci read the oath and swore in Jennifer Gordon.

Selectwoman Gordon was now a seated member and joined the Board of Selectmen.

4. First Selectwoman's Updates.

First Selectwoman Lyons stated the Madison dog park at Salt Meadow was approved by Planning and Zoning, construction is set to start in April with the park opening in May. The Annual Town Meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., at Town Campus and via Zoom.

The town revaluation process is underway for October 1, 2023 Grand List.

Plan of Conservation and Development, Strategic Plan, and town-wide Wastewater Treatment Facilities Study, Town of Madison mobile app (more information attached).

5. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments.

Selectman Murphy: spoke about the budget process.

Selectman Goldberg: Academy Community Center Building Committee will be interviewing five firms for Architect Services.

Selectman Wilson: noted calendar issues on the town website and inconsistent policies for resignations among the elected boards.

Selectwoman Gordon: expressed her excitement to be part of the board and continue her work with the town.

6. Citizen comments.

None.

7. Consent Agenda:

MOTION by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

a. Tax Abatements/Refunds.

b. Appointments:

i. Bob Kuchta, Rockland Preserve Committee, Term Expiring 1/1/2025

ii. Ron Clark, Town Moderator

- iii. Laura Downes, Town Moderator
- c. Resignations:
 - i. Christine Maisano, Madison Youth and Family Services Board
- d. Hiring of Marisa Sierra to Parent Support Counselor, Youth and Family Services, 35.5 hrs./wk., \$34.49/hr., Salary Grade 8, Step 4, budgeted; pending successful completed of drug test and background results.
- e. Discuss and take action to approve a bid award to Integ Systems and Abbatello Electric for the emergency replacement of building UPS System at the Madison Police Department in the total amount of \$71,274.00 and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all contracts and documents associated with this award; Special Appropriation funds approved at BOS 12/6/22 and BOF 12/14/22
VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.

8. Proclamation: Madison Youth and Family Services 40-year anniversary

MOTION by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve the Madison Youth and Family Services 40-year anniversary Proclamation as presented.

VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Madison Youth and Family Services

WHEREAS, Originally tabbed as “Madison Youth Services” the department began on January 31, 1983 and established under State Statute as the “Youth Services Bureau” for Madison Connecticut, and as defined to become the “coordinating unit of community-based services to provide comprehensive delivery of prevention, intervention, treatment and follow-up services”, and;

WHEREAS, David Melillo was selected as the first Director to head the department, initially operating out of a Sunday School classroom at the First Congregational Church, with the agency mission to develop and deliver of a range of services for young people of Madison and their families that focused on prevention, community coordination, and treatment services, and;

WHEREAS, within months of its start Madison Youth and Family Services initiated counseling services, a Juvenile Review Board and several youth-focused prevention programs including Peer Advocates, all that continue at the agency today. MYFS currently offers programming that interfaces at some point with every school-aged youth, and continues to serve youth up to age 21, and;

WHEREAS, over the years MYFS has evolved with three main areas of focus including Positive Youth Development, Clinical Services and Community Support. With a wide array of programs and services, including our drug and alcohol coalition M.A.D.E., and Social Services, MYFS is fully engaged across the community and known State-wide as a model YSB, and;

WHEREAS, MYFS collaborates closely with several community stakeholders and Town departments, including Madison Public Schools, Madison Police Department, Madison Beach and Rec, Scranton Library and Madison Chamber of Commerce, and strives to strengthen community bonds towards the common purpose to make Madison a healthy and safe Town in which to live and grow, and;

WHEREAS, for 40 years, Madison Youth and Family Services has operated as the town’s YSB and will continue to proudly serve the Madison community for years to come, as it has out-grown its current location at 10 School Street and is slated to move to the future Academy Community Center, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of Selectmen of Madison, Connecticut, do hereby recognize the achievements of Madison Youth and Family and congratulate the department and its Board on its 40th anniversary. On behalf of the Town, and the Board of Selectmen, we express our appreciation for Madison Youth and Family Services to continue its exceptional level of care and commitment to the Town of Madison.

Dated at Madison, Connecticut this 23rd day of January 2023.

9. Discuss and take action to approve the following appointments to the Ad-Hoc Affordable Housing Committee:

- a. Mark Edmiston, Chair
- b. Francine Larson, Vice-Chair
- c. Anthony Amplo
- d. Peter Meier
- e. Bennett Pudlin
- f. Eric Ratchman
- g. Jane Zennario

MOTION by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve the following appointments to the Ad-Hoc Affordable Housing Committee: Mark Edmiston, Chair, Francine Larson, Vice-Chair, Anthony Amplo, Peter Meier, Bennett Pudlin, Eric Ratchman and Jane Zennario.

Discussion: Selectman Murphy and Selectman Wilson thanked all those who interviewed and encouraged all residents to continue voicing their opinions on this matter.

VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.

10. Academy Community Center Advisory Committee Survey Results Presentation.

Bill Stableford, chair of the Academy Community Center Advisory Committee, explained the committee distributed a town-wide survey in order to define community interests at the Academy Building. The survey closed on January 13th, results are available on the town website. Mr. Stableford presented the survey results to the board (attached). The committee is now in the process of defining requested building features by holding focus discussion with activity groups and then delivering recommendations to the Academy Community Center Building Committee. This will include a mapping of town interests to rooms and features. The last step will be to support the Building Committee on an on-going basis/as needed.

The board thanked the committee for their hard work.

11. Discuss and approve the acceptance of Dairy Hill Road Extension as a Town road as shown on “As-Built Plan and Profile of Dairy Hill Road, Sandy Hollow Subdivision, 390 Horsepond Road, Madison Connecticut”, prepared for Seashore Construction Co, by Gesick & Associates, PC, dated August 29, 2019; approved by Planning and Zoning Commission on 1/19/23

MOTION by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve the acceptance of Dairy Hill Road Extension as a Town road as shown on “As-Built Plan and Profile of Dairy Hill Road, Sandy Hollow Subdivision, 390 Horsepond Road, Madison Connecticut”, prepared for Seashore Construction Co, by Gesick & Associates, PC, dated August 29, 2019; approved by Planning and Zoning Commission on 1/19/23.

VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.

12. Discuss next steps relating to land transfer to Madison Land Trust of property adjacent to Madison Public School Green Hill campus.

First Selectwoman Lyons explained the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the 8-24 referral and the next steps include holding a Public Hearing for discussion and Special Town Meeting for acceptance. She noted that neither the Public Hearing or the Town Meeting is required because the property is less than \$5,000.00, but she felt it was a best practice in this situation.

13. Discuss and take action to approve the donation of 2.35 acres located at Mungertown Road, Map 56, Lot 1 and 6.5 acres located at Green Hill Road, Map 64 Lot 48 from the Town of Madison to the Madison Land Conservation Trust for open space and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all contracts and documents associated with this donation; pending Public Hearing and approval at Town Meeting.

MOTION by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve the donation of 2.35 acres located at Mungertown Road, Map 56, Lot 1 and 6.5 acres located at Green Hill Road, Map 64 Lot 48 from the Town of Madison to the Madison Land Conservation Trust for open space and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all contracts and documents associated with this donation; pending Public

Hearing and approval at Town Meeting.

Discussion: Selectman Wilson wondered if the board was unnecessarily risking the transfer being turned down at Town Meeting and noted the Board of Selectman and Planning and Zoning have held many public discussions on the topic. First Selectwoman Lyons explained the town has heard no opposition at this point on the transfer, but felt it was appropriate to take these steps. Selectman Goldberg noted he will be abstaining, as he is a member of the Madison Land Trust.

VOTE: this motion was passed with four aye votes and one abstention from Selectman Goldberg.

14. Discuss and take action to approve calling a Public Hearing in Town Campus Room A and on Zoom on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- a. To discuss the donation of 2.35 acres located at Mungertown Road, Map 56, Lot 1 and 6.5 acres located at Green Hill Road, Map 64 Lot 48 from the Town of Madison to the Madison Land Conservation Trust for open space.

MOTION by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve calling a Public Hearing in Town Campus Room A and on Zoom on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for the following purposes: (a) To discuss the donation of 2.35 acres located at Mungertown Road, Map 56, Lot 1 and 6.5 acres located at Green Hill Road, Map 64 Lot 48 from the Town of Madison to the Madison Land Conservation Trust for open space.

VOTE: this motion was passed with four aye votes and one abstention from Selectman Goldberg.

15. Discuss and take action to approve calling a Special Town Meeting in Town Campus Room A and on Zoom on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

- a. To approve the donation of 2.35 acres located at Mungertown Road, Map 56, Lot 1 and 6.5 acres located at Green Hill Road, Map 64 Lot 48 from the Town of Madison to the Madison Land Conservation Trust for open space.

MOTION by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve calling a Special Town Meeting in Town Campus Room A and on Zoom on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for the following purposes: (a) To approve the donation of 2.35 acres located at Mungertown Road, Map 56, Lot 1 and 6.5 acres located at Green Hill Road, Map 64 Lot 48 from the Town of Madison to the Madison Land Conservation Trust for open space.

VOTE: this motion was passed with four aye votes and one abstention from Selectman Goldberg.

16. Discuss and take action to approve the restructuring of the Administrative, Risk, and Grants Manager position to a Procurement Administrator into the Town's Classified Plan; Salary Grade 11, 35.5 hours per week. Funding for this position in the current fiscal year budget. Recruitment for the position will commence upon approval by the Board of Selectmen.

MOTION by Selectman Goldberg and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve the restructuring of the Administrative, Risk, and Grants Manager position to a Procurement Administrator into the Town's Classified Plan; Salary Grade 11, 35.5 hours per week. Funding for this position in the current fiscal year budget. Recruitment for the position will commence upon approval by the Board of Selectmen.

VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.

17. Discuss and take action to approve awarding a contract extension to A&S Electrical Services, Inc for the continuation of the Madison Downtown Center Utility Project in the amount of \$148,626.00 and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all contracts and documents associated with this contract; funding approved through the Capital Improvement Program.

MOTION by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve awarding a contract extension to A&S Electrical Services, Inc for the continuation of the Madison Downtown Center Utility Project in the amount of \$148,626.00 and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all contracts and

documents associated with this contract; funding approved through the Capital Improvement Program. Discussion: First Selectwoman Lyon's and Rob Russo, Deputy Dir. Of Public Works and Asst. Town Engineer, explained this is a continuation of the project with the same contractor. The last step after this will be for Eversource to remove the polls, noting they will need to request more funds due to material cost increases.

VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.

18. Citizen comments.

None.

19. Adjournment.

Being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaclyn Lehet