

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021
7:00 P.M.

MEETING PLACE: ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 p.m. Regular Session

First Selectwoman Lyons called the Regular Session of Monday, January 25, 2021 to order at 7:02 p.m. Also in attendance were Selectwoman Duques, Selectman Goldberg, Selectman Murphy and Selectman Wilson.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
First Selectwoman Lyons led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of minutes – January 12, 2021

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve Minutes of January 12, 2021.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

3. First Selectwoman's Updates.
 - a. COVID-19 Response and Town Operations Update

First Selectwoman Lyons provided an overview which is attached to these minutes.

4. Liaison Reports / Selectmen Comments.

Selectwoman Duques stated that the Board in general is busy with Budget, CIP, Affordable Housing Committee, and the Facilities Study

Selectman Murphy Library, CIP

5. Updates from Representative John-Michael Parker.

Representative Parker stated that he has spoken to many officials and staff members in Town to get started in considering how he can help with the needs of the Town. He also provided an overview of the process for moving some items forward through Committee at the state level. He also informed the Board that the Governor has extended his

Executive Orders until April 9, 2021. The Board also reviewed the vaccine roll out and how Representative Parker may be able to help at the state level. The Board thanked Rep. Parker for attending their meeting and providing his update.

6. Citizen Comments.

None.

There being no objection the First Selectwoman moved item 10 after Item 6 on the Agenda.

10. Discuss and take action to approve proposed revisions to Code of Ordinances Section 20-5. - Property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve proposed revisions to Code of Ordinances Section 20-5. - Property tax exemption for volunteer firefighters.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

7. Review CCM Madison Fleet Study.

Bob Myers, the consultant provided through CCM provided an overview of the process of evaluating the current fleet vehicles and overall fleet needs for the Town. Mr. Myers stated that the recommendations were costly, but that the overall recommendation would be to create a streamlined policy for when vehicles will be replaced (eg. based on years of operation, mileage, etc.). These policies will be incredibly helpful when it comes to the CIP planning schedules. The Board reviewed that the study was very eye-opening and made clear that there should be a policy going forward to replace vehicles before they reach 15 or more years of service. Selectman Wilson also provided an overview of what the Department of Public Works has done in the last couple of years. The Board reviewed that there should be some goals set to discuss transitioning some vehicles to electric vehicles.

8. Discuss and take action to approve awarding the bid for the removal of brush, stumps, logs and woods at the Bulky Waste Site.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectwoman Duques to awarding the bid for the removal of brush, stumps, logs and woods at the Bulky Waste Site to the Good Earth Tree Care, Inc..

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss proposed project from the Madison Diversity and Inclusion Committee to create a Pride Crosswalk at an intersection on a Town road.

Cindy Breckheimer from the Madison Diversity and Inclusion Committee provided an overview for the Board of the proposal. Selectman Wilson stated that the right house for

this idea may be the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to create an overall policy for the safety of all types of decorative crosswalks in Town. Selectman Murphy asked if this would then set a precedent of whether this would open the possibility of many groups wanted cross walk space in Town. Selectman Wilson stated that this was why a policy would be effective. Ms. Breckheimer stated that this organization has the funding lined up as well. She would bring this item to the BPAC to move forward a policy for this and future requests. The Board thanked the Madison Diversity and Inclusion Committee for bringing forward their request.

11. Discuss and take action to call a Public Hearing on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom to hear comment on the Madison I CDBG Small Cities Grant project at the Concord Meadows Apartments.

Town Services Coordinator Lauren Rhines provided an overview of why the Public Hearing was needed to close out the first year grant.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve calling a Public Hearing on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom to hear comment on the Madison I CDBG Small Cities Grant project at the Concord Meadows Apartments.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action to approve the following Resolution:

Be it resolved, that in support of its prior action on March 9, 2020 and April 27, 2020, the Board of Selectmen hereby approves sending the Year-2 Extension of the Lease Modification and Extension Agreement between the Town of Madison and Our Lady of Mercy Preparatory Academy of Madison for a period of August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022 to Town Meeting in accordance with the action taken by the Board of Finance on April 29, 2020.

Town Services Coordinator Lauren Rhines provided an overview of how the remote Town Meeting will work.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve the above Resolution.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

13. Discuss and take action to approve calling a Special Town Meeting on February 18, 2021 via Zoom, to approve the following matters:

1. The Year-2 Extension of the Lease Modification and Extension Agreement between the Town of Madison and Our Lady of Mercy Preparatory Academy of Madison for a period of August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.

2. Granting a tax abatement to The Caleb Foundation and HOPE Partners in accordance with Section 20-3 of the Town of Madison Code of Ordinances.
3. Modifications to the current Tax Incentive Policy (adopted by the Board of Selectmen on May 29, 2018), as recommended by the Economic Development Commission.

Directions for accessing the Town Meeting can be found at www.madisonct.org.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve calling a Special Town Meeting on February 18, 2021 via Zoom, to approve the above matters.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

14. Appointments / Resignations:

Melanie Clark from the Board of Assessment Appeals.
Richard Robinson from the Board of Assessment Appeals.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectwoman Duques to approve the above resignations with thanks from the Board.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

15. Tax Abatements / Refunds.

None.

16. Citizen Comments.

None.

17. Executive Session:

a. Litigation Update:

Pfister
Doe
Hewes
Keirstead
Grivalsky
Bartels
Friedman
Kyrzcz
Martinez
Evarts
Lauria

FOIA Commission
Carlo

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve moving into Executive Session at 8:23 p.m.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

Invited in were:

Town Attorney, Floyd Dugas

Town Svcs. Coordinator / Risk Manager, Lauren Rhines

There being no objection the Board adjourned to Regular Session at 9:04 p.m.

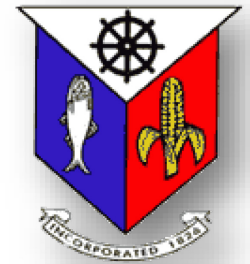
18. Adjournment.

There being no objection the Board adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Rhines
Town Svcs. Coordinator / Risk Manager

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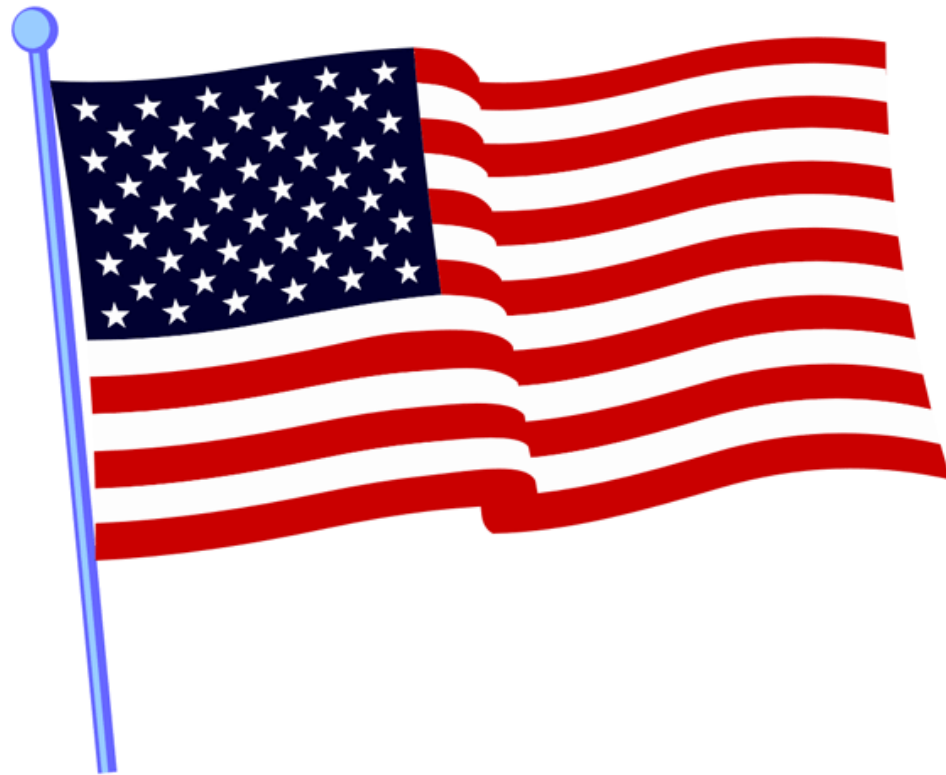
TOWN OF MADISON

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Regular Meeting – January 25, 2021

Board of Selectmen

Pledge of Allegiance



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16. Citizens comments.

17. Executive Session – Litigation Update

18. Adjournment.

Statement from the Board of Selectmen

“The Madison Board of Selectmen strongly condemns the acts of violence and insurrection committed on January 6, 2021 in Washington, D.C. Efforts to disrupt basic democratic processes in our nation’s capital violate that which we hold dear and threaten the very foundation of our democracy. The images of the attack on our Capitol building, our lawmakers, and all those who work there on behalf of the American people are both disheartening and disturbing.

As elected officials sworn to support the Constitution, we expect our national leaders to honor the peaceful, timely transfer of power in order to ensure our nation’s life and liberty. Disruptions to our government have serious consequences for the stability of the country. Public trust in our government, and effective leadership at all levels of government, are essential not only for our democracy, but also to shape an effective response to national emergencies, including today’s pandemic.

After this upheaval, it is time to heal our country both spiritually and physically. Government should now be focused on the resolution of problems and the mediation of differences to unite us as one people. This is a moment to reject hate and commit ourselves to building an ever-stronger community of caring. We are in this together Madison.”

Board of Selectmen, January 18, 2021

Update on Vaccine Roll-out

- Town working with Guilford, Branford, North Branford and East Haven for vaccine roll-out
- State of Connecticut controls vaccine supplies and sets policies for eligibility
- Required prioritization of individuals 75 years and older.
- Registration for many has been challenging
 - Federal VAMS system is web based and problematic, especially for seniors without email
 - Difficult to get through to state phone support for booking reservation
 - Town working on outreach to those without access to internet
- Madison anticipates hosting clinics on Thursdays when supplies available
 - Appointment only through VAMS. No walk-ins.
 - Town Campus Gym but looking at alternate sites including Senior Center
 - State-wide call for volunteers. Tapping Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
 - Transportation available through 9 Town Transit. Senior Center buses coming soon
 - All available information will be communicated on the Town and Senior Center Websites, and to those who signed up on the Vaccine Survey

Cross-walk Concept

