

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

MEETING DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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, February 22, 2021 to order at 7:05 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 – February 9, 2021

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve Minutes of February 9, 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 of:

Vaccine phases by age

Town Staff re-entering building

Town Budget was approved at the Budget Workshop on February 22, 2021

4. Liaison Reports / Selectmen Comments.

Selectman Wilson	Remote Town Meeting on 2/18, Town Meetings/minutes, etc. Library Budget
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Selectman Murphy	Facilities Study
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Selectman Goldberg	Pension Committee
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First Selectwoman Lyons	Board of Finance, Charter Review Committee
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5. Citizen Comments.

Gus Horvath of Aylesbury Circle stated that the Town Meeting online was very different and he was hoping that there would be a method or system that would allow for people to be checked in quicker more efficiently. This is the second town meeting that has had a quorum and both of them were to approve the lease with OLMPA.

6. Discuss proposed revisions to the Flood Plain Ordinance from the Coastal Resiliency Commission.

Chairman Hank Maguire provided an overview of the proposed changes.

Selectman Wilson confirmed that the word document was the overview of only the changes not the whole document. He also questioned the lookback of 10 years versus 5 years. Mr. Weiss stated that FEMA actually allows any timeframe but the Ordinance should strike a balance to make homes resilient but not create too much of a burden. A 5 year lookback accomplishes this goal; a 10-year lookback is too cumbersome for staff and homeowners.

The Committee reviewed the need to have a plan for hearing variances before the need arises; and part of this is to establish a variance hearing board. Selectman Murphy questioned the 2 foot flood elevation level and how this was determined. Mr. Maguire stated that the Committee was consistent with where the state is headed. Mr. Weiss added that this is something the Town will need to look into again as the rise in sea level is anticipated to increase in 29 years. Currently any building that receives state assistance must meet these same criteria so we are following the state. Mr. Welsh stated that FEMA looks back at the flooding over 100 years; this is a forward looking plan and we are in the right space for moving forward.

The Board confirmed that the approval process would move this document to a Public Hearing before the Board of Selectmen votes to approve the Ordinance

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectwoman Duques to approve Opening the Agenda for Item 6a: add the Modification of Madison's Flood Plain Ordinance to the call of the Public Hearing on March 22, 2021.

VOTE the motion passed unanimously.

6a. Discuss and take action to approving adding the Modification of Madison's Flood Plain Ordinance to the call of the Public Hearing on March 22, 2021.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve adding the Modification of Madison's Flood Plain Ordinance to the call of the Public Hearing on March 22, 2021.

VOTE the motion passed unanimously.

7. Energy Presentation from Woodie Weiss, Chairman of the Energy & Efficiency Committee.

Mr. Weiss presented to the Board and a copy is attached to these minutes. The Board reviewed that decisions in the future should be more streamlined to consider life cycles, best practices, etc. A standing Building Committee may help achieve this long-term continuity planning goal. The Board thanked Mr. Weiss for his efforts to aid the Town in all of his projects.

8. Discuss possible refunding opportunities of existing bonds.

First Selectwoman Lyons stated that the Town is looking at refinancing \$3.3 million in bonds. At a future meeting the Bond Counsel will present to the Board the timeline and transaction processes. The roughly annual savings in interest is \$20-\$24,000 depending on market rates. This is a credit to the Finance Director and her team for looking into this possibility.

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

Sarah Mervine, Chairperson
Matt Keller
Chad Greenlee

MOVED by Selectman Goldberg and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve the above appointments to the Ad-Hoc Affordable Housing Committee.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

10. Appointments / Resignations:

Resignation of Bill Gladstone from the Coastal Resiliency Subcommittee.

Craig Becker to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term to expire November 1, 2023.

Sufia Uddin to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire January 1, 2022.

Carol Snow to Planning and Zoning Alternate for a term to expire January 1, 2023.

Bob Augusta to the Inland Wetlands Alternate for a term to expire January 1, 2024.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve the resignations of Bill Gladstone from the Coastal Resiliency Commission, with thanks from the Board.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve the appointments above, with thanks from the Board.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously

11. Tax Abatements / Refunds.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve the tax abatements in the amount of \$12,174.90.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

12. Citizen Comments.

Noreen Kokoruda provided an overview of the Ethics Commission in the history of the early 2000's. She stated that the commission was brought forward for a final time in 2009 and the commission was not created or seated. She stated that now is the time to see it forward and she is happy to help move the commission to approval via an Ordinance.

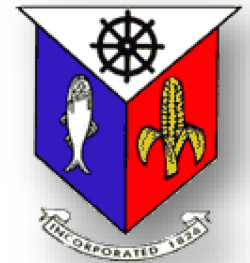
13. Adjournment.

There being no objection the Board adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Rhines
Town Svcs. Coordinator / Risk Manager

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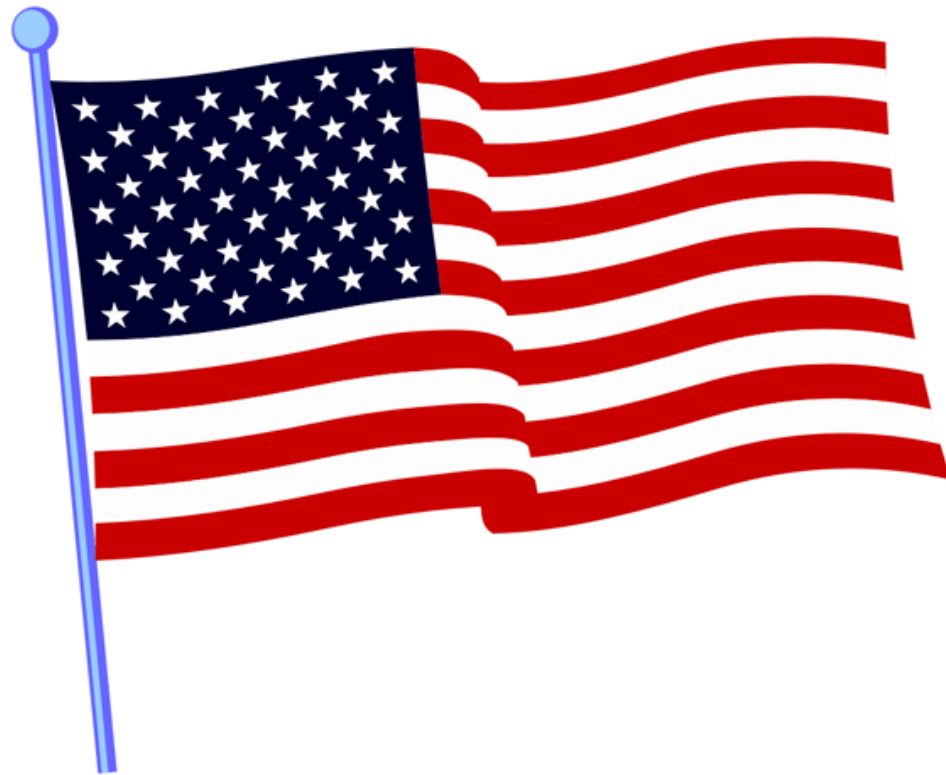
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Regular Meeting – February 22, 2021

Board of Selectmen

Pledge of Allegiance



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First Selectwoman Update

- Over 80% of Madison's 75+ population vaccinated, above state average
- Town holding weekly, appointment only, vaccination clinics on Thursdays at the Town Campus Gym when supplies available
- Other populations eligible March 1.
 - Age 55+
 - Educators and administrators regardless of age
- Town held its first remote Town Meeting.
 - Approved 1-year extension of Island Ave. Lease to OLM Prep
 - 79 participated in virtual voting through Zoom (78 Yes; 1 No)
 - Experienced significant meeting delays due to high turn-out, technology hurdles, time consuming voter check-in
- Town recognized as Certified Local Government by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)
 - Access to federal/state resources and funding