

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2021
8:00 A.M.

MEETING PLACE: HYBRID MEETING:
TOWN CAMPUS ROOM A & ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES

8:00 a.m. Regular Session

First Selectwoman Lyons called the Regular Session of Tuesday, March 8, 2022 to order at 8:03 a.m. Also in attendance were Selectman Goldberg, Selectwoman Kokoruda, Selectman Murphy, and Selectman Wilson.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
First Selectwoman Lyons led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of minutes – February 28, 2022

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve Minutes of the February 28, 2022.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

3. First Selectwoman's Updates.

First Selectwoman Lyons stated that the BOS meet only a week ago so there weren't many updates. The Board did recommend a Budget to the Board of Finance and now the BOF will hold workshops and a Public Hearing before sending a final recommended Budget to Referendum on Tuesday, May 17th.

4. Liaison Reports / Selectmen Comments.

The Board reviewed that there is a Bill proposed to the state Legislature that would prohibit towns from charging different fees for recreational/beach access to residents and non-residents.

Noreen Kokoruda	Planning & Zoning/MAD for Trees
Bruce Wilson	MLAC Public Hearing

5. Citizen Comments.

None.

6. Discuss ongoing meeting structure for Board of Selectmen.

First Selectwoman Lyons stated that she would like to hear comments on keeping the morning meetings Zoom only so long as it is allowed by the State. Selectman Goldberg stated that many volunteer groups attend meetings and they may prefer to meet remotely so that option should be afforded to them. Selectman Murphy stated that conducting meetings virtually helps volunteers who work as they can easily get back to their jobs after the meeting is over. Selectman Wilson stated that he thought the Board was in agreement that having meetings on Zoom cuts down on commuting time for people who work and regards to the Hybrid option, it comes down to the technology. For clarity, we might be better off choosing the in-person versus Zoom option and allow a participating member the option to join remotely. Selectman Murphy asked if the town could look into a simple investment into microphones to make the sound clearer. The Board also reviewed setting priorities for the morning meeting that this Agenda be for business and the evening meeting be primarily for policy and outside groups.

7. Discuss and take action to approve the following Resolution as required by the Department of Administrative Services Office of School Construction Grants & Review:

- (1) RESOLVED, that the Madison Board of Selectmen authorizes the Madison Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the construction of a new elementary to replace the existing Jeffrey Elementary, Town Campus Learning Center and the demolition of the Ryerson Elementary School.
- (2) RESOLVED, that the New Elementary Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the construction of a new elementary to replace the existing Jeffrey Elementary, Town Campus Learning Center and the demolition of the Ryerson Elementary School.
- (3) RESOLVED, that the Madison Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the construction of a new elementary to replace the existing Jeffrey Elementary, Town Campus Learning Center and the demolition of the Ryerson Elementary School.

Bond Attorney Matt Ritter stated that this was boiler plate language needed to apply for state reimbursement funding for the schools' project.

MOVED by First Selectwoman Lyons and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve the Resolution above as required by the Department of Administrative Services Office of School Construction Grants & Review.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action to approve a Resolution delegating authority to the First Selectman and Director of Finance to authorize terms and conditions of bonds, notes, and temporary notes.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve a Resolution delegating authority to the First Selectman and Director of Finance to authorize terms and conditions of bonds, notes, and temporary notes.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action to approve the purchase of a used Elgin “Pelican” Dump Street Sweeper; funding is in the Capital Improvement Program Highway Equipment Reserve.

First Selectwoman Lyons stated that the Board had approved the funding and now we need to approve the purchase of the equipment

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VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

10. Discuss and take action to approve the purchase of a Chevy Tahoe for the Fire Marshall’s Office for a cost not to exceed \$50,000 including equipment installation; pending Board of Finance approval of moving funding in the Capital Improvement Program Highway Equipment Reserve fiscal year 2021-2022.

Selectman Murphy questioned why this particular vehicle was chosen versus another make or model and staff reviewed that this need is immediate and this vehicle is the make/model available in the timeliest manner.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve the purchase of a Chevy Tahoe for the Fire Marshall’s Office for a cost not to exceed \$50,000 including equipment installation; pending Board of Finance approval of moving funding in the Capital Improvement Program Highway Equipment Reserve fiscal year 2021-2022.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

11. Discuss and take possible action to approve Round 4 ARP Funding in the amount of \$40,465.00.

This request is to purchase outdoor light towers for the Town versus renting them. The Town has either borrowed or rented these lights for Elections, test kits distribution, etc. The Board can either approve this expenditure or send it to the ARP Committee for their review. The Board reviewed that this was a need that should be addressed sooner rather

than later and they agreed to move this funding forward now. The Board reviewed that the actual cost was \$22,000 for used equipment.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectwoman Kokoruda to approve Round 4 ARP Funding in the amount of \$22,000; pending Board of Finance approval.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action to approve a Special Appropriation in the amount of \$7,000 to fund additional expenses for the downtown winter display.

Town Coordinator Lauren Rhines stated that this funding was needed to cover expenses for the entire downtown winter display; lights and wreaths. She indicated that the process next year will be run differently and occur earlier in order to avoid the need for additional funds over the \$20,000 budgeted amount.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectwoman Kokoruda to approve a Special Appropriation in the amount of \$7,000 to fund additional expenses for the downtown winter display.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

13. Discuss and take possible action on the Community Center Building Committee.

First Selectwoman Lyons provided an overview of the draft of the Charge and how it was structured similarly to the Library Building Committee. Selectman Murphy stated that he like this model and Selectman Goldberg echoed these comments. Selectman Wilson stated that it was a lot to take in but it was a great structure. He stated that a member of the Beach & Rec Commission might also be included in the process. The Board reviewed the other liaison positions and what other stakeholders might be involved. They also reviewed that the draft Charge would be brought forward to a future meeting for approval. Also, the Town could consider the Charge for other community center builds in other communities.

14. Appointments / Resignations:

Eric Dillner from the Economic Development Commission.

Jessica Bowler from the Youth & Family Services Board.

Michael Ahlijanian to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a term to expire January 1, 2024.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve the resignations of Eric Dillner and Jessica Bowler with thanks from the Board for their service.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve the appointment of Michael Ahlijanian to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a term to expire January 1, 2024.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

15. Tax Abatements / Refunds.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve Tax Abatements / Refunds in the amount of \$1,227.38.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

16. Executive Session:

MOVED by First Selectwoman Lyons and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve moving into Executive Session at 9:10 a.m. to review

- a. Pending Litigation, Hewes v. Madison.
- b. Personnel Matter – employee complaint

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

Invited in for item a. were:
Attorney Mike Rose
Stacy Nobitz
Lauren Rhines

Invited in for item b. was:
Attorney Gabe Giran
First Selectwoman Lyons, Stacy Nobitz and Lauren Rhines left the Executive Session prior to the review of this time.

There being no objection the Board adjourned to Special Session at 10:08 a.m.

17. Discuss and take action to approve the settlement agreement of Hewes v. Madison.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectwoman Kokoruda to approve a settlement agreement in the amount of \$49,999 out of the Severance Reserve Account.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

18. Citizens comments.

None.

19. Adjournment.

There being no objection the Board adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Rhines
Town Coordinator / Risk Manager

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