

Board of Selectmen  
Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM  
Town Campus, Room A and Remote Via Zoom

## MINUTES

### VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

[Zoom Link](#)

### REGULAR MEETING

1. Pledge of Allegiance

First Selectwoman Lyons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

First Selectwoman Lyons called the Regular Session of Monday, May 22, 2023 to order at 7:00 p.m.  
Also, in attendance: Selectman Goldberg, Selectwoman Gordon, and Selectman Murphy.

2. First Selectwoman's Updates.

Attached.

3. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments.

None.

4. Citizen comments

None.

### BUSINESS

5. Consent Agenda:

**MOTION by** Selectwoman Gordon and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve the Items of the Consent agenda (a) through (j - ii).

**VOTE:** this motion was passed unanimously.

a. Minutes of April 18, 2023 and April 24, 2023

- b. Tax Abatements/Refunds.
  
- c. Approval of Proclamation naming Friday, June 2, 2023 National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Town of Madison
  
- d. Approval of a Proclamation naming June 2023 Pride Month in the Town of Madison.
  
- e. Approval of Routine Line Item Transfers FY22-23 Totaling \$10,300; approved by Board of Finance 5/17/23
  
- f. Approve an agreement in substantially the same form as the draft provided herewith between the Town of Madison and 175 Fort Path Road, LLC / Milano Development under the Town of Madison Tax Incentive / Assessment Deferral Program for an assessment deferral of no more than 5 years and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all necessary contracts and documents.
  
- g. Approve an agreement in substantially the same form as the draft provided herewith between the Town of Madison and Ironworks, LLC under the Town of Madison Tax Incentive / Assessment Deferral Program for an assessment deferral of no more than 7 years and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all necessary contracts and documents.
  
- h. Approve an amendment in substantially the same form as the draft provided herewith to the existing agreement between the Town of Madison and Wellington at Madison under Section 20-3 of the Town of Madison Tax Code of Ordinances for a tax abatement for certain affordable rental housing units and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all necessary contracts and documents.
  
- i. Approve the rates for Non-Resident Beach Parking Passes; approved by the Beach and Recreation Commission 10/4/2022
  
- j. Appointments:

John Fries, Ad-Hoc Facilities Committee, Public Member

Charmaine Parent, Ad-Hoc Facilities Committee, Public Member

6. Discuss and take action to approve the proposed draft Ordinance on the prohibition of Cannabis establishments in the Town of Madison.

MOTION by Selectwoman Gordon and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve the proposed draft Ordinance on the prohibition of Cannabis establishments in the Town of Madison.

**VOTE:** this motion was passed unanimously.

7. Update from the New Elementary School Building Committee.

Graham Curtis, Chair of the New Elementary School Building Committee presented, a schedule summary, budget status, permit and approval update and follow-ups tasks the Committee needs to move forward. He presented the Committees 4-year process and noted the DD estimate is \$5.8 million over budget, this does not include the \$1.9 million moved to Bid Alternates for a total of \$7.7 million. The reasoning for the budget being over include addition of 4 classrooms, geothermal cost premium and abnormal infaltion. Mitigations will include \$2.5 to \$3 million from rebates and credits from inflation reduction act and \$5 million possible additional state reimbursement. ACCA permits were approved, Wetland Public Hearing on 6/5 and PZA on 6/15. Follow up- building committee needs to authorize architect to proceed to complete construction document for bidding with an approved budget and early procurement of electrical equipment in July 2023 due to supply chain issues. 52-82 months out for some supply line. The town could hear as early as June about the state reimbursement. State reports have confirmed additional classrooms are needed. The board thanked Mr. Curtis and will have follow-up conversations when they receive more information.

8. Discuss and take possible action to revise the Town Seal to include the words: Madison, Connecticut.

Rita Boland, web design specialist for the town, explained she is not looking to change the town seal, but rather enhancing it by including the words Madison, Connecticut. She noted the number of other towns across the country with the same name. The board reviewed 3 options and asked Rita to come back with changes. The board agreed to vote at the next meeting.

9. Discuss and take action to appoint up to three public members to the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee.

Tabled.

10. Discuss and take action to award the contract between the Town of Madison and to Autografix for the Town Gateway Signs Project and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all necessary contracts and documents; project funded through ARPA

**MOTION** by Selectwoman Gordon and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to award the contract between the Town of Madison and to Autografix for the Town Gateway Signs Project and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all necessary contracts and documents; a project funded through ARPA

**VOTE:** this motion was passed unanimously.

11. Discuss and take action to approve a request from the Police Department to move funds from the Capital Improvement Program Police Vehicle Reserve fiscal year 24-25 to fiscal year 22-23 for a replacement of an administrative police vehicle; approved by Board of Finance 5/17/23

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**VOTE:** this motion was passed unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action to award a contract between the Town of Madison and MHQ Inc. for a 2022 Ford Mach-E vehicle in the amount of \$59,276; as approved in the Capital Improvement Program; and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all necessary contracts and documents; company is the Sole Source Provider on the State Contract

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**VOTE:** this motion was passed unanimously.

13. Discuss and take action to award a contract between the Town of Madison and United Concrete Products, Inc. for the purchase of concrete catch basin tops under CT State Bid #20PSX0137 in the amount of \$43,980; and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all necessary contracts and documents; as budgeted in FY22-23

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**VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.**

14. Discuss and take action to award a contract between the Town of Madison and VHB Inc., for engineering services for the Copse Road and Warpas Road Pavement Reconstruction project in the amount of \$217,730; and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all necessary contracts and documents; as budgeted in FY22-23.

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**VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.**

15. Discuss and take action to approve a special appropriation to the Legal Services account in the amount of \$50,000; approved by Board of Finance 5/17/23

**MOTION by** Selectwoman Gordon and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve a special appropriation to the Legal Services account in the amount of \$50,000; approved by Board of

Finance 5/17/23

**VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.**

16. Discuss and take action to approve a special appropriation to the Revaluation Reserve Fund account in the amount of \$225,000; approved by Board of Finance 5/17/23

**MOTION** by Selectman Goldberg and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve a special appropriation to the Revaluation Reserve Fund account in the amount of \$225,000; approved by Board of Finance 5/17/23.

**VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.**

17. Discuss and take action to approve waiving building permit fees for Wellington at Madison Project.

**MOTION** by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectwoman Gordon to approve waiving building permit fees for Wellington at Madison Project.

Discussion: the board discussed the process of waiving the fees. Certain fees cannot be waived.

**MOTION** by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectwoman Gordon to amend and approve the motion to waive town building fees for Wellington at Madison Project excluding sub contractors.

**VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.**

18. Discuss and take action to apply for the State of CT, Neighborhood Assistance Act Application in the amount of \$150,000 on behalf of Wellington at Madison Project; and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all necessary contracts and documents.

**MOTION** by Selectman Goldberg and seconded by Selectman Murphy to apply for the State of CT, Neighborhood Assistance Act Application in the amount of \$150,000 on behalf of Wellington at Madison Project; and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all necessary contracts and documents.

**VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.**

19. Discuss and take action to approve returning project balances to the ARPA Fund in the amount of \$180,138.

**MOTION** by First Selectwoman Lyons and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve returning project balances to the ARPA Fund in the amount of \$180,138; pending Board of Finance approval.

**VOTE: this motion passed unanimously.**

20. Discuss and take possible action on Round 16 ARPA funding requests; pending Board of Finance approval.

- a. MYS/MYF Portable LED Lighting

The board had lengthy discussion on the remaining ARPA projects. They agreed to table MYS/MYF Portable LED Lighting and Town Campus Gym Floor for a future meeting.

- b. Bauer Farming Project Restoration

**MOTION by** First Selectwoman Lyons and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to deny the Bauer Farming Project Restoration request.

**VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.**

- c. Town Campus Gym Floor

Tabled.

- d. The Caleb Foundation/HOPE Partnership, Inc. at Wellington at Madison

**MOTION by** Selectwoman Gordon and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve additional Round 16 ARPA funding requests totaling \$9,720.00 for The Caleb Foundation/HOPE Partnership, Inc. at Wellington at Madison; pending Board of Finance approval

**VOTE: this motion was passed unanimously.**

- 21. Citizen Comments.

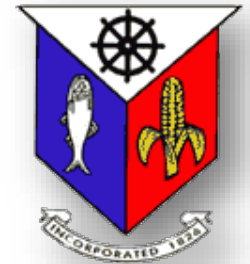
None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaclyn Lehet



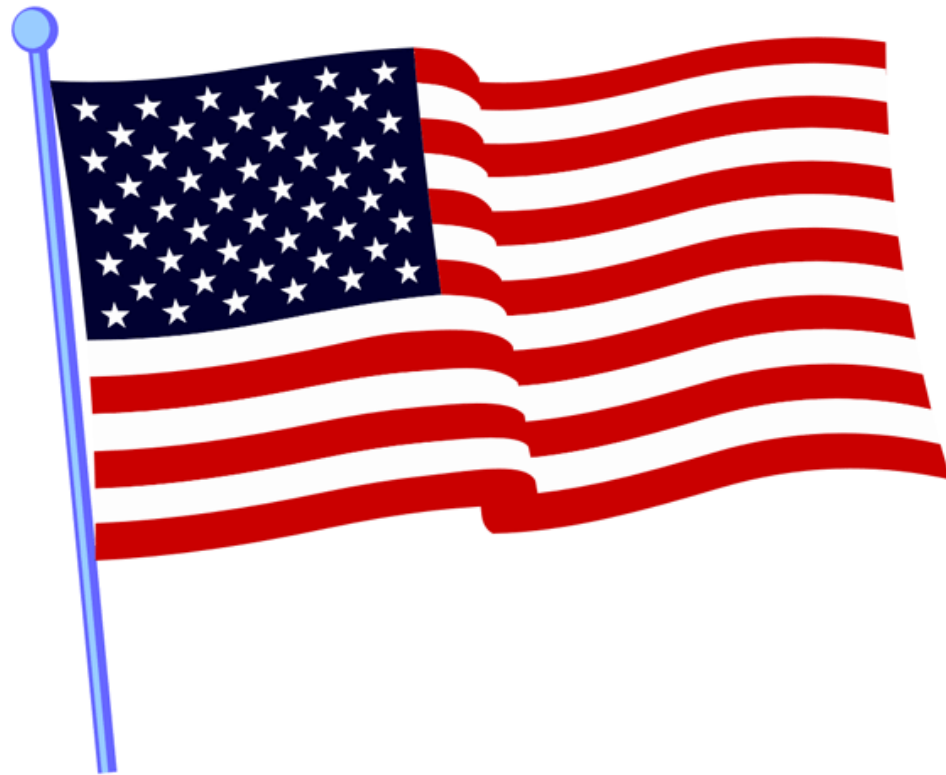
# TOWN OF MADISON

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**Regular Meeting – May 22, 2023**  
Board of Selectmen

# Pledge of Allegiance





# First Selectwoman's Update

- **Madison Strategic Plan moving forward**
  - Survey available on-line, paper version at Library, Senior Center, Surf Club
  - Strategic Plan Advisory Committee to be finalized
  - Community Visioning Session June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Senior Center
  - Focus groups, interviews being scheduled
- **New technology initiatives continue**
  - Town transitioned over the weekend from Microsoft Exchange to Gmail
  - Town working on improvements to new Agenda Center for meeting minutes/agendas
- **Memorial Day parade and Ceremony on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**
  - Step off at 10 a.m. at Stop 'n Shop Parking lot
  - Ceremony at Town Green following parade
- **Dog Park opening rescheduled to June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 1 p.m.**
- **Town Veterans Awards Ceremony scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at DHHS**
  - State delegation with citations for Korean, Vietnam Veterans

# Budget Referendum Results

## 2023 Referendum Results

Town Budget:			
	<b>GRAND</b>		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		
YES	<b>753</b>	63.4%	
NO	<b>435</b>	36.6%	
	1188		
Board of Education Budget:			
	<b>GRAND</b>		
	<b>TOTAL</b>		
YES	<b>768</b>	64.3%	
NO	<b>426</b>	35.7%	
	1194		
TOTAL ELECTORS	13,531		
TOTAL POLL	1,153	Includes 8 Taxpayers	
TOTAL ABSENTEE	54	Includes 4 Taxpayers	
<b>VOTER TURNOUT</b>	<b>8.90%</b>		

## Turnout History

	<b>Voter Turnout</b>
2023	8.9%
2022	11.0%
2021	8.8%
2020	NA
2019	16.0%
2018	11.9%
2017	9.2%
2016	14.0%
2015	11.7%
2014	7.6%
2013	17.1%

## 2023 Budget – Other Towns

Town	Total Budget Change	Mill Rate Change	How Approved	Turnout
Branford	4.70%	1.70%	RTM	N/A
Clinton	5.22%		Referendum	17%
East Haven	2.56%	0%	Town Council	N/A
Essex	1.84%	TBD	Town Mtg	
Guilford	4.19%		Referendum	14%
<b>Madison</b>	<b>3.29%</b>	<b>1.90%</b>	<b>Referendum</b>	<b>8.90%</b>
North Branford	9.40%	3.90%	Referendum	2.10%
Old Saybrook	3.90%	1.89%	Referendum	
Westbrook	4.50%	2.70%	Town Mtg	
Simsbury	6.08%		Referendum	6.80%
Avon	3.62%		Referendum	4.60%
Cheshire	6.30%	5.16%	Town Council	N/A
RTM - Representative Town Meeting				

# Budget Referendum Communications

- **Annual Budget Referendum always held in early/mid May**
  - Timeline dictated by Town Charter
  - New Charter allows greater flexibility – possible to schedule in late April
- **Signage leading up to Referendum**
  - Emergency Sign boards one week prior located on 79 at Woodland and 79 on the 80 circle.
  - Registrars: 5 'A-frame' signs announcing event distributed a week prior to the event: Salt Marsh entrance; Post Rd in front of Academy; in front of Sr Ctr; entrance to Polson on Green Hill; entrance to Brown on 79.
- **News Articles**
  - Source Article: 3/7/23
  - Proposed Budget Published in Source on 4/13, 5/11
  - Articles in Madison Events Magazine
- **Madison Alerts Subscribers**
  - Sent out via text, email, Facebook, posted on website
  - First Selectwoman's Community Update: 5/12, 4/28, 3/31, 3/17
  - This Week in Madison: 5/15
  - Town FB reminder post on 5/15
- **Budget Public Meetings**
  - BOS: 1 Public Hearing, 3 workshops
  - BOF: 2 Public Hearings, 3 workshops
  - BOE: 1 Public Hearing, \_\_workshops
  - CIP: 2 Public Hearings, \_\_workshops
- **Other**
  - Superintendent's Update: 5/12
  - External communications from political parties, PTOs, etc.

# Madison School Renewal Plan – Bonding Budget

	<u>New Elementary</u>	<u>Polson</u>	<u>Brown</u>	<u>Total</u>
Authorized Project Cost, including Financing	61,150,000.00	21,550,000.00	6,500,000.00	89,200,000.00
Original Estimated State Reimbursement 17.36% Rate (18.21% less space standard reduction)	(9,820,063.00)			(9,820,063.00)
Possible additional State Reimbursement	(5,000,000.00)			(5,000,000.00)
<b>Projected Debt Issued</b>	<b>46,329,937.00</b>	<b>21,550,000.00</b>	<b>6,500,000.00</b>	<b>74,379,937.00</b>