

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

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

MEETING PLACE: ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

8:00 a.m. Regular Session

First Selectwoman Lyons called the Regular Session of Tuesday, June 8, 2021 to order at 8:04 a.m. Also in attendance were Selectwoman Duques, Selectman Goldberg, Selectman Murphy and Selectman Wilson (via Zoom).

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
First Selectwoman Lyons led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of minutes – May 24, 2021 Regular Meeting, May 24, 2021 Public Hearing

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve Minutes of May 24, 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. She asked Austin Hall, who will be taking over as Director of Beach & Recreation on July 1, 2021 to give an overview of the start to beach season. Selectman Murphy questioned if the Town limits the number of non-resident passes sold and Austin stated that the passes are limited to 75 per day on the weekends. Selectman Goldberg asked if the visitor passes were sold at the gate or at the ticket office and Austin responded that the non-resident guest passes were sold at the office, and non-resident day passes were sold at the gate. Selectman Murphy asked if the business being done at the gate was adding to the traffic back-up and Selectwoman Duques questioned if there was a sign or if a sign could be installed to give information to the drivers so that they didn't need to get information at the gate. Selectwoman Duques asked if the Town compiled demographic information on the non-resident passes that are sold and Austin stated that he believed we were compiling this information. Selectman Wilson stated that the signs that we put up should be as close to the southbound trail from Hammonasset as possible. Also, the Town might want to consider the car rental return model and have people roving with small devices to walk down the roadway and start checking in cars in the queue. First Selectwoman Lyons stated that this was worth looking into again; in the past there was concern about the wifi signal as well as the traffic concerns with people making a K-turn on Surf Club Road.

4. Liaison Reports / Selectmen Comments.

Bruce Wilson Exchange Club Healing Fields, Marijuana Legalization Ad-Hoc Committee

5. Citizen Comments.

Gus Horvath of Aylesbury Circle stated that Item 10 regarding the ARPA funding, he stated that the newly-completed Facilities Study might be helpful in considering how we would spend this funding at the Town level. He stated that the Town should be asking some hard questions about the strategic future of the Town before making decisions on how to spend these funds. Mr. Horvath added that he would be preparing a memo to the Board of Finance and he will send copy to the Board of Selectmen.

6. Discuss and take action to Proclaim June as Pride Month in the Town of Madison.

Selectman Murphy read aloud the Proclamation. Justin Zeigler of the Madison Diversity and Inclusion Committee stated the following:

Pride month is for young people who may be scared of what they learning about themselves, not knowing where to go or who to turn to. But seeing places and people, where they can imagine themselves. Pride month is for those coming out and learning how to integrate identity, not always perfectly...but doing it at their pace and in their way. Pride month is for those of us who have done the work of coming out, and simply want space and time to celebrate all we have accomplished with our loved ones. Pride month is for some to sit back and cheer on their friends, it's for some to walk, dance, and laugh. It's about community, and I'm so glad we are able to recognize this in the place I call home. Thank you.

Reverend Dr. Heather Arcovitch stated that the conversations and support in Madison is a wonderful witness to the kind of place that Madison is, and Madison wants to be. She stated that is important that communities are open and welcoming to support our youth. Reverend Arcovitch stated that she is proud of Madison.

First Selectwoman Lyons stated that she also felt that the Town should create a more formal, permanent Committee devoted to Diversity and Inclusion. Selectman Murphy stated that the Proclamation reflects the community that we all aspire Madison to be. He added that this is a wonderful step in a positive direction and he thanked Mr. Zeigler and Reverend Arcovitch for bringing this item to the Board.

MOVED: The Board unanimously moved and **APPROVED** Proclaiming June as Pride Month in the Town of Madison.

7. Discuss and take action to approve the reappointment of Joseph Oslander to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority Representative Policy Board for a term to expire June 30, 2024.

MOVED by Selectman Goldberg and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve the reappointment of Joseph Oslander to the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority Representative Policy Board for a term to expire June 30, 2024.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action to approve Line Item Transfers totaling **\$27,932.37**.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve Line Item Transfers totaling **\$27,932.37**.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss potential funding needs for public safety resources for the July 4th community events.

Sam DeBurra, Emergency Management Director and Chief Jack Drumm stated that there will probably be need for additional officers and traffic control. Chief Drumm stated that the rate for out-of-town officers is similar but more expensive than using Town officers. There is another planning meeting tomorrow to review needs and make a final budget for the event. After this information is gathered, the Board will be notified of any additional funds needed. The Board also reviewed the need for bussing/shuttle services to the beaches.

10. Discuss state of American Rescue Plan Funds.

First Selectwoman Lyons provided an overview which is attached to the minutes. She added that the Board will hold a Special Meeting to review and approve a very short list of first round funding.

11. Discuss Trash Removal bid process and proposed management plan.

First Selectwoman Lyons provided an overview of the process to-date and although the Town casted a wide net, the Bid request received two final proposals in addition to the response received this time last year. The way that the cycle is laid out is very expensive. Scot Erskine and Austin Hall met with our Building & Grounds crew and made the determination that the Town crew can do the trash removal in the Downtown area. Scot stated that one of the biggest issues is the pizza boxes; people are getting pizza to-go and then eating at the courtyard and then jamming the boxes into trash containers thus jamming the compactor and then overflowing the bin. The plan is to also research a receptacle specific for pizza boxes. The Board also reviewed the need for the carry-in, carry-out policy at the Surf Club and the trash issues historically at the beaches. Scot also added that park facility monitors will have trash bags with them and will occasionally give out garbage bags to the beachgoers to help curb littering. This will also aid in building a rapport between the staff and the residents.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectwoman Duques to approve opening the Agenda for Item 12b. Discuss and take action to approve a Special Appropriation request from

the Beach & Recreation Department in the amount of \$18,000 to fund 6 Big Belly trash receptacles and pads in the Downtown business area.

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Selectman Wilson stated that it was time for the Town to take this over as this has been a chronic issue downtown and he was glad that the Town was taking a proactive role. Scot added that the problem has gotten worse during COVID because of the increase in take-out food orders.

MOVED by First Selectwoman Lyons and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve a Special Appropriation request from the Beach & Recreation Department in the amount of \$18,000 to fund 6 Big Belly trash receptacles and pads in the Downtown business area.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action to approve awarding the bid for Refuse & Waste Removal to Sweitzer / Hometown Waste.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve awarding the bid for Refuse & Waste Removal to Sweitzer / Hometown Waste in the amount of \$47,000 for a one-year term; and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign the same.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

13. Discuss establishment of potential Ethics Committee.

First Selectwoman Lyons stated that she and Selectwoman Duques met with representatives from Guilford to review the work that they have done in establishing an Ethics Commission. First Selectwoman Lyons stated that the bulk of the work that the Guilford Commission does is to vet potential conflicts of interest for Board members and they have not seen politicization of the Commission. The composition of the Guilford Commission is 2 members of each major political party and one unaffiliated member. Also, there are term limits of two consecutive terms. All work of the Commission is confidential and they only meet in Executive Session. Also, Selectwoman Duques stated that the Guilford Commission meets quarterly or as-needed and they have no issues staffing the Commission. The Board reviewed that the revised Charge and a plan forward would be brought to a future meeting.

14. Discuss and take action to approve a Special Appropriation request from the Public Works Department to fund additional highway paving.

John Iennaco, Director of Public Works, stated that the Major Road fund is used for paving, major road reconstruction, and for bridges. Currently, there are two bridge repairs needed in Madison (one on Garvan Point Road, one on Flintlock Road). These bridges need replacement soon and are in the current CIP. The net cost to the Town after the

approved Grants is \$917,000 over the next two fiscal years. With these costs and also the paving needs in Town, the funds are eaten away and now more funding is needed to maintain the preventative repair schedule of roads. First Selectwoman Lyons stated that it is important to get out now to request the additional funding to make plans with contractors to complete the work. Selectwoman Duques stated that she fully supports the merits of the projects, but wanted an overview of the process as these projects are in CIP. She stated that in theory if a project does not receive funding in the CIP was a precedent that then the project could request additional funding through a Special Appropriation instead of planning the full cost in the CIP. Mr. Iennaco stated that the total funding was not known during the CIP process; the CIP process went forward with known information. The Board reviewed a different approach to planning in the future. Selectman Goldberg stated that Selectwoman Duques has asked the right question and he added that prior Boards have not always understood the needs of funding for bridges. Although we have done a study to help understand these costs, he stated that he still feels that the account is potentially underfunded. Selectman Goldberg stated that the bridges are still safe to use but we are proactively replacing them before that isn't the case.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve a Special Appropriation request from the Public Works Department in the amount of \$600,000 to fund the Major Roads Paving account.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

15. Review update on possible changes to the Town Flood Plain Ordinance.

Selectman Murphy stated that he and Selectman Wilson will be meeting with Attorney Gelderman to review the Ordinance changes that have been requested and suggested by Town staff and residents alike. Selectman Wilson stated that all correspondence has been received the Board if focused on getting it right and presenting a final Ordinance that is fair, equitable and works for all stakeholders involved. Selectman Murphy added that the public will be asked for more input at a future Public Hearing as well.

16. Tax Abatements / Refunds.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve Tax Abatements / Refunds in the amount of \$1,478.90.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

17. Citizen Comments.

Janet Nicolini stated that she had sent a letter voicing concerns on the Flood Plain Ordinance and she wanted to make sure the Board considered the concerns of the public.

Margaret Zambarano of Boston Post Road stated that she wanted to make sure the Board is well-aware of the Ledges Project and the potential dangers it will bring to homeowners.

18. Adjournment.

There being no objection the Board adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Rhines
Town Svcs. Coordinator / Risk Manager

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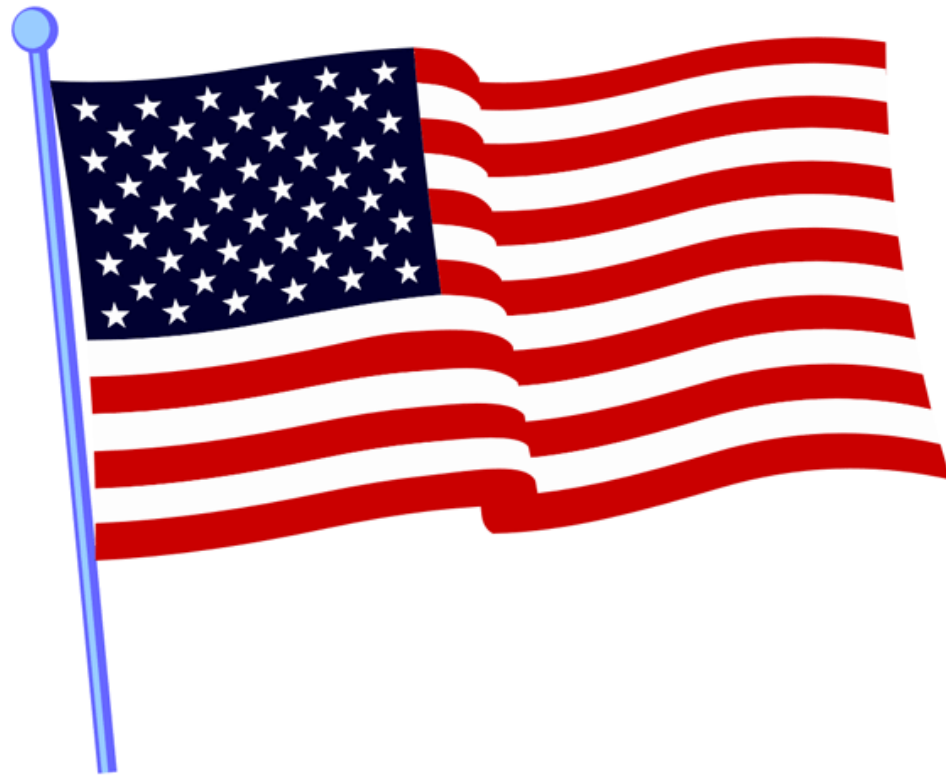


TOWN OF MADISON

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Regular Meeting – June 8, 2021
Board of Selectmen

Pledge of Allegiance



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First Selectwoman Update

- Madison at 70%+ vaccination rate – top 20 in the state
- Town Hall open 5 days a week for in-person services
 - Mask mandate lifted for fully vaccinated staff and visitors
- State recently launched ParkConneCT Pilot program to link public transit to state parks, including Hammonasset
 - Includes Madison Shuttle run by 9 Town Transit that includes a 30-minute loop through our downtown, commuter lot and train station
 - Result of collaborative effort between DEEP, DOT, 9 Town Transit, Town Staff, MPD, EDC, Beach & Rec
- Beach season in full swing. Town investigating congestion issues at the Surf Club this weekend.
- Both the July 2nd Fireworks and July 4th parade events are scheduled for next month. Concert cancelled earlier in year

Beach Operations Update

- First great beach weekend of season - 90 degrees each day!
- Surf Club hosted a Lacrosse event on Strong Field, and Little League games on Nelson fields
 - Youth sports season concluding soon - will reduce wait-time at Surf Club Gate.
- Availability of lifeguards limited until schools close. Currently, Surf Club chairs are fully staffed. East Wharf will be by June 14th.
- Hammonasset State Park was closed to new vehicles by 1 p.m. on Sunday
- Key statistics for the weekend to put into perspective:
 - Surf Club: 663 vehicles entered
 - 16 resident day passes/advance purchase
 - 24 resident day passes sold at gate
 - 72 nonresident passes sold at gate
 - West Wharf: 105 vehicles entered, capacity reached approximately 1pm
 - East Wharf: 98 vehicles entered, 120 turned away, capacity reached at approximately 1pm

American Rescue Plan

Funds to cover costs incurred by 12/31/24:

- Respond to Covid-19 emergency, address its economic effects
- Provide premium pay to essential employees or grants to their employers
- Provide government services affected by a revenue reduction during the pandemic
- Make investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure

Additional restrictions:

- Cannot deposit money into pension fund or use to offset revenue resulting from a tax cut
- Can transfer funds to nonprofits, some special-purpose units
- Cannot receive more than 75% of budget

Timing:

- Treasury released initial guidance May 10; OPM released info June 3
- Claims due by Towns by June 9
- Madison expected to receive 50% of funds by June 23rd; 50% 12 months later

Next Steps

- Working with Long-term Recovery Committee to develop preliminary plan for Round 1 and Round 2 Funding
- BOS holding Special Meeting on June 14th to discuss and approve Round 1 funding
- Long-term plan being developed for Board of Selectmen approval, including public input

Allocation to Madison*

Town	\$1,833,873
County	<u>\$3,502,116</u>
Total	\$5,335,989

Schools: \$892,000

*Source: OPM