

Board of Selectmen

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 6:45 PM

Town Campus, Room A

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MINUTES

SPECIAL SESSION

1. Call to Order

First Selectwoman Lyons called the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen of Wednesday, July 19, 2023, to order at 6:30 p.m. Selectman Goldberg, Selectwoman Gordon, Selectman Murphy and Selectman Wilson present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

First Selectwoman Lyons led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Discuss and take action to approve a Proclamation honoring Fillmore McPherson as the 2023 Donald Rankin Community Service Award Recipient

MOTION and seconded on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to approve a Proclamation honoring Fillmore McPherson as the 2023 Donald Rankin Community Service Award Recipient

Discussion: First Selectwoman Lyons read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, volunteer service is an integral part of the operation and spirit of the Town of Madison. We honor those who generously give their time and talents to improve our community; and WHEREAS, Fillmore McPherson and his wife Joan moved to Madison in 1979, raising their family here and lovingly becoming an integral part of the Madison community for almost 44 years; and WHEREAS, Fillmore became an active volunteer in Town government, serving on the Board of Finance from 2001- 2009, including as Board Chair, and again from 2019-2023; he also served on the New High School Building Committee from 1998-2000. Fillmore served as Board of Finance liaison to the Pension Committee, the Scranton Library, and Senior Tax Relief Committee; and WHEREAS, Fillmore served on the Madison Land Conservation Trust as Vice President of Finance from 2001-2010 and 2015-2023, and volunteered as a Meals on Wheels driver from 2000-2023. Fillmore also served on ACT II, Band Boosters and was Troop Chairman for Boy Scout Troop 1; and WHEREAS, Fillmore was elected to serve as First Selectman in the Town of Madison in 2009 and proudly served until 2015. Notably during his administration, Fillmore led the Town through two unprecedented storm emergencies, Tropical Storm Irene and Superstorm Sandy, where he worked to ensure the safety of the public and guided the Town through a challenging recovery; and WHEREAS, Fillmore has demonstrated the necessary qualities to be the recipient of the 2023 Donald Rankin Community Service Award through the contribution of his time, energy, and talents

to make Madison such an exceptional place to live; and
NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Board of Selectmen of Madison, Connecticut, do hereby award
Fillmore McPherson the Donald Rankin Community Service Award in recognition of his hard work
and tireless efforts to improve the lives of the residents of the Town of Madison and wish him well
in his future home. Dated at Madison, Connecticut this 19th day of July 2023.

Selectman Goldberg: spoke about his relationship with Fillmore, noting their shared bond to make
the town better. They found common ground and always focused on what was best for Madison.
Thank you and best wishes.

Selectman Wilson: noted it is hard to walk or drive through Madison without seeing something
Fillmore directly or indirectly impacted. Fillmore served the town with generosity spanning several
decades. He is a shining example of what a public servant should be. Hopefully, the town will carry
his spirit forward. Thank you and best wishes to Fillmore and family.

Selectman Murphy: spoke about Fillmore's kindness, his ability to listen, and the fact that he
always kept his door open. He cared deeply for Madison. Thank you for everything you've done.

Selectwoman Gordon: Fillmore always showed honesty and even when he disagreed, he offered a
polite demeanor. She echoed comments that Fillmore is a shining example to all community
servants and also thanked his wife Joan for not only supporting Fillmore, but recognized her
service, too.

First Selectwoman Lyons: explained she had worked with Fillmore since 2008 when she joined the
Board of Finance. He always approached his duties prepared and ready to engage. Fillmore
showed leadership and courage during tough times for the town, and as she stepped into her role
as First Selectwoman, she knew Fillmore had set the bar high. First Selectwoman Lyons noted
Joan's commitment to the town and expressed how missed they will be. She expressed her
gratefulness to Fillmore, noting it was an honor and privilege to work with him.

VOTE: this motion passed unanimously

4. Citizen Comments

Dennis: noted Fillmore served 32 years in the Navy Reserve and thank him for his service to this
country as well as his public service to the town

Art Symonds: felt Fillmore is the model example of a public servant.

John Rasimas: expressed to Fillmore that as he leaves Connecticut he should know he made a
difference in Madison.

Stacy Nobitz, Finance Director: thanked Fillmore for being her mentor and for everything she
learned from him over the years.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Jaclyn Lehet