

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 13, 2019
5:00 P.M.

MEETING PLACE: TOWN CAMPUS ROOM A

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

5:00 p.m. Special Session

First Selectman Banisch called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:03 p.m. Present were First Selectman Banisch, Selectwoman Ferris, Selectman Goldberg, Selectman Murphy, and Selectman Wilson (via teleconference).

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
First Selectman Banisch led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Executive Session
 - Review Settlement, Heart & Hypertension Claim
Maxwell v. Town of Madison

MOVED by Selectman Goldberg and seconded by Selectwoman Ferris to **APPROVE** moving into Executive Session at 5:03 p.m.

VOTE: the motion was approved unanimously.

There being no objections the Board moved back into Special Session at 5:07 p.m.

3. Public Comment:
None.
4. Discuss and take action to approve the settlement payment for a Heart and Hypertension Claim pertaining to Maxwell v. Town of Madison, in the amount of \$27,000.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectwoman Ferris to **APPROVE** the settlement payment for a Heart and Hypertension Claim pertaining to Maxwell v. Town of Madison, in the amount of \$27,000.

VOTE: the motion was approved unanimously.

5. Discuss and take action to call a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 5, 2019 immediately following a Conservation Commission Public Information Session which begins at 7:00 p.m. at Madison Congregational Church, 26 Meetinghouse Lane, Hubley Hall. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comment on an Ordinance titled "Prohibition of Use by Business Establishments of Single-Use Plastic Checkout Bags".

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to **APPROVE** the calling a Public Hearing on Thursday, September 5, 2019 immediately following a Public Information Session which begins at 7:00 p.m. at Madison Congregational Church, 26 Meetinghouse Lane, Hubley Hall. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comment on an Ordinance titled “Prohibition of Use by Business Establishments of Single-Use Plastic Checkout Bags”.

VOTE: the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action to award the contract for the Tuxis Pond Walkway improvements to low bidder A. Secondino & Son.

DISCUSSION: John Iennaco stated that the bids came in over the grant amount, but all within 11 percent of each other. Since prices were higher than anticipated, the lighting will be eliminated at this time in order to proceed with the walkway rehabilitation. The existing lighting is out of commission and has been for years; there is only overhead lighting.

FSB the plan is to go for a Special Appropriation to make up the difference for the lighting at the next Board meeting on August 26th. The cost of lighting is roughly \$150,000.

MOVED by Selectwoman Ferris and seconded by Selectman Wilson to **APPROVE** the awarding the contract for the Tuxis Pond Walkway improvements to low bidder A. Secondino & Son.

VOTE: the motion was approved unanimously.

7. Discuss and take action to approve a Special Appropriation request from the Communications Department in the amount of **\$35,835.83** for the Communications Fire Department Tower Upgrades, consisting of (2) Two GTR Radios (Motorola Transmit and Receive), to be installed at the Dorset Road, and the Arts Barn tower sites. This request will replace the existing “Receive Only” radios that current service the site(s) and will eliminate any unintended problems that developed in the current communication, receive only mode.

DISCUSSION: Chief Drumm stated that these came after the initial rebuild of the site. The upgrades will allow for clearer communication between emergency services departments. He also stated that the system operates well but there are areas of transmission issues which this upgrade should solve. Selectman Murphy questioned if there was a contract in place that would cover this work without needing additional funds. Chief Drumm stated that the topographic of the town has gap areas and the warrantee period has passed. Chief Cone confirmed that this is a common error.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectwoman Ferris to **APPROVE** a Special Appropriation request from the Communications Department in the amount of **\$35,835.83** for the Communications Fire Department Tower Upgrades, consisting of (2) Two GTR Radios (Motorola Transmit and Receive), to be installed at the Dorset Road, and the Arts Barn tower sites.

VOTE: the motion was approved unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action to approve a request from Madison Hose to release funds in the amount of **\$26,000** out of the Madison Hose Co. No. 1 Hose and Equipment Fund for the purchase of battery-powered extrication tools. The funds are available in the Capital Project Funds.

DISCUSSION: Chief Kytte stated that the current cutter and spreader are over 25 years old. These new tools are battery-powered and will complement the tools already on the rescue truck. Chief Cone stated that North Madison has benefited from having this tool.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectwoman Ferris to **APPROVE** a request from Madison Hose to release funds in the amount of **\$26,000** out of the Madison Hose Co. No. 1 Hose and Equipment Fund for the purchase of battery-powered extrication tools.

VOTE: the motion was approved unanimously.

9. Update on the Beach Pass System

DISCUSSION: Scot Erskine stated that there aren't many updates to give. The passport system is being better utilized and the system has far fewer issues at this point. The Beach & Rec. Department and Commission will meet in September after the season closes to review the entire process. They will report back this data to the Board at a future meeting. Mr. Erskine also noted some issues that staff and the Beach & Rec. Commission already intended to bring to the vendor. There have also been 827 hourly parking permits issued. Also, there has been roughly \$3,700 in ticket revenue received which was not assessed in prior years.

10. Public Comment.

None.

11. Adjournment.

There being no objections, Selectman Goldberg adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Rhines
Executive Assistant