



# Town of Madison, CT

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## Board of Finance

Subject to Approval

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Finance held on September 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Online Platform

Present: John Picard, Jean Fitzgerald, Cindy Breckheimer, Justin Murphy, and Katie Stein

Also present: First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons; Stacy Nobitz, Finance Director; Jaclyn Lehet, Executive Assistant; John Iennaco, Director of Public Works; Yelena Pelletier, Milliman

Ms. Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### REGULAR SESSION

1. Pledge of Allegiance. The Board of Finance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of minutes – Regular meeting of August 17, 2022.

On motion made by Ms. Stein, and seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 17, 2022 as submitted.

3. Chairman’s comments.

There were no Chairman’s comments.

4. Finance member comments/liaison reports.

There were no Finance member comments or liaison report.

5. Report from First Selectman

First Selectwoman Lyons noted that the Board of Selectmen has discussed the need to update the Tax Relief Plan and noted that the Board of Finance makes some decisions regarding the Senior Tax Freeze. They are proposing to create a working group, which will include representation from the Board of Finance, to discuss the program and come up with a recommendation for any updates.

First Selectwoman Lyons reported that the Town received a STEAP grant of \$550,000 for the Madison Center Project. An application for another grant of up to \$1 million has been submitted.

6. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments

**NEW BUSINESS**

7. Discuss and take action to approve a special appropriation request from Madison Public Schools in the amount of \$138,336.24 to fund additional school security personnel.

Ms. Fitzgerald noted that this item has been discussed in the past. It was noted that the schools returned \$156,000 pre-audit to the Town from last fiscal year and they are now requesting this special appropriation, which is slightly under the amount returned.

On motion made by Mr. Murphy, and seconded by Ms. Stein, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request from Madison Public Schools for a special appropriation of \$138,336.24 from undesignated fund balance to fund additional security personnel pending Town Meeting approval.

8. Discuss and take action to approve proposed amendments to the Fireman's Pension plan.

Ms. Fitzgerald noted that the Board has discussed the proposed amendments to enhance the benefit to the Fireman's Pension Plan at a couple of prior meetings. She noted that there will be further discussion during the budget season to discuss ways to smooth out any increase associated with this change.

On motion made by Mr. Picard, and seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to approved proposed amendments to the Firemen's Pension Plan as outlined in the Town of Madison Volunteer Fire Companies Defined Benefits Pension Plan – 2022 – First Amendment, pending Town Meeting approval.

9. Discuss and take action to approve a Special Appropriation request in an amount up to \$65,000 for the Eversource Electric Vehicle Charging Station grant rebate program.

First Selectwoman Lyons noted that the Town had a received a grant through Eversource for the installation of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and the Town's contribution would be \$65,000. In response to a question by Mr. Murphy, First Selectwoman Lyons noted that the first location for the stations would be behind Town Hall so the Town can begin buying EVs for the Town fleet. She is confident the Town can pursue further

grants in the future for additional stations and possibly for the purchase of vehicles since Connecticut is interested in sustainability. In response to a question by Mr. Murphy, First Selectwoman Lyons noted that the cost estimate for the grant application was provided by Verdek

On motion made by Mr. Murphy, and seconded by Ms. Stein, the Board voted unanimously to approve a special appropriation from undesignated fund balance in an amount up to \$6,500 for the Eversource Electric Vehicle Charging Station grant rebate program

10. Discuss and take action to approve a recommendation from the Ad-Hoc ARP Funding Committee to fund Round 8 ARP Funding in the amount of \$34,940.00 and to fund Round 9 ARP Funding in the amount of \$15,000.

On motion made by Ms. Breckheimer, and seconded by Mr. Picard, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation of the Ad Hoc ARP Funding Committee to fund Round 8 ARP Funding in the amount of \$34,940 and fund Round 9 ARP Funding in the amount of \$15,000.

11. Discuss and take action to accept an Absentee Ballot support grant in the amount of \$9,112.04 for the 2022 General Election in November from The Office of Secretary of the State.

On motion made by Mr. Picard, and seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board voted unanimously to accept an Absentee Ballot Support Grant in the amount of \$9,112.04 for the 2022 General Election in November from the Office of the Secretary of State.

12. Discuss and take action to approve a \$3,000 payment to SLR International Corporation for Madison Streetscape Estimate from the Planning Reserve account

Mr. Iennaco noted that the requested funds are to pay for the updated cost estimate for the STEAP Grant for the Downtown Street Scape Extension.

On motion made by Mr. Murphy, and seconded by Mr. Picard, the Board voted unanimously to approve a \$3,500 payment to SLR International Corporation for Madison Streetscape Estimate from the Planning Reserve Account.

13. Review of Financials.

Ms. Nobitz noted that the Auditors will arrive the week of October 10th.

14. Citizen comments.

There were no citizen comments.

15. Adjourn.

On motion made by Mr. Murphy, and seconded by Ms. Stein, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Terry Holland-Buckley