



TOWN OF MADISON

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Regular Meeting – April 13, 2020

Board of Selectmen

Agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes: March 23, 2020, April 1, 2020
3. First Selectwoman's Update.
4. Selectmen Liaison Reports.
5. Public Comment.
6. Update on Town's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to state directives.
7. Update on Schools from Board of Education Superintendent Tom Scarice.
8. Update on Boards & Commission Meetings going forward.
9. Discuss Tax Deferment Program and Low Interest Rate Program options set forth in Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7S.
10. Discuss and take action to approve a Resolution to participate in either Tax Deferment Program or Low Interest Rate Program options set forth in Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7S.
11. Public Comment.
12. Adjournment.

First Selectwoman Update

- Implementation of Executive Orders
 - Budget Approval Process – Public Hearing on April 29th, Board of Finance Set Mill Rate on May 5th
 - Property Tax Relief Program – Must adopt by April 25th
 - Senior Tax Relief Programs - Executive Orders in process
 - Lodging and Short-term rental restrictions – Reviewing notification and enforcement options
 - Small business assistance programs – Local business task force
 - Other Town Meeting activities – Outstanding Special Appropriations, Island Lease
 - Boards & Commission Meetings – launching new platform

First Selectwoman Update (cont)

- Local Issues
 - Schools and non-essential businesses closed until May 20th
 - Outdoor Beach & Recreation Facilities – monitoring social distancing
 - Salt Meadow Park – closed weekends only
 - Madison Bulky Waste Facility – targeting to re-open on April 21st
 - Beach pass sales on hold until May 1st

Summary of Tax Relief Programs

Deferment Program

- 90 day deferment of any real, personal, motor vehicle taxes
- Applies to taxes due March 10th – July 1st. Last day to pay October 1st for taxes due on July 1st
- Eligible tax payers include residents, businesses, non-profits that attest to, or document, a significant economic impact by COVID-19
- OPM guidance that taxpayer must have suffered a reduction in income of at least 20%
- BOS has option of extending eligibility to all taxpayers
- Does not apply to mortgage servicers
- Landlords must document significant income decline or offer commensurate forbearance to tenants
- Does not apply to taxes already past due

Low Interest Rate Program

- Provides a “window” of 90 days from due date where taxpayers can pay a reduced rate. Does not extend due date.
- Delinquent taxes subject to a 3% rate for 90 days only (v. 18%)
- Taxes delinquent prior to March 10th subject to 3% starting April 1st
- Landlords need to offer commensurate forbearance to tenants
- Commensurate forbearance means either (a) 25% of rent over the 90 days, or (b) a deferral of one month’s rent to paid over the 90 days, or (c) something similar as determined by the tax collector
- No documentation required, but landlords subject to auditing