

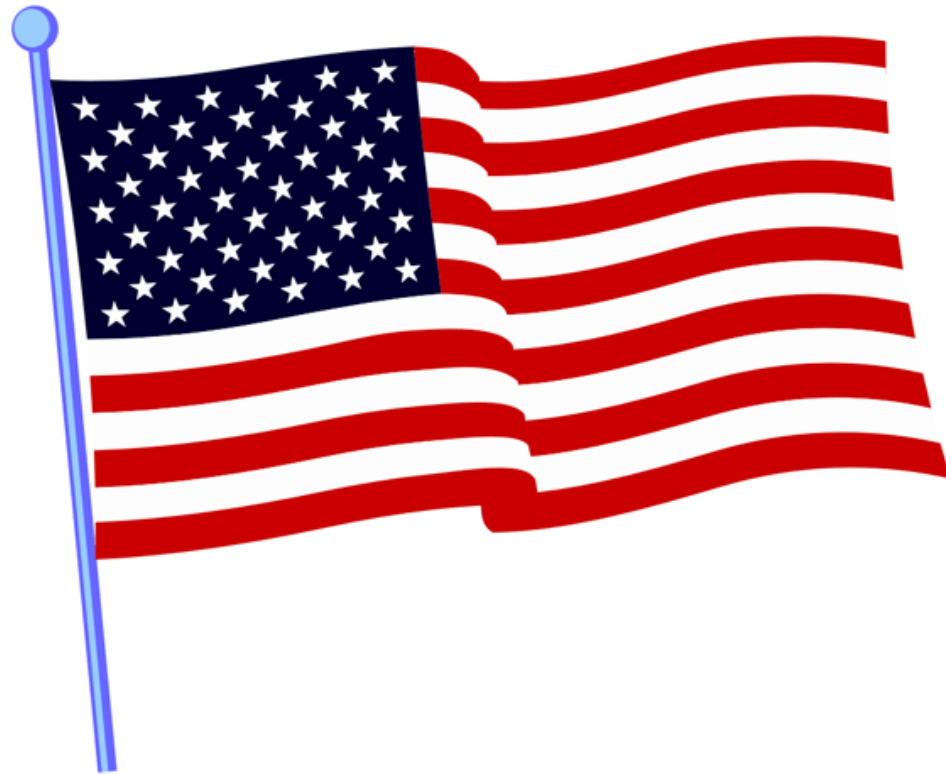
TOWN OF MADISON

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Regular Meeting – April 26, 2021

Board of Selectmen

Pledge of Allegiance



Agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes
3. First Selectwoman's Update
4. Selectmen Liaison Reports/Comments.
5. Citizen Comments.
6. Discuss feedback from Town staff regarding recommended amendments to the Town's Flood Plain Ordinance from the Coastal Resiliency Commission.
7. Discuss and take action on setting referendum date on the Town and School budgets for Tuesday, May 18, 2021 pending approval of requested funding amounts from the Board of Finance.
8. Discuss and take action to approve a Special Appropriation request from the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$500,000 to fund the Highway Vehicle Leasing Program which has been modified to reflect the recommendations of the CCM Highway Vehicle Study conducted in December 2020; pending Board of Finance Approval. This action will satisfy all requirements for a Town Meeting under State of Connecticut Executive Order 7S.
9. Discuss timeline and process to update Board of Selectmen Policies including Procurement Policy and potential Ethics Commission.

Agenda (cont.)

10. Update on Beach Operations, Summer 2021.
11. Appointments / Resignations.
12. Tax Abatements / Refunds.
13. Citizens comments.
14. Adjournment.

First Selectwoman Update

- Madison ranks #5 in state for getting vaccinated
 - First Dose administered: 68% of total population as of 4/14
 - Senior Center continuing to reach out to vulnerable residents
 - Health Dept/MPS exploring clinics for DHHS students
 - Mostly completed: Schools, childcare providers, and town staff
- Town pausing vaccination clinics at the Town Campus Gym for first doses
- State Emergency Declaration expires May 20th, most restrictions lifted except for indoor mask mandate
- Town updating all building use policies for anticipated expiration of public health emergency
 - Town Hall open to public five days a week end of May
 - Finalizing room rental policies

Board of Selectmen Policies

Policy Areas

1. Administration (Procurement, Property management, Technology, Fleet management, Permits, etc.)
 2. BOS Bylaws, Governances and Operations (Donations, Employment Policies, Ethics, Gifts, etc.)
 3. Business (Account management, Investments, Lease/Purchase Agreements, Recovery of Expenses, etc.)
 4. Personnel
 5. Public Works and Facilities
 6. Retired policies
- Guide day-to-day operations and decision-making
 - Last revisions date back to February 2011
 - Currently reviewing Procurement and Ethics Policy

Beach Operations Update 2021

- Public hearing scheduled tomorrow, Tuesday, April 27th at 7 p.m. to review operational details
- Zoom link available on the calendar at madisonct.org

Re-Cap of Summer 2020

- COVID restrictions and Hammonasset capacity limits significantly increased local traffic and demand for Madison beaches & parks
- Town implemented COVID-related policies and actions to control beach crowding
 - Limited Surf Club parking capacity to 50% of available spots
 - Restricted parking access to residents only on weekends and holidays through Executive Order
 - Implemented beach capacity limits for all visitors through Executive Order
 - During extraordinary power outages following Tropical Storm Isais, limited town beach access to residents only for a 10-day period
 - Added 7-day a week gate staffing, increased presence to enforce policies
 - Added control gate at Lowry Field to discourage walk-ins
- Significant traffic burden on I-95, Connector and Town beach roads, created parking and safety issues
 - Designated some adjacent beach roads in residential neighborhoods as resident only parking
 - Added additional “Shoreline” Police Patrol, including motorcycle
 - Increased area signage

Hammonasset Update for 2021

- Town has been working closely with DEEP to mitigate issues for 2021 season
 - Correspondence and meetings with DEEP Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Senator Cohen, Representative Parker
- DEEP announced it will have no capacity limitations or COVID restrictions for Hammonasset State Park this summer
 - CHC run COVID testing site closing early May
 - All parking lots and pavilions open
 - Concessions, Camp Ground, Nature Center open
- Following on presentations from Town, DEEP taking measures to address problems:
 - Adding additional public safety staff inside park and for traffic control
 - Exploring new bus transit/parking options for park visitors to reduce vehicle congestion and parking demands
 - Exploring emergency response protocols to reduce need for ambulance services
- Town developing plan to limit Salt Meadow use as Hammonasset overflow parking

Action Plan for Madison Beaches

- No COVID-related capacity restrictions at Town beaches
 - Return of all picnic tables, recreational amenities, etc.
- Beach sticker and visitor pass pricing stays the same as 2020
 - B&R Commission exploring new pricing/pass structure options for 2022
- Implementing a cap on number of non-resident daily visitor passes sold for weekends and holidays
 - Limits based on previous pass sales and number of available parking spots
 - Visitor passes sold at Surf Club office only
- Starting May 7th, East and West Wharf Gates gates staffed Friday, Saturday, Sunday
 - Proof of residency needed for parking
 - Non-resident visitor and guest passes for purchase at Surf Club
 - Active presence of senior staff at all gates
- Starting May 28th (Memorial Day weekend), all gates staffed Friday, Saturday, Sunday
 - Resident beach stickers required, non-resident passes for purchase at Surf Club
 - Lifeguards on duty weekends only
- Starting June 14th, all gates and lifeguards staffed 7-days a week,
- Increased custodial hours to manage trash, restrooms during peak days

Action Plan for Madison Roads

- MPD reinstating Shoreline Thoroughfare Traffic Patrol Task Force
 - Seasonal patrols along shoreline roads, including motorcycle patrol officer
 - Exploring MPD/B&R partnership for beach security assistance
- Seasonal parking policies reinstated by the Local Traffic Authority for selected neighborhood streets
- Exploring ways to improve pedestrian traffic safety on Route/BPR roadway from Salt Meadow to Hammonasset
- Co-ordinating with Hammonasset public safety for traffic control at park entry
- Increased signage for summer months for traffic alerts and park closure