

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016
7:00 P.M.

MEETING PLACE: JAMES MADISON ROOM (ROOM A) - TOWN CAMPUS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Regular Session

First Selectman Banisch called the Regular Session of Monday, January 25, 2016 to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were First Selectman Banisch, Selectmen Goldberg, Hale, Walker and Wilson.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
First Selectman Banisch led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of minutes

MOVED by Selectman Hale and seconded by Selectman Walker to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meetings held on January 11, 2016 with the following deletion:

“Selectman Goldberg took a moment to welcome new Selectmen Wilson and First Selectman Banisch.”

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

3. First Selectman’s Comments:
 - a. First Selectman Banisch stated that this is the last week to pay taxes on time.
4. Citizen Comments:
None.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Presentation by the Academy Elementary School Architectural Services Selection Committee of recommendation of architectural firms per Committee Charge and Town RFQ.

DISCUSSION: Chairman Stephen Dowler stated that the committee of six members met with an interviewed the four architectural firms which submitted RFQ’s. The preferred architect from the committee is Centerbrook Architects and Planners, LLP.

First Selectman Banisch thanked the committee for their work and Selectman Goldberg acknowledged the time commitment undertaken by the members.

MOVED by Hale and seconded by Selectman Wilson to **APPROVE** accepting the recommendation of Centerbrook Architects and Planners, LLP.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

6. Presentation from the Concord Meadows Condo Association on a Small City's Grant which would enable the association to upgrade the site.

DISCUSSION: Elaine Reitman stated that the association was a not-for-profit corporation which was formed by the Madison Interfaith Residential Community, Inc., to provide affordable housing for seniors and disabled persons in the Town. Funding is provided by the USDA and most residents pay rent of no more than 30% of their monthly income. There are urgent upgrades which are required totaling more than \$2 million over the next two years. The first anticipated projects would be replacement of windows and insulation, followed by upgrades to the heating system. Successive grants would be used to replace asphalt, and to upgrade kitchens and bathrooms.

Larry Wagner, the President of Wagner Associates in Waterbury, stated that his firm was a consulting firm for small cities applying for this grant. He confirmed that this project qualifies for grant funds as the housing is for low-income, elderly residents. The only applicant for this grant can be the Town. The Town would then name the association as a sub-recipient of the funds and enter into a contract with the association that is identical to the contract the Town will undertake with the state. Mr. Wagner stated that as long as the process is followed as closely as possible the funding shouldn't be a problem. He stated that he had completed the process in other towns throughout the state, including neighboring Clinton.

Mr. Wagner stated that the Town is responsible for applying for the grant and passing a resolution. The maximum that can be applied for is \$800,000 annually and the state will consider future applications so long as the project is progressing. He referenced the Town of Thompson which was awarded roughly \$3million over four years. Mr. Wagner stated that Towns usually follow their procedures for bidding and procurement.

Mr. Wagner also confirmed that he is not paid for his services unless the grant is awarded and that the Town's expenses would be publication of legal notices / public hearing notices.

Ms. Reitman stated that the association was looking for commitment from the Town that they would apply for the grant. The grant is due by April 11, 2016; therefore the Town may not be able to apply for the grant until 2017.

Selectman Goldberg asked the Board for their opinion on the matter and Selectman Wilson stated his support, which was echoed by the rest of the board.

Mike Halloran from Wildwood Management Co., which manages the condo association, stated that he had worked with Mr. Wagner in the past. He stated that the upgrades which would be covered by this grant were important for the enjoyment of life of the residents and to avoid rental increases.

MOVED by Selectman Walker and seconded by Selectman Wilson to **APPROVE** a commitment from the Town to move forward with the grant application process in conjunction with the Madison Interfaith Residential Community, Inc.

VOTE: This motion was approved with four votes in favor and one abstention.
Selectman

7. Discussion and presentation on the Strong Center Field Houses completion.

DISCUSSION: Architect Duo Dickinson stated there is just enough funding to execute the plaza and funds are being sought, hopefully from the state, to finish the project. Larry Ciotti stated that the entrance plaza should be completed and it will recognize the roughly 400 donors that have made the work possible. He is confident that the funds for this portion of the project will be collected. At this point, however, Mr. Ciotti stated that he doubted if more funds could be raised through donations from residents. He further stated that the STEAP grant was approved by the state but the state does not have funds to release at this point. Once the state can get bonding to reimburse the STEAP funds then the project could go forward. However, if this doesn't happen then the field houses portion would not be funded.

Mr. Ciotti stated that the residents of the Town have been very supportive of this project. Also, the project has been eight years in the making and the hope was to have the project completed.

8. Discuss and take action to call a Public Hearing on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of reviewing an Ordinance enacting the Salt Meadow Park Governance Committee.

8a. Selectman Hale motioned opened the agenda to include reviewing an Ordinance to expand the Shellfish Commission. The Board discussed that the proposed revisions would be to add two alternate members to the Salt Meadow Park Governance Committee and two permanent members to the Shellfish Commission.

MOVED by Selectman Hale and seconded by Selectman Walker to **APPROVE** calling a Public Hearing on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. for the purpose of expanding an Ordinance regarding the Salt Meadow Park Governance Committee with two alternate members and to expand the ordinance on the Shellfish Commission to add two permanent members.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action on calling a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Walter C. Polson Middle School for the purpose of a

budget presentation by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education conducted by the Board of Finance in accordance with the Town Charter (10.5.A).

MOVED by Selectman Walker and seconded by Selectman Hale to **APPROVE** calling a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Walter C. Polson Middle School for the purpose of a budget presentation by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education conducted by the Board of Finance in accordance with the Town Charter (10.5.A).

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

10. Discuss and take action to appoint Henry Griggs as the Municipal Historian for The Town of Madison for a term to expire December 31, 2017.

DISCUSSION: First Selectman Banisch stated there have been a few years since the Town has had a historian.

MOVED by Selectman Walker and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** appointing Henry Griggs as the Municipal Historian for The Town of Madison for a term to expire December 31, 2017.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

11. Discuss and take action to appoint Chris Traugh to the COG Regional Planning Commission.

DISCUSSION: First Selectman Banisch stated that it is normal for the Town to appoint someone to the COG Planning Commission.

MOVED by Selectman Hale and seconded by Selectman Walker to **APPROVE** Chris Traugh to the COG Regional Planning Commission.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action to accept the resignation of Sal Nesci from the Salt Meadow Park Governance Committee.

MOVED by Selectman Hale and seconded by Selectman Walker to **APPROVE** accepting the resignation of Sal Nesci from the Salt Meadow Park Governance Committee with thanks from the Board.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

13. Discuss and take action to accept the resignation of Scott Zimmerman from the Beach & Recreation Commission.

MOVED by Selectman Walker and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** accepting the resignation of Scott Zimmerman from the Beach & Recreation Commission with thanks from the Board for his service back to 1989.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

14. Discuss and take action to accept the resignation of Gary Gyenizs from the Board of Police Commissioners.

DISCUSSION: Selectman Goldberg stated that Mr. Gyenizs had been a commissioner for roughly eight years.

MOVED by Selectman Goldberg and seconded by Selectman Walker to **APPROVE** accepting the resignation of Gary Gyenizs from the Board of Police Commissioners.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

15. **Appointments**

Elliott Hitchcock to the Planning and Zoning Alternate for a term to expire January 1, 2019.

Bill McCullough to the Salt Meadow Park Governance Committee for a term to expire January 1, 2017.

Emily Rosenthal to the Beach & Recreation Commission for a term to expire January 1, 2019.

Kathi Traugh to the Board of Police Commissioners for a term to expire January 1, 2020.

MOVED by First Selectman Walker and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** the appointments listed above.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

16. Tax Abatement/Refunds

MOVED by Selectman Walker and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** Tax Abatement/Refunds in the amount of **\$5,171.08**.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

17. Citizens Comments
None.

18. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments

Joan Walker

CIP Committee

Al Goldberg
Bruce Wilson

Academy School RFQ Committee
CIP Committee, BOE Budget Workshop

First Selectman's Comments:

- a. First Selectman Banisch provided an overview of the progress of the Academy School project. He stated that he is committed to getting the academy school back online and bringing an arts center to the town. He stated that it was appropriate at this time for the Town to ask the Shoreline Arts Alliance to undertake fundraising efforts for the possible improvements.

19. Adjournment

There being no objections, First Selectman Banisch adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Rhines
Recording Secretary