

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

MEETING DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016
6:30 P.M.

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

6:30 P.M. Executive Session

First Selectman Banisch called the Executive Session of Monday, February 22, 2016 to order at 6:33 p.m. Present were First Selectman Banisch, Selectmen Hale, Goldberg, Walker and Wilson.

On a motion by Selectman Hale and seconded by Selectwoman Walker the committee voted unanimously to adjourn to Executive Session at 6:34 p.m. to review the following:

1. Executive Session
 - a. Review Madison Beach Hotel decision.
Invited in was Attorney Ira Bloom.
 - b. Review LeSage Property
Invited in were Jean Fitzgerald, Chairman of Board of Education and Tom Scarice, School Superintendent

On a motion by Selectman Hale and seconded by Selectman Wilson the committee voted unanimously to adjourn to Regular Session at 7:21 p.m.

Regular Session

First Selectman Banisch called the Regular Session of Monday, February 22, 2016 to order at 7:24 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 Selectwoman Walker and seconded by Selectman Wilson to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meetings held on February 8, 2016.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

MOVED by Selectman Hale and seconded by Selectwoman Walker to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meetings held on February 17, 2016.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Comments:
 - a. First Selectman Banisch welcomed the Boy Scouts from Troop 491.
4. Citizen Comments:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discuss and take action to Proclaim March 12, 2016 as Girl Scout Day.

DISCUSSION: Selectwoman Walker read aloud a Proclamation honoring Girl Scout Day.

MOVED by Selectman Hale and seconded by Selectwoman Walker to **APPROVE** proclaiming March 12, 2016 as Girl Scout Day.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action to authorize the First Selectman to apply for a targeted Historic Document Preservation Program Grant from the Connecticut State Library and to consider the Town Clerk as applicant for the grant.

DISCUSSION: Director of Town Services, Alma Carroll, stated that this is a grant done each year that pays to have documents scanned into the computer so that they are available to public online and through the computer system in the Town Clerk's Office.

MOVED by Selectman Hale and seconded by Selectwoman Walker to **APPROVE** authorizing the First Selectman to apply for a targeted Historic Document Preservation Program Grant from the Connecticut State Library and to consider the Town Clerk as applicant for the grant.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

7. Discuss and take action to hire Christina Consiglio to the position of Payroll Clerk, effective February 29, 2016, at a rate of \$19.19 per hour.

MOVED by Selectwoman Walker and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** hiring Christina Consiglio to the position of Payroll Clerk, effective February 29, 2016, at a rate of \$19.19 per hour.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action to hire Daniel Lux to the position of Dishwasher, Senior Center, effective February 22, 2016, at a rate of \$9.60 per hour.

MOVED by Selectman Hale and seconded by Selectman Wilson to **APPROVE** hiring Daniel Lux to the position of Dishwasher, Senior Center, effective February 22, 2016, at a rate of \$9.60 per hour.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action to transfer Sandra Ferrucci from the position of Family Therapist to the position of Parent Support Counselor, effective February 22, 2016, at a rate of \$31.29 per hour.

DISCUSSION: Director of Youth & Family Services, Scott Cochran, stated that the Parent Support Counselor is specifically for parent groups and the position of Family Therapist was only part-time and served parents and children. Selectwoman Walker confirmed this position was budgeted.

MOVED by Selectwoman Walker and seconded by Selectman Hale to **APPROVE** transferring Sandra Ferrucci from the position of Family Therapist to the position of Parent Support Counselor, effective February 22, 2016, at a rate of \$31.29 per hour.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

10. Discuss and take action to approve a Line Item transfer request from the Public Works Department in the amount of \$7,500.00 from Solid Waste (1-100-2103-0000-4210-623-78) to Purchased Services / Trees.

DISCUSSION: Public Works Director, Mike Ott, stated that there was an unusual amount of tree work and that is why these funds are needed. This is partly attributed to a tree grinding project done by CL&P. Selectman Goldberg confirmed that the line item was well-funded going forward.

MOVED by Selectman Hale and seconded by Selectman Wilson to **APPROVE** a Line Item transfer request from the Public Works Department in the amount of \$7,500.00 from Solid Waste (1-100-2103-0000-4210-623-78) to Purchased Services / Trees.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

11. Discuss and take action to grant permission to the Beach & Recreation Director, Scot Erskine, to expend funds from the Program Equipment Fund with the intent to outfit the Surf Club with new chairs and relocate the folding chairs from Surf Club to the Town Gym. Such permission is pending Beach & Recreation Commission approval.

DISCUSSION: Selectman Goldberg confirmed that there was a place to store the furniture at all locations. Recreation Director, Scot Erskine, added that if the equipment was available at the Town Gym it would help with situations similar to that which happened when bus crash victims were brought to the gym.

MOVED by Selectwoman Walker and seconded by Selectman Wilson to **APPROVE** granting permission to the Beach & Recreation Director, Scot Erskine, to expend funds from the Program Equipment Fund with the intent to outfit the Surf Club with new chairs and relocate the folding chairs from Surf Club to the Town Gym. Such permission is pending Beach & Recreation Commission approval.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action establish the Ad-Hoc Micro Grid Customer Side Generation Committee whose charge shall be as follows:

Charge

The Committee Shall:

- Explore the feasibility of micro grids and customer side (Town of Madison) generating energy on-site.
- Review and recommend selection of professional services for assistance in applying for permits, funding, and other services needed to apply for and implementation of micro grids and/or customer side generation.
- Review and recommend implementation of the micro grids and/or customer side generation, service for assistance in applying for appropriate funding, permitting, engineering, construction & contract services and other needed services to implement the micro grid or customer side generation.

The members will be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of two (2) years or until the project is complete. The members will be First Selectmen, Board of Education Chair, Town of Madison Energy Commission Chair, plus one additional Madison Energy Commission Member, Board of Finance Chair, the chair of each board may select a member of their board to be recommended to the Board of Selectmen for appointment in their place.

DISCUSSION: Selectman Wilson read aloud the charge. Energy & Efficiency Committee Chair, Woodie Weiss, stated that this process started a few months ago to determine possible sites for micro grid application. The Town Campus is a perfect site to start with this implementation. A micro grid is one or more buildings that are interconnected together along with a source of electric power (generator). The micro grid allows these buildings to remain together on the utility unless there is an emergency at which time each building could become an island unto itself. The Town Campus is unique because the buildings are serviced by one CL&P meter. With this plan, either the Police Department would become tied to the Town Office building, or, more than one meter would be used. The advantage is that the load on the utility grid is lessened and there is added resiliency. Also, power can be generated on-site at a lesser cost than can be bought. Mr. Weiss further stated that most micro grids have a way to utilize the excess heat from the system, but that is not logical for this site. The most logical set up for this site is to turn to a small fuel cell. This is a very clean, low-emissions way to provide electricity.

Selectman Wilson questioned if this would become a new way to provide back-up generator service and questioned if this would do-away with the need for a new Police Department Tower and back-up generator system. Mr. Weiss stated that if this could be researched quickly, this plan might negate the need for the proposed additions at the Police Department.

Selectman Hale also confirmed that if there was an issue with the micro grid the campus could revert to the Eversource grid. Mr. Weiss also stated that the micro grid would be connected to Eversource so power could be shared between them. Also, other locations were going to be considered, including Polson Middle School and Daniel Hand High School as these two locations consume roughly 40% of the total power of the Town.

Selectman Wilson questioned if this plan would also work with solar initiatives and Mr. Weiss confirmed that solar electric can be used in conjunction with the micro grid.

First Selectman Banisch questioned if installing a micro grid generator at the Polson would allow for this location to also pull from the excess heat from the system and generate hot water. Mr. Weiss stated that research would be needed to decide whether to buy a gas turbine and if enough heat could be used in an economical fashion; or, if purchasing a fuel cell was a better option. He further stated that the fuel cell has a lower cost over time but a higher initial cost and he noted that funding could be applied for in the form of grants.

Selectwoman Walker questioned if this plan helps the Town reach their goal to reduce energy consumption by 20%. Mr. Weiss stated that initiatives undertaken by Facilities Director, Bill McMinn, to exchange lights with LED bulbs, etc. works towards that goal. This micro grid plan will help the Town reach its goal to achieve an increase in renewable energy sources.

Selectman Goldberg asked Mr. Weiss to inform the public on the details of a fuel cell. Mr. Weiss responded that a fuel cell produces electricity by chemical combination, does not have any moving parts, nor does it combust anything. The product of a fuel cell is water and fuel cells can now run on natural gas.

First Selectman Banisch thanked Mr. Weiss for his presentation to the Board.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** the establishment of an Ad-Hoc Micro Grid Customer Side Generation Committee.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

13. Discuss and take action on the award of a contract in the amount of \$180,088.00 for the Department of Public Works Garage and Salt Storage Facility Fuel Storage Tanks Replacement Contract No. 1 project to Lemelin Environmental Services, Inc. of Chicopee, Massachusetts.

DISCUSSION: Selectwoman Walker confirmed that this item was already funded and an appropriation was not needed to pay for this contract.

MOVED by Selectman Hale and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** awarding a contract in the amount of \$180,088.00 for the Department of Public Works Garage and Salt Storage Facility Fuel Storage Tanks Replacement Contract No. 1 project to Lemelin Environmental Services, Inc. of Chicopee, Massachusetts.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

14. Discuss and take action to accept the resignation of Madison Hose Company #1 Liaison, Bill Carroll, from the Fireman's Benefit Committee.

MOVED by Selectwoman Walker and seconded by Selectman Hale to **APPROVE** accepting the resignation of Madison Hose Company #1 Liaison, Bill Carroll, from the Fireman's Benefit Committee, with thanks from the Board.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

15. **Appointments**

Warren Hartman to the Salt Meadow Park Governance Committee for a term to expire January 1, 2018.

MOVED by Selectman Hale and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to **APPROVE** the appointment of Warren Hartman to the Salt Meadow Park Governance Committee for a term to expire January 1, 2018.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

16. Tax Abatement/Refunds

MOVED by Selectwoman Walker and seconded by Selectman Hale to **APPROVE** Tax Abatement/Refunds in the amount of **\$1,043.44**.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

17. Citizens Comments

None.

18. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments

Joan Walker	Youth & Family Services, Friend of Madison Youth MADE
Bob Hale	Board of Ed.,
Tom Banisch	Senior Tax Relief Committee, Streetlights Purchase Project

Al Goldberg
Bruce Wilson

Showboat Musical at Polson on Friday 2/26
Board of Police Commissioners, Energy Commission
Planning & Zoning, Ad-Hoc Academy Negotiations
Comm.,

The Board also discussed the prompt and efficient attention given to the bus crash situation. It was also discussed that a Proclamation should be presented to the Town departments that responded to the accident as well as to area Towns who also responded to the scene.

19. Adjournment

There being no objections, First Selectman Banisch adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Rhines
Recording Secretary