



TOWN OF MADISON
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Fillmore McPherson,
First Selectman

Al Goldberg
Joseph MacDougald
Diane Stadterman
Joan Walker

MEETING DATE: Monday, April 23, 2012

MEETING PLACE: James Madison Room (Room A) – Town Campus

**Board of Selectmen Meeting
Minutes**

First Selectman McPherson called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen of Monday, April 23, 2012 to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen McPherson, Goldberg, MacDougald, Stadterman and Walker.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectman McPherson led us in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Selectman McPherson – I am sad to say that Pat Apel's daughter, Kim Apel passed away Thursday. There will be a Memorial for her Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 11am at the Swan Funeral Home in Clinton with a reception at the American Legion to follow. We express our condolences to the Apel Family.

2. Approval of minutes – April 9, 2012

MOVED by Selectman McPherson to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting of April 9, 2012 as submitted.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

3. First Selectman's Comments:

•I would like to add the following items to the agenda:

- Mike Ott – update on projects
- Discussion on coyotes.

- There are some investment bonds being called. This will also be discussed with the Board of Finance.
- Hurricane preparedness – it is suggested that residents have a wired, landline in their home and register their phone numbers with www.ctalert.gov.
- Hotel – it was noted that a hotel has been in existence for many decades, that the ZBA (a very competent body) approved the new version, that it is not going away and that it will be paying around \$150,000 annually in property taxes.

4. Citizen's Comments:

- Joe Beerbauer complimented the due diligence of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance on the budget process and briefly discussed his recommendations, etc. in regards to the financial situation.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Discuss and take action on request from Madison Ambulance to go back out to bid to replace 1998 Ambulance. **(tabled 4/9/12)**

Chris Bernier, Director of EMS explained the request and provided a handout to the Selectmen. No action is required to merely solicit bids.

5A. Mike Ott, Director of Public Works & Town Engineer provided an update on various projects within town.

- Replacement of the surf club wall – the contractor has brought in their equipment and will begin work today. We anticipate completion by Memorial Day.
- Middle Beach & Overbrook Road – these are not on schedule, approximately 45-60 days behind. Bids are due two weeks from tomorrow. We are coordinating with the police department and are notifying residents. The work should begin mid-May.

Discussion regarding timing; it is best to do it before fall because of hurricane season.

- Wharves – on schedule. They will be put back as they were. We are working with a coastal engineer for this.

- Restoration of the dune on the eastern side of the wharf property – the first phase was done as part of the surf club project.

- Park

5B. Discussion regarding potential coyote issue in town:

Officer Tom Bull and Chief Jack Drumm discussed the coyote situation and provided suggestions for residents.

Madison Police Officer Tom Bull presented an overview of the habits, range, description, history and interesting facts related to the Eastern Coyote (*Canis Latrans*) which is indigenous to Connecticut. Officer Bull was formerly a sergeant with the Department of Environmental Protection and served as its Hammonasset State Park Conservation Officer.

Madison has experienced numerous sightings of coyotes recently, especially during the spring when their young have been born and the parents are hunting for food. Unsupervised pets, particularly outdoor cats and small dogs (less than 25#) are vulnerable to coyote attacks. More information can be found on the website of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection.

6. Discuss and take action on setting referendum date on the Town and School budgets for Tuesday, May 15, 2012 pending approval of dollar amounts from the Board of Finance Final Budget Workshop Meeting on April 24, 2012.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Walker to set referendum date on the Town and School budgets for Tuesday, May 15, 2012 pending approval of dollar amounts from the Board of Finance Final Budget Workshop Meeting on April 24, 2012.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

7. Discuss and take action on retaining the services of Milano and Wanat, LLC as attorneys to represent the Town of Madison in tax appeal cases that may be filed for the October 1, 2011 Grand List. And to authorize Milano and Wanat, LLC to retain the services of Albert W. Franke III, as an independent appraiser to provide the Town of Madison with real estate valuations pertaining to these assessment appeals.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Stadterman to approve the retaining of services of Milano and Wanat, LLC as attorneys to represent the Town of Madison in tax appeal cases that may be filed for the October 1, 2011 Grand List. And to authorize Milano and Wanat, LLC to retain the services of Albert W. Franke III, as an independent appraiser to provide the Town of Madison with real estate valuations pertaining to these assessment appeals.

DISCUSSION:

Alma Carroll provided a brief explanation of the request.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action on accepting donation of services valued at **\$5,000** from Gulick and Spradlin LLC as matching funding for the CT Trust Grant – Bauer Park.

MOVED by Selectman Stadterman and seconded by Selectman MacDougald to accept the donation of services valued at **\$5,000** from Gulick and Spradlin LLC as matching funding for the CT Trust Grant – Bauer Park.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action on the following special appropriation requests from Police Department:

\$4,600 – Insufficient funds to cover contractual uniform liability for officers for the remainder of the fiscal year and the cost of outfitting one (1) new officer prior to the end of the fiscal year.

\$9,000 – Insufficient funds to cover vehicle maintenance costs of entire department fleet due to the age and maintenance history of fleet, particularly the patrol fleet.

\$31,000 – Insufficient funds to cover overtime costs due to the hiring of off-duty officers by outside contractors for traffic control at construction sites etc.

\$3,227 – Insufficient funds to cover costs relating to land-line phones in/out of PD, Command Officers cellular phone and Mobile Data Terminal modems for patrol vehicles.

MOVED by Selectman Walker and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve the special appropriation requests from Police Department:

\$4,600 – Insufficient funds to cover contractual uniform liability for officers for the remainder of the fiscal year and the cost of outfitting one (1) new officer prior to the end of the fiscal year; **\$9,000** – Insufficient funds to cover vehicle maintenance costs of entire department fleet due to the age and maintenance history of fleet, particularly the patrol fleet; **\$31,000** – Insufficient funds to cover overtime costs due to the hiring of off-duty

officers by outside contractors for traffic control at construction sites etc.; \$3,227 – Insufficient funds to cover costs relating to land-line phones in/out of PD, Command Officers cellular phone and Mobile Data Terminal modems for patrol vehicles.

DISCUSSION:

Chief Drumm provided an explanation and breakdown of the request.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

10. Discuss and take action on special appropriation request of **\$14,500** from Fire, Ambulance & Civil Prep for increase in monthly cost for each of 23 telephone circuits that carry Fire and Ambulance radio traffic.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Stadterman to approve the special appropriation request of **\$14,500** from Fire, Ambulance & Civil Prep for increase in monthly cost for each of 23 telephone circuits that carry Fire and Ambulance radio traffic.

DISCUSSION:

John Bowers– provided an explanation of the request. There was an increase of fees by AT&T and the department added a circuit.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously

11. The following line transfers are designated as routine and appropriate for approval as a single action by the Board of Selectmen, if so desired. A Board member may request removal of any line transfer item from the consent agenda for review and discussion.

Motion: To approve Line Transfers totaling **\$59,027**

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Stadterman to approve Line Transfers totaling **\$59,027**

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

12. Discuss and take action on resignation of Mark Casparino from the Economic Development Commission.

MOVED by Selectman MacDougald and seconded by Selectman Walker to approve the resignation of Mark Casparino from the Economic Development Commission.

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

13. Discuss and take action on appointment of Eric Perrelli to the Economic Development Commission to fill a vacancy for a term to expire 1/1/2014.

MOVED by Selectman Walker and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve the appointment of Eric Perrelli to the Economic Development Commission to fill a vacancy for a term to expire 1/1/2014..

VOTE: This motion was approved unanimously.

14. Tax Abatements/Refunds

n/a

15. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments

Selectman Walker –

- Energy & Efficiency Commission – there is a plan to offer 60 houses an Energy and Efficiency Audit. This is a great program.

- Selectman McPherson – in regards to the Energy & Efficiency, we have been speaking with CL&P about using LED lights for the street lamps. We are very early in the process.

- Friends of Madison Youth – there are lots of great upcoming events.

- Shellfish – there will be an announcement coming soon for upcoming clam digs.

Selectman MacDougald –

- Planning & Zoning – have been discussing the statewide issue regarding seawall applications.

Selectman McPherson –

- Beach and Rec – thanks to Gunner and Eileen on the trash bag program.

Selectman Goldberg –

- Library Board – they are preparing for the release of the study from the Academy Street School Study Commission.

- Police Commission – they are working on the CALEA certification process.

- Chief Drumm provided an explanation on the certification process and progress.

Selectman Stadterman –

- Board of Education – n/a

▪Senior Commission – they are actively working on getting a cook. They have been speaking to local caterers. There is also a new senior newsletter that is great. Traffic in the senior center has been picking up.

16. Adjournment

There being no objections, First Selectman McPherson adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Judge
Recording Secretary

