

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022
8:00 A.M.

MEETING PLACE: ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MINUTES

8:00 a.m. Regular Session

First Selectwoman Lyons called the Regular Session of Tuesday, January 11, 2022 to order at 8:05 a.m. Also in attendance were Selectman Goldberg, Selectwoman Kokoruda, Selectman Murphy, and Selectman Wilson.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
First Selectwoman Lyons led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of minutes – December 20, 2021, and December 21, 2021 Special Meeting

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve Minutes of December 20, 2021, and December 21, 2021 Special Meeting.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

3. First Selectwoman's Updates.

Later this evening, the Board has set up a Special Meeting to address the three public referenda anticipated for February 15th. The meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. The Budget Workshops will also kick off later this month.

4. Liaison Reports / Selectmen Comments.

Noreen Kokoruda Happy New Year to everyone. Senior Commission/Strong House Day Center, Planning & Zoning, COVID surging/February Referendum

5. Citizen Comments.
None.

6. Update from Municipal Historian, Henry Griggs.

Mr. Griggs provided an overview of his role as Historian. He focuses on collaboration and documentation. He presented an overview of some of his activity over the last few years and the ways that Madison has continued to be historically-minded. Mr. Griggs also

spoke of the historical registry and inventory for Madison. The Board thanked Mr. Griggs for his passion for history and for preservation of Madison's history in particular. Overall Mr. Griggs and the Board agreed that a next step would be to inventory homes that may qualify as historical but are not currently registered as historical. And, Mr. Briggs will provide an update to the Board within the next 60 days on ways that the Town can be more proactive for historical preservation.

7. Update on the Town COVID response and Test Distribution Plan.

Sam DeBurra provided an overview of last week's test distribution process and the glitches that occurred when the system over-booked timeslots. He stated that the Town had worked since last week to ensure a better experience this week. The Board also reviewed that in general tests are limited and that more needs to be done to help residents of Madison and the state, access tests to mitigate the spread of the virus and to comply with employer and travel policies. The Town will also be rolling out a separate mask distribution process that should be communicated to the public this week.

8. Discuss and take action to approve a Special Appropriation request from the Risk Manager in the amount of \$9,500 to fund the General Insurance line.

Lauren Rhines stated that the need for funding came because Cyber insurance has been removed from overall liability policies and now that it is a standalone policy, given the risk associated with ransomware, etc., the premium is also increased.

MOVED by Selectwoman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve a Special Appropriation request from the Risk Manager in the amount of \$9,500 to fund the General Insurance line.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action to approve the hiring of Laurel Hoynoski to the position of Assistant Town Clerk located within the Town Clerk's Office. The position is non-union. Rate of pay is Grade 6, Step 3 - \$26.17 per hour. The position is budgeted, not requiring an appropriation of funds. This position vacancy was created by a resignation.

HR Manager Paula Carabetta stated that this position will replace the former Assistant Town Clerk who left Madison last month.

MOVED by First Selectwoman Lyons and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve the hiring of Laurel Hoynoski to the position of Assistant Town Clerk located within the Town Clerk's Office. The position is non-union. Rate of pay is Grade 6, Step 3 - \$26.17 per hour. The position is budgeted, not requiring an appropriation of funds.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

10. Review ARPA Funding objectives.

First Selectwoman Lyons provided a list of guidelines which the Board revised into the following final list:

Prioritize and invest in transformational opportunities for the Town that offer long-term benefits to residents by:

- Upgrading indoor and outdoor public facilities that were significantly impacted by COVID
- Improving public safety resources to enhance Town's emergency response efforts
- Providing support for the Town's economic recovery with additional economic development resources and aid to local businesses in ways where the entire community benefits
- Assisting local non-profits, civic groups and other vulnerable populations adversely impacted by COVID
- Funding qualifying projects in the Town's capital improvement plan to reduce future funding needs

11. Appointments:

Dan Buckley to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a term to expire January 1, 2024.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve the appointment of Dan Buckley to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a term to expire January 1, 2024.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

12. Resignations.

Tom Burland from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

James Matteson from the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Art Symonds from the Youth & Family Services Board effective February 1, 2022.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectwoman Kokoruda to approve the above resignations with thanks from the Board.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

13. Tax Abatements / Refunds.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve Tax Abatements / Refunds in the amount of \$4,722.30.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

14. Citizen Comments.

None.

15. Executive Session:

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve moving into Executive Session at 9:04 a.m. to review:

- a. Negotiations – Island Ave. School Purchase & Sale Agreement

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

Invited in were:

Lauren Rhines, Town Coordinator / Risk Manager

Kristen Bartosic, Supervisor of Account Management

There being no objection the Board adjourned to Regular Session at 9:36 a.m.

Adjournment.

There being no objection the Board adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Rhines

Town Coordinator / Risk Manager

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