

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

MEETING DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022
8:30 A.M.

MEETING PLACE: ZOOM ONLINE MEETING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

8:30 a.m. Special Session

First Selectwoman Lyons called the Special Session of Tuesday, May 31, 2022 to order at 8:35 a.m. Also in attendance were: Selectman Goldberg, Selectwoman Kokoruda, Selectman Murphy, and Selectman Wilson.

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
Acting First Selectman Murphy led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Citizen Comments.

Susan Glantz stated that she knew the Board was going to consider a proclamation for Gun Violence Awareness Day. Ms. Glantz read aloud a statement explaining Wear Orange Day which is June 2nd each year. Wear Orange is in its eighth year, and she encouraged the Board to select June 2, 2022 to honor those killed by gun violence.

Reverend Nancy Leckerling of Grove Avenue thanked the Board for allowing her to speak this morning. She stated that she was also speaking in favor of a Proclamation to declare June 2, 2022 as Gun Violence Awareness Day in Madison. She added that a Town Ordinance or law to restrict gun access can create policy change and boost the prospect of culture change. Rev. Leckerling also stated that she hoped that Madison would one day hold a Rally on the Town Green

Fran Brady of Genosee Lane stated that yesterday he and his wife attended the Memorial Day Parade to honor the lives of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our lives. However, Mr. Brady stated that he was surprised to see “a final group of 6 or 7, with 3 carrying a ten-foot long homemade Banner with dozens of balloons, with the words that seem to jump out at me the words were a protest, they included anti-vaccine, anti-mandate, slogans.” He asked the Board to find a way to keep the tradition sacred going forward and free of distractions.

Joan Walker of Stepping Stone Lane thanked the Board for considering a Proclamation to declare June 2, 2022 Gun Violence Awareness Day. She also echoed Fran Brady’s concerns about the parade participants and the need to honor the sacrifices made by men of those in service over other agendas. Ms. Walker also stated that Ethan’s Law will be

brought forth at the Federal Level and she urged everyone to contact their local legislators to help move this reasonable gun safety law into effect nationally.

3. Discuss and take action to declare June 2, 2022 Gun Violence Awareness Day in Madison, CT.

First Selectwoman Lyons read aloud a Proclamation declaring June 3, 2022 Gun Violence Awareness Day in Madison, CT. Initially the Town had considered June 2nd as the date of observation however, federally, this observance will be held on the first Friday in June and the Town is following that standard.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve a Proclamation declaring Friday, June 3, 2022 Gun Violence Awareness Day in Madison, CT.

VOTE: this motion as approved unanimously.

4. Discuss and take action to waive the monthly rent payment from Our Lady of Mercy School of Madison, Inc. for the months of April 2022 and May 2022 in the total amount of \$66,666.66.

First Selectwoman Lyons stated that the closing was held up due to the closing of the sale of the property. Selectman Wilson stated that these funds were not budgeted as revenue and therefore this would not be a monetary “loss” to the Town.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve waiving the monthly rent payment from Our Lady of Mercy School of Madison, Inc. for the months of April 2022 and May 2022 in the total amount of \$66,666.66.

VOTE: this motion as approved unanimously.

5. Discuss and take action to approve the hiring of Christina Consiglio to the position of Tax Collector, Salary Grade 13, effective June 13, 2022. Position is budgeted and due to retirement.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectwoman Kokoruda to approve the hiring of Christina Consiglio to the position of Tax Collector, Salary Grade 13, effective June 13, 2022. Position is budgeted and due to retirement.

VOTE: this motion as approved unanimously.

6. Review Charter Draft with Committee Chair, Joe MacDougald.

The Board reviewed that they would have the following areas of detailed discussion:

- The role of the Board of Finance

- The roles of the Board of Selectmen in conjunction with the role of the First Selectman
- The CIP authority to the Board of Selectmen, versus Board of Finance. Joan Walker stated that the Charter was updated to create a process that followed the overall budget process. She stated that the goal was to have specific “lanes” for Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen. The Board agreed to review these references to the CIP in more detail to ensure that correct language was included in the Charter.
- Review Section 4.1.4.a and Section 4.2 to make sure these are in harmony to avoid friction of future Boards.
- The Board also reviewed balancing the roles of the BOS and BOF when it comes to settlements (eg. the BOS approves the appropriateness of the settlement, the BOF approves where the funding will come from).
- Change in BOS terms from 2 years to 4 years. Joan Walker and Matt Gordon reviewed that continuity is important and Mr. Gordon added that if a Town Manager was not going to be moved forward, continuity needs to be established somehow.
- Pension / Investment committees – should there be a BOF liaison and not a BOS liaison? Joan Walker stated that the Committee maintained a BOS liaison as this is a policy-making advisory committee.
- Section 10.3 – is there language in the Charter (or should there be language) dictating Grant management in the Charter?
- 5.1.a; is there an issue with a minority First Selectman?
- Compensation of the Selectmen – should the timeline be updated so that the pay can be increased mid-term of a four-year term?

7. Adjournment.

There being no objection the Board adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Rhines
Town Coordinator / Risk Manager