

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.
Remotely via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

8:00 a.m. Regular Session

First Selectwoman Lyons called the Regular Session of Tuesday, September 13, 2022 to order at 8:00 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. First Selectwoman's Updates.

Selectwoman Lyons spoke about potential updates to the EV Charger Stations Plan and the Sustainable Materials Management grant. The Board discussed the option of sending out mailers for the referendum, but felt a follow-up article in The Source would be more effective. Selectwoman Lyons will follow-up on what information can be presented at the polls.

3. Liaison Reports/Selectmen Comments.
None.
4. Citizen comments.
None.
5. Consent Agenda:

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Goldberg to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- a. Minutes of August 22, 2022.
- b. Appointments:
 - i. Blythe Swift, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Regular Member, Term End January 1, 2025
- c. Discuss and take action to accept an Absentee Ballot Support Grant in the amount of \$9,112.04 for the 2022 General Election in November from The Office of Secretary of the State; pending Board of Finance approval

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action to approve a recommendation from the Academy Community Center Building Committee to award Colliers Project Leaders as the Owners Project Manager for a fee in the amount of \$338,732.00.

MOVED by Selectwoman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve a recommendation from the Academy Community Center Building Committee to award Colliers Project Leaders as the Owners Project Manager for a fee in the amount of \$338,732.00.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

7. Discuss and take action to approve changes to the charge for the Academy Community Center Advisory Committee

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve changes to the charge for the Academy Community Center Advisory Committee

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

8. Discuss and take action to approve the following appointments to the Academy Community Center Advisory Committee:

- d. Rosalyn Fahey
- e. John Lamirande
- f. Joan McPherson, Vice Chair
- g. Lisa Nee
- h. Beverly Sobran
- i. William Stableford, Chair

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve the following appointments to the Academy Community Center Advisory Committee: Rosalyn Fahey, John Lamirande, Joan McPherson (Vice Chair), Lisa Nee, Beverly Sobran and William Stableford (Chair)
Discussion: Selectwoman Kokoruda stressed the importance of a recreation presence on the committee and also requested all resumes prior to the meeting.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action to approve a special appropriation request from Madison Public Schools in the amount of \$138,336.24 to fund additional school security personnel.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve a special appropriation request from Madison Public Schools in the amount of \$138,336.24 to fund additional school security personnel, pending Board of Finance and Town Meeting approval
Discussion:

Dr. Cooke, Superintendent, spoke about ongoing conversations with the Madison Police Department on expanding the current School Resource Officer program. He noted that since school started he has heard only positive responses from parents and students. Will see a return of about \$156,000 and the Board of Education has begun conversations of including this in the budget moving forward.

Selectmen Wilson asked about rate increases that were not included in the budget. Dr. Cooke explained the rate increases are attached to the assuming position of armed security and there is a different/lower rate for security who are not armed. Will possibly be able to slightly decrease staffing in 2025.

Selectwoman Kokoruda thanked the schools for their support and communication and asked for the status of the grants. Dr. Cooke responded the Board will have fully expanded the \$1.2 million over the 3-years trajectory (next year).

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

10. Discuss and take action to approve a recommendation from the Ad-Hoc ARP Funding Committee to fund Round 9 ARP Funding in the amount of \$15,000.00; pending Board of Finance approval.

MOVED by Selectman Murphy and seconded by Selectman Wilson to approve a recommendation from the Ad-Hoc ARP Funding Committee to fund Round 9 ARP Funding in the amount of \$15,000.00; pending Board of Finance approval.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

11. Discuss Senior Tax Relief Programs.

First Selectwoman Lyons and Austin Hall (Director Senior Services) presented slides on Tax Discount Programs for Senior and Disabled Residents (attached) and discussed the need to re-evaluate the Town's three Senior Tax Relief programs to ensure we help as many residents as possible who need assistance. She thanked Town Staff for their assistance. The board discussed creating a joint working group with the BOS, BOF and Town Staff to evaluate the programs, determine how they overlap with each other, and assess their success in achieving goals, but agreed they need to find out the Board of Finance's intentions first.

12. Update on Madison Center Project.

First Selectwoman Lyons gave an update on the Madison Center Project (attached). The town was able to coordinate and have all easements signed. Next steps include; coordinating with local property owners on property specific electrical work and with Eversource to transition electrical service from the poles to underground conduit. Final electrical work is expected to launch this fall and poles are targeted for removal after work is complete and weather depending. The Town met with Eversource in March 2022 to confirm work proposal and Eversource agreed to fund pole removal (est. \$12,000). She noted work has been completed up the Fire Department and Phase 3 will complete the remaining area, which the town is actively pursuing grants for. A cost estimate was presented to the board. She thanked staff for their work in this process.

13. Discuss and take action to approve an application for a Responsible Growth & Transit Oriented Development Grant application for the Madison Center Project Streetscape Improvements Phase III.

MOVED by Selectman Wilson and seconded by Selectwoman Kokoruda to approve an application for a Responsible Growth & Transit Oriented Development Grant application for the Madison Center Project Streetscape Improvements Phase III.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

14. Discuss and take action to approve an application for a Responsible Growth & Transit Oriented Development Grant application for the Woodland Road, Rt. 79 and Bradley Road Sidewalk Construction.

MOVED by Selectwoman Kokoruda and seconded by Selectman Murphy to approve an application for a Responsible Growth & Transit Oriented Development Grant application for the Woodland Road, Rt. 79 and Bradley Road Sidewalk Construction.

VOTE: this motion was approved unanimously.

15. Citizen comments.

None.

16. Executive Session

The board entered into Executive Session at 9:24 a.m., and First Selectwoman Lyons invited the following to join: Gabe Jiran, Shipman & Goodwin, LLP; Ira Bloom, Berchem Moses PC; Deborah Ferrante, Town Human Resources Manager; Edward Dowling, Board of Police Commissioners, chair.

- j. Discuss Personnel Matters, Madison Police Department
- k. Discuss Pending Litigation, SXS v. Town of Madison

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:29 a.m. No motions were made.

17. Adjournment.

There being no objection the Board adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaclyn Lehet