

Special Board of Finance
Tuesday, November 1, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Remote via Zoom Online

Meeting Minutes

9:00 a.m. Special Session

Chair John Picard called the Special Session of Tuesday, November 1, 2022 to order at 9:01 a.m. In attendance: John Picard, Cindy Breckheimer, Filmore McPherson, Justin Murphy and Katie Stein

Also Present: Stacy Nobitz, Finance Director; Sheri Cote, Economic Development Director

1. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Finance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Citizen Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

3. Discuss and take action to approve a Special Appropriation request from Economic Development

Commission in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 for Light Up Madison Project; approved at Board of Selectmen 10/27/22

MOTION BY Mr. McPherson and seconded by Ms. Stein to approve a Special Appropriation request from Economic Development Commission in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00 for Light Up Madison Project; approved at Board of Selectmen 10/27/22

Discussion:

Mr. Murphy noted an email he sent the Board in January 2022 suggesting the town team up with the Chamber of Commerce to add lighted garland around each lamppost pole in addition to the wreaths. He felt this process would be easier to install and cost effect as the Chamber collects \$225 per lamppost on Bost Post Road (excluding Wall Street) for sponsorship of the lighted wreaths. Lighted garland on lampposts can be seen in neighboring downtowns of Branford, Essex and Old Saybrook. Mr. Murphy stated his support of this project, but felt there is a more cost effective way to handle it.

Sheri Cote, Economic Development Director, explained that due to staffing shortages and supply chain issues, the prices came in higher than anticipated. This will be considered in next years budget.

VOTE: this motion was approved with four votes in favor and one vote not in favor from J. Murphy

4. Citizen comments.

There were no citizen comments.

5. Adjourn.

There being no objection the Board adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaelyn Lehet