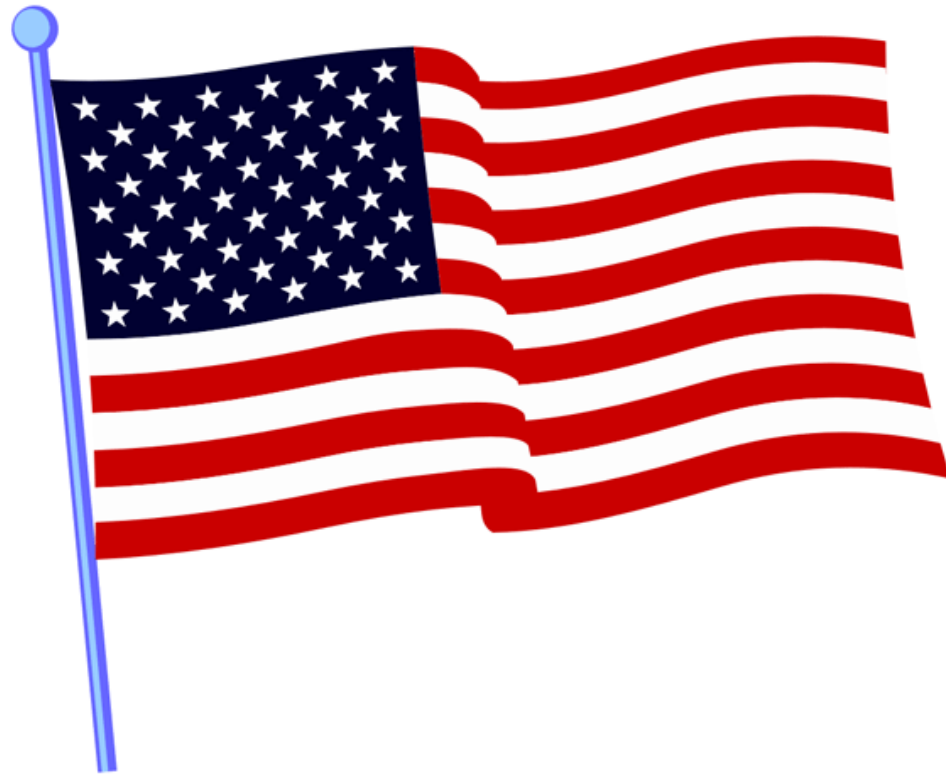


TOWN OF MADISON

CONNECTICUT

Special Meeting – July 21, 2020
Board of Selectmen

Pledge of Allegiance



Agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Citizen Comments.
3. Discuss and Take Action to Declare a Local Civil Preparedness Emergency for an additional 21-day period from July 24th – August 14th
4. Beach Policy Update.
5. Discuss and take action to approve entering into a lease purchase agreement for the purpose of financing four 2020 Chevy Tahoes with upfit kits for the Police Department; and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign the same.
6. Citizens Comments.
7. Executive Session:
 - a) Draft Early Retirement Program
 - b) Police Union Negotiations
8. Adjournment.

Declaration of Emergency Renewal

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen do find:

1. That the recent pandemic of COVID 19 disease associated with a new form of coronavirus has led to a growing number of infections in Connecticut and in neighboring states, shortages of supplies needed to address and prevent the disease, and public health officials' recommendations to limit meeting in large groups and practice social distancing; and
2. That Governor Lamont on March 10, 2020 made a declaration of a statewide public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency to expire on September 9, 2020; and
3. That President Trump on March 13, 2020 made a declaration of a national emergency; and
4. That due to the above, the Town of Madison needs to be prepared to take emergency measures in order to preserve and protect the public health, public safety, general welfare, peace, and security of the Town of Madison, its residents and property; and
5. That due to such conditions and risks it is necessary to declare a local civil preparedness emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority of Chapter 28 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Sections 10.1.3 and 4.1.4 of the Madison Town Charter, it is hereby declared that a local civil preparedness emergency now exists throughout the Town of Madison; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said emergency, the First Selectwoman shall exercise those powers, functions and duties prescribed by state law, the Town Charter, and all applicable ordinances, resolutions, special acts, and the town Emergency Operations Plan in order to minimize the effects of said emergency; effective July 24, 2020 and automatically repealed 21 days following the effective date thereof in accordance with Town Charter Section 10.1.3.

Town of Madison

Declaration of Emergency

- Launches Town Emergency Operations Plan and opening of Town Emergency Operations Center
 - Town and Region EOC meet weekly
- Mirrors National and State Declarations of Emergency
 - State expires on September 9, 2020
 - State wide declarations: 147 towns, 27 inactive
 - Region 2: 25 towns, 5 inactive
- Provides appropriate support/documentation to FEMA for reimbursement on COVID related expenditures
- Authorizes the Town CEO to take emergency measures to preserve and protect the public health, public safety, general welfare, peace, and security of the Town of Madison, its residents and property, including the issuance of Executive Orders

Executive Orders to Date

EO #1 – 3/27/2020

- Waived fees for payment with e-check or debit cards
- Extended applications for tax relief for senior tax freeze
- Suspended Town ordinance restricting use of disposable plastic bags

EO #2 – 4/16/2020

- Extended applications for tax relief for local abatement
- Waived income verification requirement for tax deferral program

EO #3 – 5/8/2020

- Limited parking at beaches based on capacity
- Limited parking on Saturday, Sunday & holidays at beaches to residents only through July 31, 2020
- Authorized Police Chief to bar anyone from beaches who does not comply with social distancing

EO #4 – 6/19/2020

- Rescinded EO #3, item 2 to include resident-only parking on Fridays in addition to Saturday, Sunday & Holidays through July 31, 2020

EO #5 – 6/26/2020

- Rescinded EO #1, item 3 to waive the \$0.10 plastic bag fee only through June 30, 2020.

EO #6 – 7/17/2020

- Rescinded EO #4, item 1 to extend resident-only parking on Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays through September 9, 2020
- Authorized LTA to restrict on-street parking to residents only on accessory roads to beaches
- Established capacity restrictions at all three beaches, allowing for closures when capacity is reached.

Beach Policy Update

- Challenges induced by COVID-19
 - Hammonasset continues to severely limit parking capacity resulting in frequent closures (available spots reduced from 6,000 to estimated 1,500 to 2,000)
 - Continued closure or restrictions at many inland swimming facilities including pools and ponds
 - Quarantine requirements for visits to 31 states, discouraging out of state travel – residents opting for “staycations”
 - Limited options for recreation activities and summer camps
- What does this mean for our beaches?
 - Unprecedented demand by residents and non-residents
 - Increased car and pedestrian traffic at all our recreation facilities
 - Increased staffing and public safety needs to monitor and maintain facilities
 - Need to continually revise beach management policies to address volume and adapt to changing guidelines

Visitor Traffic at Beach Gates

	Surf Gate			West Gate			East Gate			Day Passes sold				total residents	total nonres	total turnaways
	totals	turnaways	walkers	totals	turnaways	walkers	totals	turnaways	walkers	resident	non-resident	pre-paid	total			
6/20	486			99			215									230
6/21	431			181			124									93
6/22	311			46			151			18	6	1	25	502	6	64
6/23	272			101			127									106
6/24	443			90			116			4	2	-	6	633	2	35
6/25	190			124			184			8	8	12	28	488	10	40
6/26	422			141			171							734	-	61
6/27	166			56			48			4	-	-	4	270	-	15
6/28	466			69			197			6	-	2	8	731	1	79
6/29	157			54			115			2	-	2	-		-	49
6/30	22			40			28									38
7/1	195			45			88			6	4	-	10	324	4	29
7/2	471			139			144			14	25	7	46	728	26	50
7/3	76			36			106							736		
7/4	667			117			144							800		147
7/5	468	72		97	43		173	105		8	-	-	8	738	-	220
7/6	345	18		155	34		181	14		5	8	8	21	492	8	66
7/7	173	9		93	38		99	6		5	3	-	8	362	3	53
7/8	192	10		73	4		83	6		14	4	1	19	344	4	20
7/9	207	6		120	31		97	11		8	-	1	9	424	-	48
7/10	111	7		67	19		105	4						283	-	30
7/11	263	18		148	39		131	6						542	-	63
7/12	432	91		196	85		213	199		7	-	5	12	1,216		375
7/13	240	10		143	29		158	17		11	3	5	19	227	30	56
7/14	226	15		125	24		164	5		5	9	4	18	506	9	44
7/15	300	9		125	53		85	7		3	7	8	18	503	7	69
7/16	261	6		151	27		162	6		6	5	2	13	567	7	39
7/17	74	8		30	2		32	3		10	-	-	10	136	-	13
7/18	469	52		113	102	701	361	105		3	-	-	3	943	-	259
7/19	433	56		146	86	594	117	117		4	-	-	4	696	-	259
7/20																
Total	8,969	387		3,120	616		4,119	611		151	84	58	289	13,925	117	2,650

Max. Parking Spots: Surf Club ~ 500*, WW ~ 27, EW ~ 50, Salt Meadow ~ 108

Beach Policy Update (cont.)

- Steps Taken To Date

- Issued EO to limit beach parking to residents only (Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Holidays) – Expires September 9th
- Reduced parking capacity at Surf Club to reduce crowds
- Restricted non-resident visitor pass sales to M-F only
- Staffed beach gates starting early May (v. typically late June)
- Allowed Salt Meadow to be used for Hammonasset overflow parking
 - Reduces parking violators in nearby neighborhoods and at businesses
 - Accommodates beachgoers who may otherwise seek out local beaches
- Closed general public access to Lowry Field parking to reduce walk-ins
- Worked with MPD and BOPC to establish shoreline patrol on weekends
- Rolled out significant signage in affected neighborhoods to communicate policies and restrictions
- Issued EO to direct the LTA to identify selected streets for residents only parking
- Issued EO to implement capacity limitations all three beaches

Beach Policy Update (cont.)

- Next Steps
 - LTA to identify and complete parking signage for streets impacted by revised parking policies
 - Implementing no drop-off policies at East and West Wharf Gates
 - Stepping up enforcement of sticker requirements for “early birds” at parking lots
 - Implementing quality of life restrictions at EW (blaring music, parties, etc.)
 - Continuing to monitor walk-in traffic and capacity issues
 - Continual review of policies implemented in other towns

Every week the leadership team reevaluates and refines our beach policies to address community concerns!