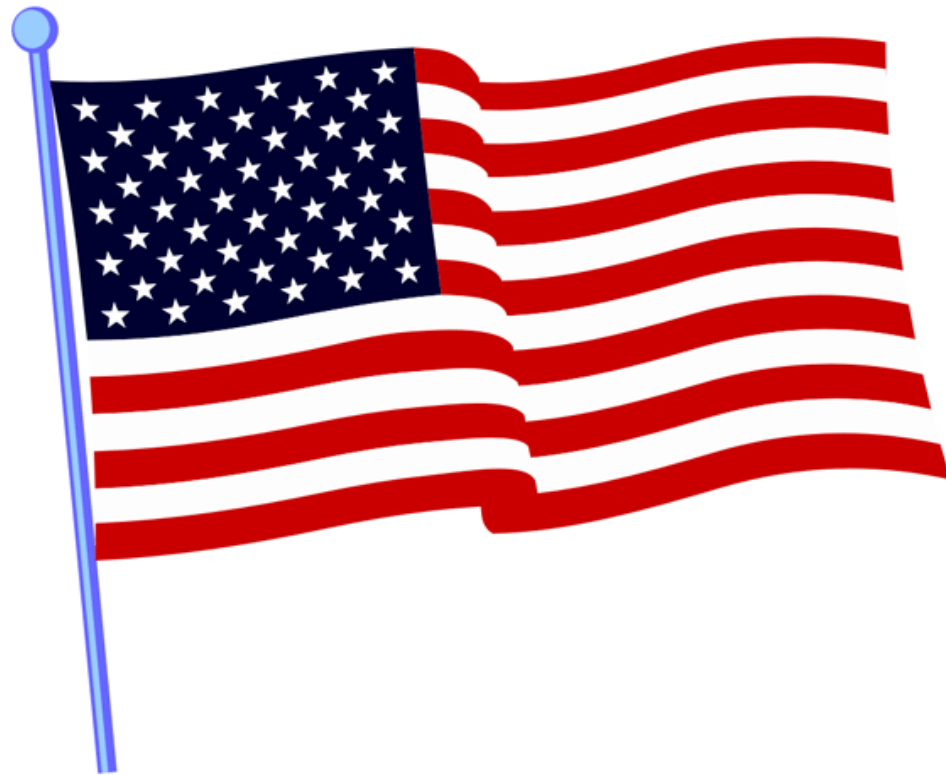


TOWN OF MADISON

CONNECTICUT

Regular Meeting – July 27, 2020
Board of Selectmen

Pledge of Allegiance



Agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2020, July 21, 2020 Special
3. First Selectwoman's Updates
4. Liason Reports/Selectmen Comments
5. Citizen Comments.
6. Discuss and Take Action to approve a Proclamations honoring Eagle Scouts
7. Discuss and take action to approve a donation from Neighbor-2-Neighbor in the amount of \$20,000 to be used for the Covid Relief Fund
8. Discuss and take action to approve awarding the contract or the Bradley Road Pedestrian Improvements project to Star Construction Corporation of Stratford, Connecticut for a total bid amount of \$205,886.50.
9. Update on Town Beach Policies and Public Safety Concerns.
10. Discuss and take action to approve waiving the bid requirements for the reanalysis of Garvin Point bulkhead project.
11. Discuss a recommendation from the Economic Development Commission to modify the current Tax Incentive Policy (adopted by the Board of Selectmen on May 29, 2018).

Agenda (cont.)

12. Review Emergency Operations with Town Attorney, Floyd Dugas.
13. Discuss FY 2021-2020 Budget process and calendar.
14. Appointments / Resignations:
 - Carol Snow to the Historic District Commission Alternates for a term to expire January 1, 2024.
 - Barbara Yaeger to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Alternates for a term to expire January 1, 2021.
 - Rachel Salvo to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Alternates for a term to expire January 1, 2024.
 - Resignation from Frank Guarascio from the Conservation Commission
15. Tax Abatements / Refunds.
16. Citizen comments.
17. Adjournment.

First Selectwoman Update

- Phase 3 of State Re-opening Plan on Pause
- Update on Town Operations
 - General access for public to indoor Town facilities on hold until Phase 3
 - Access available to all governmental functions by appointment, web, email, phone
 - Drop boxes for all departments outside Town Hall
 - LTRC continues to assist community with re-opening plans/questions
 - Board and commission meetings continue via zoom
 - Preparations for August 11th Primary underway
 - Absentee applications/ballots can be dropped off at Town Clerk drop box
 - In person voting for District 1 moved from Senior Center to Polson; District 2 voting remains at Brown
- Other events/activities on hold
 - Parade/Fireworks slated for Labor Day Weekend

Budget Approval Process

Town & Education Staff Assess Needs, including CIP Requests



FS works with Town Staff / BOE refines Education Budget



Board of Education Votes on Recommended Budget



CIP Committee Holds Public Workshops, Hearing & Recommends Plan



BOS & BOF Hold Joint Workshops with Dept. Heads and Service Depts.



BOS Holds Public Workshops and Reviews Requests



BOS Votes to Recommend Town, CIP & Education Budgets



BOF Holds Public Hearing for Town and Education Budgets

2021/2022 Budget Approval Process (cont)

BOF Holds Public Workshops



BOF Recommended Budget Due



BOF Public Hearing & Final Action on Budget to send to Referendum



BOF Legal Notice w. Full Budget Summary Published in Source



Referendum



BOF Sets Mill Rate



Tax Bills Sent to Public

Actions Taken to Date

- June: Meetings with Department Heads to review:
 - Reflections on spending priorities for 2020/21 in light of COVID
 - Capital Projects Timeline
 - Digitization/Remote Work Strategies (i.e. Lessons learned, technology needs going forward, shift from paper to web base, etc.)
 - FYE 2021-22 CIP Requests
- July 1st: CIP requests submitted by departments
- July - August: Launching studies to provide information/data for Budget process
 - Town Facilities, Emergency Shelter, Vehicle Study, MYFS Study, Public Safety/EMS/Ambulance
- July - September: Assessing organizational structure/staffing profiles
 - Exploring Early Retirement Incentive Programs options
 - Analyzing organizational structure/alignment to improve efficiencies

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

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 re-evaluates and refines our beach policies to address community concerns!

Visitor Traffic at Beach Gates

	Surf Gate			West Gate			East Gate			Day Passes sold				total rescars	total nonres c	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		-	-	2	2	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	336	5		134	20		102	6		5	17	1	23	555	17	31
7/21	369	9		114	38		148	16		11	16	-	27	615	16	63
7/22	260	7		83	12		127	6		6	8	-	14	462	8	25
7/23	228	6		112	20		91	3		1	3	3	7	427	4	29
7/24	206	85	70	101	22	55	137	3	45	5	-	-	5	444	-	110
7/25	425	31	129	82	78	215	337	104	152	5	-	-	5	1,145	-	213
7/26	420	41	218	171	51	115	143	23	182	4	-	3	7	734	-	115
7/27																
totals	11,213	571	70	3,451	686	1,295	5,204	772	152	188	128	67	379	15,095	150	2,744

Stickers Required

July 4th Holiday

Peak Traffic

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