WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to such declaration the Governor of the State of Connecticut has issued 61 executive orders to suspend or modify statutes and to take other actions necessary to protect public health and safety and to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the Governor of the State of Connecticut suspended Phase 3 of the State’s reopening plan and maintained that outdoor gatherings in public space should ensure that groups have 15 feet of social distance between them; and

WHEREAS, with continued hot weather and the establishment of quarantine requirements restricting travel for state residents, concerns have arisen regarding the ability to enforce social distancing requirements at the Town of Madison’s beaches; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has taken actions as a result of the public health emergency to reduce visitor capacity at state parks and recreation facilities, including Hammonnasset State Park, which falls within the borders of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued Executive Order 7R, dated March 30, 2020, authorizing the DEEP Commissioner to prohibit visitors from parking outside a closed park and walking in after a facility reaches capacity; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant adverse impact on public health of COVID-19, and the acceleration of the spread of the disease, the First Selectwoman, in consultation with Town officials, has decided to take further action for the purpose of ensuring civil preparedness and mitigating the adverse effects of social and recreational gathering within the Town of Madison; and

WHEREAS, the powers granted by Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and Sections 10.1.3 and 4.1.4 of the Town of Madison Charter, authorize said First Selectwoman to have and exercise
all executive and administrative powers necessary to mitigate the current civil preparedness and public health emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that, consistent with the guidelines of the Federal Government and pursuant to the powers and duties granted in the Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter of the Town of Madison, in response to the civil preparedness and public health emergency now facing the Town of Madison, and in accordance with advice from Town officials, that:

1. Item 1 of the Town of Madison Executive Order 4 is hereby rescinded and replaced in its entirety with the language below:

   a. Through September 9, 2020, access to all parking lots at Madison’s beaches on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays shall be limited to Town residents only, who purchase and display a valid season parking pass.

2. On-street parking will be restricted to Town residents only on designated accessory roads identified by the Local Traffic Authority (LTA). Proof of residency for parking purposes will be determined under the authority of the LTA, and can include a Town of Madison 2020 Beach Parking sticker.

3. Capacity restrictions will be established at Town beaches and enforced when social distancing can no longer be maintained. The Beach & Recreation Director, working in consultation with the Emergency Management Director and Public Health Director, will establish appropriate capacity levels at East Wharf, West Wharf, and the Surf Club, and determine standards and protocols for closing and re-opening facilities.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Executive Order will be in effect until such time as the public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared by the Governor have been rescinded. A full copy of this Executive Order will be made publicly available for inspection and review in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Madison and shall be posted on the Town of Madison website.

Dated: July 17, 2020

Peggy R. Lyons
First Selectwoman