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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

November 19, 1981

The November 19, 1981, Board of Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Acting First Selectman Maryann P. Boord; Gregory G. Curtis was present, M. Foster Mather was absent. Townspeople present: R. W. Moeller, P. Reynolds, R. Reilly, M. Clark, A. Petersen, D. O'Neal, O. MacLaughlin, T. Woolfe, Wm. Moore, N. Higgins.

Re approval of minutes of November 5, 1981, meeting: G. Curtis requested the addition of the following: p. 3, Para. 4 after the word "comment" add "and left the meeting." He stated that because the meeting was not adjourned the last paragraph should read "The meeting concluded at 9:52 P.M." R. W. Moeller suggested changing the word "affect" p. 1, para. 7 to "effect." G. Curtis moved to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by M. Boord, 2 ayes.

No questions re weekly disbursements.

Correspondence from R. and G. Reilly's attorneys dated 11/12/81 re drainage. M. Boord reported to R. Reilly that the Town of Durham has already contacted North Branford with an offer to do the engineering and labor on this project if North Branford would share 50/50 on the materials. North Branford refused. R. Reilly responded to M. Boord's inquiry that North Branford had received a similar letter. G. Curtis noted he doesn't understand North Branford's refusal. M. Boord stated that the Town of Durham has offered more than its share: the Office of the First Selectman has certainly tried to comply with Mr. Reilly's request at a previous meeting when Mr. Reilly raised the question of drainage behind his house. She added that the Town Engineer has gone out to inspect, the Board of Selectmen has also gone out to inspect, and the town has attempted to negotiate.

Other correspondence: notification from the state labor board of labor relations about a December 16th hearing on D. Schmitt's claim to have all benefits restored. The matter has been forwarded to Town Counsel, who will represent the town.

Letter from Dean Thomasson, Town Engineer, requesting Board of Selectmen policy for street lighting at the PHS/Stollman subdivision. G. Curtis noted that it's up to the developer to deal with this matter; the town didn't pay for Clementel's lights. M. Boord reported that PZC is also considering the request. Action is pending the attention of the full Board of Selectmen.

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Discussion of the charge to be made to the committee to study tax relief to elderly. M. Boord said the committee has 60 days from day of appointment to decide if they will take advantage of the statute providing for this relief. G. Curtis stated that contrary to Courant reporter Tao Woolfe, the Board of Selectmen did not receive a request from PZC to aid them. He further mentioned that the charge of this committee should be broadened. M. Boord commented that since the committee would be working within a time limit, it might be best to limit their charge to the subject of the specific statute. She further noted that the PZC had rejected the two Board of Selectmen appointments to the ad hoc committee to study elderly housing. Names for appointment were discussed and limitations imposed by the statute.

Upcoming appointments were discussed: G. Curtis observed that the Economic Development Commission has 7 Republicans in violation of Town Charter Sec. 2-3; the conflict between state statute and Town Charter on Fire Marshal appointment was reviewed -- an item for Town Counsel's review; G. Curtis suggested M. Pearce be offered the position of Civil Preparedness Director before the board sought other applicants; G. Curtis suggested contacting James Lynch, Recreation Committee, to poll his committee to see if they wish to serve.

Priscilla Reynolds presented a letter addressed to the Board of Selectmen, dated November 19, 1981, asking seven questions of the First Selectman and Maryann Boord, re the use of town equipment. The Board of Selectmen discussed with others present the matter of depositing fill on private property instead of hauling it to the landfill. A. Petersen, Ernest Drive resident, offered to pay for it to be brought to his house. M. Boord responded to P. Reynolds statement that Question #1 (Why was it necessary to send the town backhoe to the Miller property on November 4?) that it was her understanding that dirt was being moved back, not being landscaped. O. MacLaughlin reported on her conversation with Mr. Woods the evening of the accident who related to her that he was doing extensive grading on the Miller property under the direction of the Road Foreman when he backed into the Miller's Volkswagen Rabbit which then rolled into their garage door. After continued discussion, M. Boord stated that the same things were being repeated over and over and it was time for the Board of Selectmen's meeting to move on. Mrs. Boord invited P. Reynolds to write F. Mather with questions she wants answered by him and advised that she would be in town hall Friday at noon.

R. W. Moeller requested the Board of Selectmen consider filling the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

M. Boord reported on Lee Downing's request for a 504 Coordinator; this relates to making public buildings accessible to the handicapped.

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R. W. Moeller commended the Acting First Selectman on her ability to remain cool and answer the questions in a calm manner during this difficult meeting.

G. Curtis requested that the town inquire whether the CT Agricultural Experiment Station will do a free gypsy moth impact survey in Durham.

M. Boord reported on the awarding of the plowing bid to Vynalek or fixing the International: F. Mather had spoken to the Road Foreman who felt the International could handle it. Mr. Vynalek has been advised to accept the state bid, but that it is the Board's hope that we may call on him for assistance as the need arises.

M. Boord reported on the difficulty J. Planeta is having getting bids at the firehouse; he has had to leave work to meet bidders. The Town Engineer will assist with this matter by meeting the bidders at the firehouse after first making an assessment of just what work needs to be done.

Report from the state DOT re speed limit, Rt. 68: every three years they reassess the road; the speed limit will remain as is at 40 m.p.h.; the state will monitor, fix and/or replace signs.

Ken Hampton for the CT Valley Tide Water Council will be at the December 17th meeting.

The Acting First Selectman advised that permission to canvas has been granted to Suzanne Kolbe of the National Women's Political Caucus for fund raising purposes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna D. White
Secretary