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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING January 4, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by First Selectman Maryann P. Boord; Francis E. Korn, present; Gladys B. Lavine, absent. Also present at various times: Kurt Bober, Karen Avitabile, Board of Finance members as listed, George Zeeb, David Evensen.

Amend the Agenda

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE AN APPOINTMENT TO THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY; 2 AYES.

Appointment

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO REAPPOINT HELMUTH BROWN TO A THREE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/92 ON THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY; 2 AYES.

Open Space Dedication

Discussion and action postponed.

Minutes

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 1989; 2 AYES.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce requesting nominees for the distinguished citizen award. F. Korn recommended nominating Marjorie C. Hatch, Town Clerk.
2. Letter from the Department of Health Services re denying the request for an exemption to the drilling of a well at the United Churches of Durham parsonage. The sanitarian, William Milardo, will appeal it.
3. Letter from the EEO Commission in Boston noting that they plan no action re the CRHO charge under the Federal Age Discrimination Act.

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4. Letter from Jim Halloran expressing the gratitude of residents in the area of the Road House Cafe, which has been closed. The cafe owner's license is up for renewal in March, and he'll be submitting documents to try to prevent renewal.
5. Letter from Jane Eriksen requesting preventive maintenance emergency policy for the library, and M. Boord has responded in writing her procedure for emergency responses.
6. Valerie Harrod, Librarian, has told Mrs. Boord she is pleased with Jack Bubier and Kurt Bober (highway employees), who have labeled all parts and equipment about maintenance at the library.
7. Letter of response from the DEP re grants for improvements in the Allyn Brook Park area: there are outdoor funds; copies of this have been sent to Bonnie Penders and Marcia Kalajian with copies also to Rep. Lavine and Senator Sullivan, who responded he was pleased to receive a copy.

Appointment

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPOINT FRANCIS E. BEHRENS, SR., TO A ONE-YEAR TERM AS TREE WARDEN; SAID TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/90; 2 AYES.

Public Comments:

Kurt Bober:

1. Would like to have Gladys Lavine share the "road study" with us.

Selectmen's Concerns

Francis E. Korn:

1. Asked how the highway budget will be handled this year; asked if Mrs. Boord would like him to sit with Kurt and prepare the Capital Equipment listing. Mrs. Boord acknowledged it was a good idea.
2. Asked who is responsible when the plows hit the mailboxes; discussion of the problem on Clark Road; Mrs. Boord explained that the Acting Road Foreman had checked out the original complaint and that our plow did not do the damage. Mr. Korn will continue to discuss this with one of the complainants who claimed to have seen the town truck take down the mailbox.

Update from the First Selectman

1. Joan Otte has complimented the road crew via Mrs. Boord for a superlative sanding job on Haddam Quarter Road, which had enabled her to stop her car and avoid hitting a child running into the road.

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2. Talked to Mrs. McBirney, who had contacted the DPUC to express her interest in extending Durham's calling area to include towns southwest of town. Mrs. Boord suggested she see if there is support from other interested townspeople and place a letter into The Gazette.

3. Spoke to Mrs. Jewczyn (Chairman, Board of Finance) and the treasurer Foster Mather as to a simpler method of signing checks. Discussion.

4. Noted that she has approved unanticipated expenditures from account #1050 for \$1,500 for payroll expenses related to street numbering. Will advise the Board of Finance.

5. Reported that Sean Donadio of Durham, an architectural student, is planning to do a design of a new town hall as his thesis project for classes at Roger Williams College.

Joint meeting with the Board of Finance at 7:45 p.m. Joining the Board of Selectmen were Board of Finance members Mary Jane Jewczyn, Rosemarie Naples, Brian Garbarino, Katharine Mauro and secretary Beth Quinlivan; also George Zeeb, Chairman of IWWCA, David Evensen, ZEO.

Mr. Zeeb requested funding for David Evensen's work as Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency enforcement officer; an estimated 100 hours/yr are involved for a total yearly cost of \$1,400, however, Mr. Zeeb is asking for \$817.00 to be put into Mr. Evensen's salary as a partial-year payment to him. Mr. Zeeb assured the Boards that he will budget for an enforcement officer in the future. He also noted that David has been officially appointed as their enforcement officer. Mrs. Jewczyn said the Board of Finance will send a memo as to how the payment will be accomplished.

In related IWWCA business, Mr. Zeeb advised the Boards that Beverly LeVasseur has resigned as their secretary, and this may involve added expense for the town.

Mrs. Boord advised the Board of Finance about the additional unexpected impact on the 1050 line item due to the street numbering process.

Mrs. Boord reported her office is in the process of advertising for a Public Works Director/Town Engineer, who, when hired, will use the Committee Room as his office, moving the reval people into the Board Room, which the Board of Finance calls home.

Mrs. Boord requested the Board of Finance consider a separate line item for Planning and Zoning Commission legal counsel bills. There are several suits facing the town, ie., highway suit, historic

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district commission, Zoning Board of Appeals suits, etc. It was agreed by both boards that separating out only the PZC counsel bills would be enough to clarify the picture of legal expenses. Mrs. Boord suggested keeping the proposed new line item with the other legal counsel line items so that it will not become buried in the PZC budget.

Executive Session

MOTION M. J. JEWczyn, SECOND F. KORN, AT 8:10 P.M. TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION OF CREAM POT ROAD; UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF BOTH BOARDS.

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, AT 8:38 P.M. TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Amend the Agenda

MOTION F. KORN, SECOND M. BOORD, TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO REQUEST THAT THE BOARD OF FINANCE APPROPRIATE \$4,950 TO THE TOWN COUNSEL LITIGATION ACCOUNT; 2 AYES.

Appropriation

MOTION F. KORN, SECOND M. BOORD, TO REQUEST THE BOARD OF FINANCE APPROPRIATE \$4,950 TO THE TOWN COUNSEL LITIGATION ACCOUNT; 2 AYES.

Adjourn

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO ADJOURN AT 8:40 P.M.; 2 AYES.