

TOWN OF DURHAM

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 7, 1988

REC'D 2-1-1988
The meeting was called to order at 7:09 P.M. by First Selectman Maryann P. Boord; Board members present: Francis E. Korn, Hugh A. Curley. George Wallace present.

MOTION M. BOORD, TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE REVIEW OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE LAND PURCHASE, SECOND F. KORN: 3 AYES.

MOTION H. CURLEY, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 1987: 3 AYES.

MOTION H. CURLEY, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 1987; 3 AYES.

MOTION F. KORN, SECOND H. CURLEY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 23, 1987; 3 AYES.

The Board questioned THREE INSURANCE CHECKS which would pay TONY SATAGAJ'S insurance. Board agreed M. Boord will talk with the bookkeeper about issuance of the checks. She will also ask the bookkeeper again for invoices to go with any and all checks. They noted that when an employee is hired someone, perhaps the bookkeeper, should explain their benefits. The Board of Selectmen will ask the Board of Finance where to pay the insurance from for Tony.

Discussion DURHAM CENTER WATER COMPANY: a decision has been received from the DPUC, DHS re two parties who have requested removal from the DCWC and permission to drill their own wells. In a 2/17/87 decision, they were granted a 10/13/87 deadline, extended to 12/1/87 to have the company in good running order. However, they have experienced one delay and setback after another and were unable to meet their deadline. The DPUC decision said the town should not allow customers to terminate from the Company. M. Boord is to send a letter to the two applicants for removal, with cc to DPUC, DHS, that they can not come off the system so she will prepare letters for N. Pomeranz and the George Paganetti's and Robert Dynia (president, DCWC) that the Board of Selectmen agrees with the DPUC, DHS decision.

Request received from CCM asking the town's support in a multi-town effort requesting DPUC to have CL & P pay the MUNICIPAL RATE when it purchases electricity generated by a waste-to-energy plant. Ira Kerschner spoke in favor of it. Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to support efforts to defend the decision by DPUC re CL&P's purchase of electricity generated by the SCRRA waste-to-energy plant; 3 ayes.

Motion to adjourn Board of Selectmen's meeting at 7:30 P.M. by F. Korn, second H. Curley, 3 ayes. (A Public Hearing re Howd

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Rd. bridge project was held at this point...copy of minutes are separate.)

Motion and second at 7:40 P.M. to reconvene with Board of finance in attendance.

MRRRA update with Ira Kerschner. The Authority is asking for an additional \$89,500, \$5,907 Durham's share, for a new proposal. He feels Middletown wouldn't hesitate to turn down the \$89,500 project; they still have 50% voting power. They are not willing to have additional members join the group so the voting is more even. This financial request is for site inspection. He asks the Boards of Selectmen and Finance to vote NO until there is a change in the voting structure. G. Colegrove's position is that once the site selection is out of the way, Middletown will have no problem with adding other towns to the group. Sees Middletown as not being moved in any way to change its voting structure. He doubts the Authority would thrust a site on an unwilling town. Ira noted that to quell fear, the host town would have veto power only upon site selection. Further discussion. MOTION H. CURLEY, SECOND M. BOORD, TO TABLE THE PAYMENT OF \$5,907 TO MIDSTATE REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY UNTIL THE FIRST MEETING IN FEBRUARY OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WITH THE HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT AT THAT TIME, THERE WILL BE A CHANGE IN THE VOTING STRUCTURE OF MRRRA; 3 ayes.

Also discussed with the Board of Finance:

- 1) Payment Dec. 86, Jan 87, Feb 87 to Building Official Tony Satagaj and also the payment of his insurance. THE BOARD OF FINANCE VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PAY TONY SATAGAJ DEC. 86, JAN 87, FEB 87 A TOTAL OF \$2,633.34; SAID FUNDS TO COME FROM BUILDING OFFICIAL SALARY LINE ITEM WITHIN THE B/H/E BUDGET AND WITH THIS PAYMENT WE CONSIDER ALL PAST SALARY AND EXPENSES COMPLETELY PAID.
- 2) Re INSURANCE: Board of Finance thought it a reasonable request to pay BC/BS, only, from the Insurance Budget. They want explanations of the other two insurance requests.

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO TAKE TO SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF 1/11/88 THE HOWD ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT; 3 ayes.

Discussion FISH & GAME CONSTABLES: five men will be sworn in on a volunteer, unpaid, no arrest powers basis which will not require individual insurance coverage. These men are Sal DePino, Alfred D'Antonio, Ronald Estelle, Robert Calvert, and Richard Balisciano. These are two-year terms to expire 12/31/89.

Public Comments:

- 1) HOWD ROAD BRIDGE: Kurt Bober said the town should do as much of the work as it can.
- 2) He also said he hopes the town is willing to pay employees when the time comes. He further noted that although the town has spent lots of money on new trucks, the snow plow drivers are falling behind; there are not all new trucks on the road, no new drivers, roads in worst condition. M. Boord explained that the plow for the new truck is not what

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Zim wanted and also the second new truck has been sent back. She also said the town can't add another person to our crew at this time since it's not in the budget. One driver can't plow at night but is going to be having corrective eye surgery. M. Boord addressed Mr. Bober's concerns about the bridge project: we are aware of what the crew can do but it may be set up by the state as the grant may spell out what we can/can't do. K. Bober also discussed evaluating snow plow routes, placing greater emphasis upon hills, etc. It was noted the men are allowed to rest (sleep) at the garage on rotation basis after midnight instead of going home and being recalled out and having overtime interrupted.

M. Boord questioned G. Colegrove as to the upcoming ROAD ACCEPTANCE and advised him that counsel wants certificates of title and as-builts for his approval. G. Colegrove explained PZC did just that at their meeting last night (1/6/88) but Mr. Colegrove said anyone looking at the as-builts would have to be a PE to know what they said; the Developer at Royal Oak has provided everything that is needed.

The Board discussed with G. Colegrove what is known as THE COLEGROVE COMPROMISE IN TERMS OF DAVID ROAD. This is on tape. M. Boord will discuss the Compromise with David Road residents and Attorney McManus.

SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT: Snow removal costs for 1986-1987 for Sumner Woods, Royal Oak subdivision and Anthony Terrace have not been paid. The \$2,000+ curbing bill for work on Anthony Terrace was discussed--no agreement has been reached. MOTION H. CURLEY, SECOND M. BOORD, THAT FOR WINTER 1987-1988 THE SNOW REMOVAL AGREEMENT WILL REFLECT A RATE OF \$96/HR AND WE REQUIRE A DEPOSIT OF \$3,000*. SETTLEMENT OF ALL ACCOUNTS MUST BE MADE BY JUNE 1, 1988; 3 ayes. *changed to \$1,000 at a later time.

In light of DR. WILLETT'S strong stand on groundwater supply for the LEXINGTON PLACE condo proposal on Higganum Road, the First Selectman will discuss with Steve Kotowski and Bob Melvin their reaction to his stand.

APPOINTMENTS:

- 1) TREE WARDEN: Francis E. Behrens, Sr. one-year term to expire December 31, 1988.
- 2) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: to two-year terms to expire December 31, 1989: Joan Hughes, Randy Anagnostis, Mary Jane Jewczyn.
- 3) CONSERVATION COMMISSION: to three-year terms to expire December 31, 1990: Lynn Johnson, Donald Terry, John Donadio, Adela French.
- 4) INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY: Robert Bascom, (two-year term concurrent with representation to MRPA--to expire 12/31/89) and Public member Alois Petrzal to a three-year term to expire 12/31/90.

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- 5) DOG WARDEN: Bruce Rau, two-year term to expire 12/31/89.
- 6) MIDSTATE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY: Robert Bascom; two-year term to expire 12/31/89.

ROGER QUINLEY has agreed to represent the town on the NEGOTIATING TEAM.

John Jackson, NU, will meet with staff on 1/14/88 to discuss writing JOB DESCRIPTIONS.

The Board of Selectmen will MEET 1/11/88 WITH ROAD CREW at the Town garage.

PAGE PROPERTY PURCHASE: Have received a contract with a proposed price of \$310,000. The closing must be by 3/15/88. The Board of Finance approved acceptance of the contract on 1/7/88. The Board of Selectmen needs to develop a public presentation (including visual) for town meeting on why we want to purchase the property.

- 1) would like financing figures vs using surplus;
- 2) total cost of bonding for 20 years;
- 3) short term loan and refinancing.

A Hearing will be held 2/1/88*, Town meeting 2/8/88*, Referendum 2/22/88*. (*These dates were later changed)

The purpose for purchasing the property is:

- 1) municipal building;
- 2) lack of land available to municipal use (present/future)
- 3) financing comparison.

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND H. CURLEY, TO ACCEPT CONTRACT PROPOSAL OF \$310,000 FOR PAGE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO PASSAGE BY REFERENDUM: 3 AYES.

M. Boord shared the following points which she learned from a recent FOI SEMINAR:

- 1) Any votes taken during a meeting must be reproduced in writing within 48 hours.
- 2) Executive Session: convene public meeting and by 2/3 vote go into Executive Session. Motion would mention: for personnel...hiring, performance, etc. People present at Executive Session would only be board members and those who have input on the subject.
- 3) Pending litigation--not impending.
- 4) Personnel Matters: notify person to be discussed. They can choose to have the meeting open/public.
- 5) Political party caucuses are exempt from FOI.

The question was raised re informational meetings vs decision making. It is permissible to meet to receive input and for discussion. The FOI act doesn't require a public official to answer questions or compile information.

Michael Jewczyn has submitted an \$1,100 estimate for FIXING LIGHTING AT THE SKATING RINK. The Lions Club, Exchange Club, or Fair will be contacted for donation.

M. Boord and R. Morpurgo (LEPC Chairman) attended a hazardous materials conference. We will be submitting an application for

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funds to implement a HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PLAN.

Discussed use of TOWN CAR. A policy will be worked out by the Board of Selectmen.

Letter received from Tom Reynolds of James Road/Clem Court concerning damage to his personal property due to curb destruction by town truck during snow removal. The problem will be researched and curb repairs will take place in the spring.

Discussion with K. Bober re using his scanner in the truck. Zim believes scanner will disrupt town radio calls. Asked to remove scanner. K. Bober assured the Board it was only used during snow removal.

Correspondence:

- 1) From CHFA--Reverse Annuity Mortgage (RAM) loan allows lower income Conn. homeowners age 65 or older to use the equity in their homes to receive a monthly tax-free cash payment of as much as \$600.
- 2) From CT Trails Council of Girl Scouts: they will hold a council-wide Girl Scout event "CALLING ALL COUNTRIES" at the Durham Fairgrounds on Saturday, Mzy 21, 1988.
- 3) CAGM, Inc: IN HOME CHORES PROGRAM provides home maintenance and upkeep services to elderly clients and as of 1/1/88 will serve all of Middlesex County based on fees on a sliding scale. Needy seniors and volunteers are being recruited. Vernice Williams 347-4465 should be contacted with referrals.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 A.M.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S PUBLIC HEARING Howd Road Bridge Project January 7, 1988

The Hearing was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by First Selectman, Maryann P. Boord; Board of Selectmen members present: Francis E. Korn, Hugh A. Curley; Board of Finance members present: Mary Jane P. Jewczyn, Joyce Kellish, Ona McLaughlin, Deane Soule, Kit Eames; Others present: Beth Quinlivan, George Wallace, Ira Kerschner, Geoffrey Colegrove, Donna Abdella.

Mrs. Board read the Call to the Public Hearing as prepared and noticed by the Midstate Regional Planning Agency.

Explanation of the project was given by George Wallace. It includes removing two deteriorated culverts which are to be replaced by one box culvert. The road will have to be closed for about six weeks but the three buses that use the road may not be affected because the project could be delayed until after school closes for the summer. There is an estimated cost of \$111,300 to be funded partly through town funds and 31.7% as a state grant. The contract will be written so the town can do some of the work.

No questions from the public. The minutes were read by Donna Abdella, Clerk of the Meeting. Motion M.J. Jewczyn (Chairman Board of Finance) to approve the minutes, second by F. Korn (Selectman); 3 ayes of approval by the Board of Selectmen.

Hearing adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna D. Abdella

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Clerk of the Meeting

REC'D *January 13 1988* AT 10:45 A.M.
Philip C. Huth TOWN CLERK