

TOWN OF DURHAM

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING January 21, 1988

The Boards of Selectmen and Finance convened at the Durham Public Library at 7 P.M. with librarian Valerie Harrod and a representative of Connlinet. The Librarian has applied for a grant for a network system comprising a group of libraries using the same computer data base, operating individually, but sharing combined resources. A complete report is attached (Attachment A) to the minutes. Anticipated yearly costs thereafter would be \$7,200.

Board of Selectmen's meeting resumed/began at Town Hall at 8 P.M. with Maryann P. Boord, First Selectman, presiding. Board members present: Francis E. Korn, Hugh A. Curley.

MOTION F. KORN, SECOND H. CURLEY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 1988, 4:00 P.M. MEETING. VOTE: 2 AYES (BOORD, KORN) 1 ABSTAIN (CURLEY).

APPOINTMENTS:

- 1) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to reappoint Donna Thomasson for a term to expire 12/31/89; 3 ayes.
- 2) HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION: Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to reappoint Kathryn Francis for a term to expire 1/1/93; 3 ayes.
- 3) CONN. VALLEY TOURISM COMMISSION: Motion H. Curley, second F. Korn, to appoint James McLaughlin to fill the Hooper vacancy; said term to expire 6/30/88; 3 ayes.

Computer presentation by J. Robinson and G. Daring. They propose an IBM computer for the BK with IBM compatibles for the Town Clerk, First Selectman, First Selectman's secretary, Building/Health/Engineering Dept. for a total cost of \$24,000. Their presentation is attached (Attachments B & C). Also on tape.

Board of Finance joined the meeting (M.J. Jewczyn, D. Thomasson, D. Soule, J. Kellish, O. McLaughlin, G. Eames) to hear a presentation by Ed Schwartz, Vice-president, Trinity Corps, who said they need to take "control" of a parcel of land and for that they are requesting a financial donation/loan from the town. According to Charter, Section 3-7 "Any action of the Town requiring 1) a special appropriation or the borrowing of \$100,000.00 or more...shall be the subject of a referendum..." Approximate cost figures were discussed as it relates to rental fees: 1) \$330+/mo for 1 bedroom: 18 units proposed and 2) \$400+/mo. for two bedroom: 6 units proposed. Higher construction costs would increase rental rates. Utilities would have to be paid by the renter. ChFA offers low interest (3%) for a 30-yr. mortgage. Most CT towns have either given land, donated money, whatever. Feels the \$300,000 surplus and bond issue could take care of both land for elderly housing and the Page Property purchase. Discussed several parcels of land; most all have water problems but that's

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the usual case in Durham; all sites are feasible. Income limitations were noted: 1) for two people \$17,000-\$29,000 minimum and 2) for one person \$15,000. A 5.2% of the sale of a person's house would be considered part of income. F. Mather, Treasurer, said the Town can't give money or assets to a non-profit organization. Otherwise, he can't see how the town can do anything. E. Schwartz said Trinity can receive money but F. Mather countered it by saying it wouldn't fly in Durham.

E. Schwartz said the Dept. of Housing is sitting on lots of money. There are also discretionary funds (Section 8).

M. Boord said she feels the Town is in a position to respond to Ed's request...she was thinking of \$100,000; feels we do have a responsibility to our elderly. She mentioned that 1 acre piece for \$100,000 behind library is likely to come up for sale; has been approached by library to buy it. Piece might be landlocked so not worth the \$100,000 perhaps but Kit James clarified that by saying the church owns the right-of-way so it's not landlocked. E. Schwartz requested clarification by counsel if Trinity is legally able to accept money. Althea Parmelee and Carl Otte stressed that the town's elderly have supported the town all these years with their tax money and they deserve housing in their own town.

Time frame: testing in March and if we have control of land, we can proceed with grants. M.J. Jewczyn noted a Referendum takes 6 weeks from start to finish. H. Curley said he would not feel comfortable proceeding with hearings and referendum unless the structure was in place. Ona said she was supportive but they must get things in order. M.J. Jewczyn noted she is would also be supportive. Althea Parmelee pressed for the whole Board's commitment but since no other members spoke up, M. Boord suggested we all need time to think about it in our own meeting.

Discussion of Special Town Meeting 1/25/88 as to financing the Page Property. The Board of Finance approved the following motion unanimously: that the proposal to fund the purchase of Meadowcrest be wholly through bond anticipation notes.

M. Boord asked the Board of Finance if they want the Board of Selectmen to pursue the United Churches land offer. M.J. Jewczyn responded the Board of Finance is in favor.

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND H. CURLEY TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, AFTER DISCUSSION: 3 ayes

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Selectmen of Durham, Connecticut, that Maryann P. Boord, First Selectman, is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of the Town of Durham, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Connecticut, this application and to file it with the Municipal Liability Trust Fund Committee (MLTFC) for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the Municipal Liability Trust Fund Program established under Public Act 86-350.

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THAT (1) the project listed below for which grant assistance is requested is a municipal liability survey or activity (2) the project was authorized by the Town of Durham on January 6, 1988. The Project is Pollution Liability Risk Survey. State Grant Requested: \$3,765.

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND H. CURLEY, TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, AFTER DISCUSSION; 3 ayes

To accept a Resolution authorizing the First Selectman to execute for the Town of Durham a Municipal Liability Trust Fund Grant for the purpose of establishing a Local Emergency Planning Committee.

M. Boord advised the Board of a change in the SNOW PLOW ORDINANCE; changed \$3,000 deposit to a \$1,000 deposit since we are only dealing with one road, Sumner Woods, after the acceptance of six roads at the last town meeting. Also: all three checks for Tony Satagaj, questioned at a previous Board of Selectmen's Meeting, were for insurance. M. Boord has authorized payment of the three checks.

F. Korn questioned who's responsible for removing snow from sidewalks? Our ordinance and one suggested by CCM were discussed. Mr. Korn strongly recommended this whole area needs to be clarified.

M. Boord noted the Board of Selectmen will meet with the road crew 7 A.M. 1/25/88.

Letter received from Steve Martin's eye doctor; has been scheduled for cataract surgery on 2/15/ but she has recommended he delay the surgery until he is no longer on probation (3/2/88) and can be under our insurance (3/1/88) and benefit by sick days.

She noted meeting 10:30 A.M. 1/25/88 with G. Colegrove, G. Daring, A. Zimmer re road management programs.

She noted Nov. 87 unemployment was 1.7%.

She noted Maryann Dexter and Trpr Ostroski gave a presentation to the First Selectman re Crime Stoppers. H. Curley suggested asking the businessmen/women at the next Chamber meeting if anyone would be interested in becoming a Board member of Crime Stoppers.

Discussion of Ed Burns' (Roads Improvement Inspector) hourly rate of \$25/hr. He is willing to become a 20 hr/wk employee at \$15/hr. Further discussion anticipated.

It was noted Green Lane needs E&SC; mud is running down the street into the brook and drainage system. M. will have someone investigate.

Feb. 4th meeting will begin at 8 P.M. (later changed to 7:30 P.M.)

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TIP funds unspent: \$25,000.81. Discussion of proposed expenditures.

R. Melvin's correspondence (Conservation Comm. Chairman) was noted requesting building inspection and fire marshal inspection at Caltabiano Farm--needs for budget figures. Without it, he will not allow lease to continue.

Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, at 11:36 P.M. to adjourn; 3 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna D. Abdella
Secretary