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Maryann P. Boord
First Selectman

SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING Tuesday, January 22, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Durham Town Hall by First Selectman Maryann P. Boord; Board members present: Gladys B. Lavine, Francis E. Korn. Others present: Karen Avitabile, Dion Arrigoni.

Appointment

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPOINT FRANK BEHRENS, SR. AS TREE WARDEN FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE 12/31/91; 3 AYES.

CRRA

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 10-YEAR CRRA CONTRACT (FACT SHEET ATTACHED); discussion; 3 AYES.

Joint Chiefs of Staff Meeting

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO HOLD A JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF MEETING ON FEBRUARY 19, 1991, TUESDAY EVENING AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY; 3 AYES.

Minutes

1. MOTION M. BOORD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 1/3/91. Discussion of the minutes where the Lyman Golf Course expansion is reported. Minutes will be held for the next agenda.

2. MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 1/8/91; 3 AYES.

Correspondence

1. Unemployment in Durham Nov. 90 3.2%

2. Letter from Mr. Lonergan, Administrator of the Local Bridge Program, Department of Transportation, advising the town that the Saw Mill Bridge is no longer eligible for the local bridge program.

3. Letter from Gladys B. Lavine re the Lyman Golf Course expansion asking careful analysis of the expansion. M. Boord said that once

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the final report is received, the Board of Selectmen can invite the chairmen of related commissions to attend the selectmen's meeting to discuss it. She noted that Robert Melvin, Chairman of Conservation Commission, made his remarks concerning the expansion prior to having availability of the documentation Bascom/Magnotta was submitting to FEMA.

4. Letter from State of Conn., Office of Consumer Council, re Storer Cable franchise renewal. Hearing dates have been set; our representative Christopher Soulias will be sent a copy of the letter.

5. Town Hall received an invitation from the state to participate in Martin Luther King Day festivities the day after they were scheduled.

6. Form to be signed from CCM for participation in an AT&T Long Distance phone discount plan. Discussion. M. Boord noted that sometimes the benefit that is supported is for other people, and in turn, their future support could help our town. G. Lavine asked for an estimate of the cost of out-of-state calls.

7. MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND G. LAVINE, TO EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN JOINING CCM'S MUTUAL FINANCING OF THE 1991 NORTHEAST UTILITIES RATE CASE; 3 AYES.

Central Bank

Central Bank no longer is at the 3% minimum level and so can not be a depository for municipal funds.

Public Comments

Dion Arrigoni: questioned the designation of Route 77 as a state scenic road. M. Boord explained that two interested Guilford groups formulated the application and asked Durham to join in. Mr. Arrigoni sees a definite adverse impact on property values on the road due to the limiting of development; he noted it would create another layer of the permit process in development along the road. He said the economic input has not been addressed; fears the Board of Selectmen is trying to circumvent the zoning process. Mr. Korn pointed out some misunderstandings he felt Mr. Arrigoni has with the new legislation. M. Boord suggested Mr. Arrigoni read the application and he can submit his own opinions to the Commissioner's office. G. Lavine added that the decision is made by the DOT (whether or not to approve the designation) and is provided for by legislation.

Selectmen's Concerns

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Update From The First Selectman

1. Al Brechlin is in Massachusetts having surgery. Mal Pearce is assuming the role of Acting Civil Preparedness Director in Al's absence.
2. There are openings in the categories of developer, housing authority, and land use for the CT Housing Partnership Program (Gibbons, Schwartz, and McMahon have dropped out). A Public Hearing will be held on Feb. 4th at the high school to discuss the results of the CHPP survey.
3. ECS money should remain stable, according to State Senator Aniskovich.
4. The Road Crew has been complimented on their performance during a recent storm.
5. The Board decided to nominate Charles Wimler for the CT Valley Tourism Award. No decision yet on nominations for the MCCC Distinguished Citizen Award.

Adjourn

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO ADJOURN AT 7:30 P.M.; 3 AYES.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors
Connecticut Conference of Municipalities

From: Harry J. Wexler *HJW*

Subject: CCM/AT&T Long Distance Telephone Discount Plan

Date: January 7, 1990

Purpose of Memorandum

As you may already know, CCM has negotiated an agreement with AT&T for a new service to CCM members. At the January 15 meeting of CCM's board of directors, you will be asked to approve this agreement.

The purpose of this memorandum is to describe the new service, the benefits for CCM member participants, and the contingent liability CCM is required to assume under the applicable AT&T tariff.

Description of new service

The new service is called the Multi-Location Calling Plan (MLCP). It is normally limited to subscribers who have a minimum of 72 telephone billing numbers. This would exclude Connecticut municipalities. However, municipalities subscribing to the plan through CCM will be aggregated to attain the requisite 72 telephone numbers.

The MLCP program provides discounts of up to 31 percent on out-of-state, long distance charges, depending on the level of discount you may already receive under some other applicable discount plan.

CCM's contingent liability

In return for this discount, CCM has had to assume joint responsibility with each participating member municipality for payment of the AT&T long distance charges. This means that AT&T may demand payment from CCM if it is unable to collect from the municipality.

The failure of a municipality to pay its telephone bill is a remote possibility (no Connecticut municipality is currently listed as delinquent and AT&T says it has never had to bring an action against a municipality for nonpayment). Nonetheless, the risk requires that CCM have each municipality execute an indemnification agreement as a condition of its participation in the MLCP.

Requested action

On the basis of (1) the benefits to CCM member municipalities, (2) the indemnification agreement we have required of participants, and (3) assurances we have received from AT&T that it will monitor delinquencies and pass information on to CCM promptly, we urge your approval of the Agreement between CCM and AT&T authorizing the new service.

Attached is a letter of December 12, 1990 from AT&T's account team to Joel Cogen containing the requested assurances.