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Maryann P. Boord
First Selectman

SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
January 25, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by First Selectman Maryann P. Boord; Also present: Francis E. Korn, and later in the meeting (as noted) Gladys Lavine. Townspeople present at various times: Karen Avitabile, Linda Loranger, Geoffrey Colegrove.

Tax Refund

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE A TAX REFUND OF $101.31 TO ROGER CRETE OF OLD WASHINGTON TRAIL; 2 AYES.

Resignation

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL SPIER FROM THE PERSONNEL POLICY BOARD; 2 AYES.

Minutes

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 1990; 2 AYES.

MOTION M. BOORD TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 9, 1990 MINUTES WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITION: TO INDICATE THE MOTIONS WERE ABOUT WOODLAND MANOR; SECOND BY F. KORN, 2 AYES.

Correspondence

1. Letter from CCM listing Mrs. Boord's name among the new Directors.

2. Letter from Rod Story confirming February 26, 1990, as STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY.

3. We have two lawsuits against the Historic District Commission by the Quicks.

4. Letter from James McMahon expressing interest in being the town's insurance agent/broker; letter forwarded to Janet Muraca, Insurance Coordinator.

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5. Letter from State of Conn., Office of the Treasurer, advising us of the celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. The notice was received after the celebration.

6. Letter from Governor O'Neil advising towns that the result of a study prepared be the National Association of State Budget officers indicates state aid to CT increased 144% between 1982-1988 and he will attempt to maintain the same level of aid to municipalities.

7. Rate of unemployment in November 1989 is 2.4%.

8. Letter from the DEP indicating that funds are available until July 10, 1990, for thunderstorm damage.

9. Date of the next Haddam Neck exercise is May 19, 1990.

10. Letter from Frank Mancuso, State CP Director, stating that the town's emergency management program development paper for FY 1990 is approved.

Mica Hill detention basin project

Gladys Lavine joined the meeting.

Geoffrey Colegrove, Town Planner, offered options to the board relative to the Mica Hill detention basin project. The town has a signed agreement with Mr. Waller, who committed $89,000 in funds, which was half the cost, to do the project at Creamery Road. The funds would have been set aside in three-year increments.

It was explained that if Mr. Waller went ahead and did the detention basin, the town could get no cash and have a maintenance commitment. If the town tells him not to do the detention basin and give the maintenance fee to the town, we still have the obligation to deal with runoff, so we'd have to do additional piping on Creamery Road to prevent runoff onto the Norton property. The town would keep the balance of funds to do extra work or studies on the Coginchaug River; and so we don't have to do the $190,000 project on Creamery Road. The town would have to get DEP approval to do anything in the Coginchaug River area. Mr. Colegrove said that PZC is uneasy with detention basin solution. He asked the board if they think the change in plan is worthy of consideration. The Board agreed. There is an Inland Wetlands hearing on the matter on Feb. 5th.

Recycling Resolution

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE A MANDATORY RECYCLING

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RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD JOIN THE TOWN TO THE CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR AN INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING CENTER; 3 AYES.

Budget Discussion

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SEND A LETTER TO THE VARIOUS BOARDS/COMMISSIONS REQUESTING THAT BUDGET REQUESTS REFLECT NOT MORE THAN A 5% INCREASE. G. LAVINE FELT THE BOARD SHOULD DEFINITELY SEND A LETTER SEPARATE FROM THE BOARD OF FINANCE; 3 AYES.

Dental Rider

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACCEPT THE PROPOSED SOLUTION TO THE DENTAL RIDER AGREEMENT; 3 AYES. (copy attached)

Central Business District

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO SUPPORT A PROPOSAL BY THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR REVITALIZATION OF BUSINESS DISTRICTS IN ALL THE COMMUNITIES; 3 AYES. The chamber will be seeking a bond from the state for $500,000 for a three-year period.

Transfer of Funds

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND G. LAVINE, TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER, M. FOSTER MATHER, OR THE FIRST SELECTMAN MARYANN P. BOORD, TO MAKE WIRE TRANSFERS TO THE STIF ACCOUNT 56598 FROM ACCOUNT #6300004964 OF THE CENTRAL BANK FOR SAVINGS; 3 AYES.

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND G. LAVINE, TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER, M. FOSTER MATHER, OR THE FIRST SELECTMAN MARYANN P. BOORD, TO MAKE WIRE TRANSFERS TO STIF ACCOUNT 356728 FROM ACCOUNT #661051465 OF THE CENTRAL BANK FOR SAVINGS; 3 AYES.

February meeting schedule

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND G. LAVINE, TO MEET ON FEB. 1 AND 22, 1990, INSTEAD OF FEB. 1 AND 15, 1990; 3 AYES.

Public Comments

Karen Avitabile: (she was questioning a brief appearance by the Acting Road Foreman Phil Woods who reported in to the First Selectman)
1. Asked what Mr. Woods was reporting on. Mrs. Boord responded that he was discussing David Road with her, which has been a quagmire

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since the thawing and rains have come. Mrs. Boord said that the Durham Gazette will have an article about the road. Town counsel has advised her that developers don't have the right to cut off accessibility on public rights-of-way; it is the developers' responsibility to make the road passable since they are the ones who made it impassable.

Selectmen's Concerns

Gladys B. Lavine: wants to see the town hall staff using recycled paper as much as possible; M. Boord added that it is going to occur, as long as we can continue to support local businesses.

Mrs. Lavine reported she attended an interesting chamber meeting in Taipai.

Upcoming appointments

1. Appointment to IWWCA/MRPA;
2. Pat Berten's replacement to IWWCA;
3. Personnel Policy Board.

Update from the First Selectman

1. Signed MAT contract for an annual operating agreement.

2. Deadline for budgets is February 15, 1990.

3. In response to her forwarding to the Conservation Commission a notice re Earth Day on April 22nd, they will have a tour of town-owned open space property for any interested residents on that date.

4. She is attempting to set up a Breakfast with Legislators; tentative date Feb. 17th; 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Agenda for Feb. 1st

Agenda will include meeting with the Conservation Commission, PZC, Board of Finance re land acquisition legislation. Also R. Anagnostis of the Economic Development Commission will present the results of their survey.

On Feb. 22nd, Nick Pomeranz will talk to the Board about the Page property.

Trinity Corps concerns

Mrs. Boord reported that AEG Developers from Hartford are the

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packagers for the Trinity Corps elderly housing project. It was suggested that the town might loan some upfront money of approximately $25,000 until AEG gets going on the project. It will also be on the agenda on Feb. 1.

Adjourn

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO ADJOURN AT 6:20 P.M.; 3 AYES.

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Maryann P. Boord
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January 25, 1990

To: Mary Jane Jewczyn, Chairman, Board of Finance

From: Maryann Boord, First Selectman Maryann

As part of the union contract settlement, the Town of Durham was to implement Blue Cross Blue Shield's Dental Rider A as of July 1, 1989, paying one-half the employee's premium. The employee was to pay the second half.

As of July 1, 1990, the Town of Durham was to implement Blue Cross Blue Shield's Dental Rider B, paying one-half the employee's premium. The employee was to pay the second half.

Both parties were under the impression, after verbal communication with BCBS, that the coverage was optional. While attempting to implement coverage, we found out otherwise. Without getting into the complications of a lengthly explanation, suffice it to say that we were not able to implement the agreed upon proposal.

PLAN B--The town and the union negotiators have agreed that the Town of Durham will pay the employee's total premium for Dental Rider A, but we will not provide Dental Rider B at all. This will incur an additional cost of approximately $443 for this fiscal year while a reduction will occur in the coming fiscal year. We are awaiting a vote of the Board of Selectmen and a ratification by the entire union membership.

Since this is an increase in insurance costs, which are already over the projected budget, I want to make you aware of the situation.