

TOWN OF DURHAM



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Read 2-25-87.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 29, 1987

Called to order at 7:40 P.M. by First Selectman Mary Jane P. Jewczyn. Present: James D. Dean.

Motion J. Dean, second M.J. Jewczyn, to approve the minutes of the 1-8-87 and 1-15-87 meetings; 2 ayes.

M.J. Jewczyn renominated Maryann Boord to the vacancy on the Board of Selectmen, expressing her confidence in Maryann's ability and that she has shown a deep commitment. Second by J. Dean for purposes of discussion. J. Dean said he felt it was a waste of the town's time to prolong the issue. He feels the next 10 months can be very productive and because he supports Mary Jane 100%--and this is what she wants, he will second the nomination; 2 ayes.

Two vacancies were tabled: 1 for library trustees and 1 for Conservation Commission.

Letter read from the Shoreline Antique Auto Club which is hosting an Auto Show and Flea Market on July 15, 16, 17, 1988. They are requesting the use of the back fields on these days. A certificate of insurance is to be furnished to the Town. Traffic control will be their responsibility. Conservation Commission will be advised. Motion M.J. Jewczyn that the Shoreline Antique Auto Club have the use of the parking area adjacent to the fairgrounds for the 1988 event; second M.J. Jewczyn; 2 ayes.

It was advised that Maryann Boord not vote until she has been sworn in.

Letter from Farmers and Mechanics citing February as American Heart Month. Motion J.J. Jewczyn, second J. Dean, that February be DURHAM HEART MONTH; 2 ayes. Proclamation will be signed.

Letter from HRP Assoc. wanting the town to contract with them for assistance in rehabilitating local bridges. The Howd Road bridge is not in yet.

M.J. Jewczyn reported that Schwann's Sales Ent. has filled out an application for a solicitor's six-month permit. They are using a large truck with "Schwann" on it. They will not do retail out of their store. They have hired Jim Clifford for immediate recognition by townspeople.

M.J. Jewczyn has agreed to budget \$250 for Town Counsel fees for Trinity Corporation, until they can get their own funding.

Board thought Ira Kerschner and Joseph Carney would be good to serve on a Bulky Waste Site and Transfer Station Site Committee.

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Richard Wall, Assessor, spoke on needed staffing, reval, and Assessor's mapping. The setup of the Assessor Map Committee is acceptable to Mr. Wall. The reval for the 1989 Grand List will have to begin this spring/summer by compiling a list of available companies, setting up bidding, etc. Expects 1½ yr. for entire project. Cost factor risen sharply--expects \$\$45-50 per parcel and there are 23-2500 real estate accounts. Mr. Wall expects the town to need a full-time assessor in a few years. His assistant has reached her saturation point. Suggests town consider at least a clerical part-timer for the office. He added that all information in the office is open to the public. There are other controlling avenues the town can pursue in lieu of added help, i.e., closing doors at a certain time every day. It's up to the town to decide how to handle the office. He asked the Board to expect to pay a full-time Assessor \$30,000 with benefits.

Discussion by Sanitarian and Building Official Selection Committee consisting of Leo Willett, Steve Kotowski, Carroll Caffrey, Robert Melvin, Dean Thomasson.

Motion M.J. Jewczyn, second J. Dean, to call an Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss personnel. Present: Mary Jane Jewczyn, James Dean, Maryann Boord, Al Brechlin, Dean Thomasson, Carrol Caffrey, Robert Melvin, Steve Kotowski, Leo Willett, Donna Abdella. Out of Executive Session. Motion M.J. Jewczyn, second J. Dean, to offer Bill Milardo the position of Sanitarian (AKA Assistant Health Director) with the amount of salary to be discussed with Geoffrey Colegrove; 2 ayes.

Motion M.J. Jewczyn, second J. Dean, to call Executive Session at 9:30 P.M. to discuss personnel. Same present as above. Out of Executive Session at 9:43 p.m. Decided to ask Anthony Satagaj if he will accept the part-time Building Official position.

Agreed to mail postcards to Conservation Commission to call a reorganizational meeting Feb. 10, 1987, 7:30 P.M., Town Hall.

Discussion re Human Services Committee proceedings. Board agreed that the Director of Health and Expenses should not be included.

Al Brechlin noted that no more funding will be allocated for Engineering during this fiscal year. He suggested combining engineering departments such as Town Engineer, Building, Director of Health into one cost unit entitled something like "Health and Building Dept."

Steve Kotowski has reported that Gordon Daring is working on the Retallack project.

Re complaint about postal employees--can the Board of Selectmen do anything about them?

Snow plowing discussed. M.J. Jewczyn wants to add 2 new trucks. Discussion of routes and how long it takes to plow them (3½ hrs at least.)

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Joanne Salva has told M.J. Jewczyn about changes she'd like to make in the structure of her office--making "dutch door" and shelf, etc.

G. Colegrove will ask Gordon Daring to put \$8,100 in the proposed budget and try to get Mr. Retallack to agree to an easement. G. Colegrove will try one more time to meet with him.

On Feb. 4, 7 a.m. the Board of Selectmen will meet with the highway crew. K. Bober suggested a sign designating the town garage.

Maryann Boord suggested a stop sign be removed on Pent Road at the Tri-Mountain intersection due to slippery winter conditions. M. J. Jewczyn will tell the Road Foreman to be more conscious of sanding the hill and the sign will remain as is.

Ned Wilson, Branford, Summit Properties, will be sent a contract and letter re plowing.

Meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.

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