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TOWN OF DURHAM

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
February 4, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by First Selectman Maryann P. Boord. Board members present: Francis Korn, Hugh Curley. Others present: G. Colegrove, C. Kopf, F. Mather, L. Kowalski, J. Siena; later Board of Finance members: Mary Jane Jewczyn, J. Kellish, G. Eames, O. McLaughlin, D. Thomasson.

Minutes:
1) Motion F. Korn, second H. Curley, to approve the MINUTES OF THE 1/7/88 MEETING; 3 ayes.
2) Motion F. Korn, second H. Curley, to approve the MINUTES OF THE 1/21/88 MEETING; 3 ayes.
3) There were no comments re the 1/20/88 PUBLIC HEARING ON THE "PAGE PROPERTY."

Resignations accepted: motion H. Curley, second F. Korn; 3 ayes:
1) Diana Waller from ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS; said term to expire 1989;
2) Peter Ferris, RECREATION COMMITTEE; term to expire 12/31/89.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING: has municipal grant program available for new construction...majority would be low to moderate income family. Deadline is 3/1/88.

TRAFFIC COMMISSION: has set SPEED LIMITS for Haddam Quarter Road from Route 17 east to Johnson Lane 30 mph and Haddam Quarter Road to Foot Hill Road 25 mph. Re Rte 157: no changes to be made and no "Caution Children" signs approved.

GRAND LIST: 9-10% increase.

MTLF GRANT: we have been awarded $3,765. At their next meeting, LEPC will hear Dave Campbell who writes emergency plans. Can face a $25,000 fine if plan isn't in place by October 1, 1988.

ROAD POLICY STUDY: Ed Burns will proceed with working on it. The Special Acts and Ordinances colation hasn't begun yet.

RECREATION COMMITTEE: The First Selectman shared her concerns with Board members which were noted in the Recreation Committee minutes:
1) re hiring supervisor for skating rink...would end up being a 24 hour thing. Counsel says our NO SKATING signs will indicate our policy. It is preferred that parents supervise their children;
2) more information should go to the townspeople...a newsletter?
3) They requested alternates, but their Articles don't provide for it;
4) They gave Little League permission to cut new field. The Articles don't give them the Authority to do so; it's the Board of Selectmen decision;

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5) She put a note in Zim's folder about the sharp edges and broken tables;

H. Curley said the Committee would like to meet with the Board of Selectmen.

LIGHTS AT THE SKATING RINK: Fair Assoc. has been unreceptive to donating funding for the lights. M.J. Jewczyn had told her that if no lights were installed, it was ok because the problems they have had at night do not seem to be happening when no lights are on.

LEDFORD DRAINAGE MATTER: she will be meeting at his house 8:30 A.M. Friday with G. Colegrove, B. Milardo, G. Daring to review. The Town Engineer says his land is like a bowl and is conducive to collecting water.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION: Motion F. Korn, second H. Curley, to declare February as American Heart Month in Durham; 3 ayes.

From the Board of Finance Meeting Minutes: They have asked the Board of Selectmen to take to town meeting the $35,288 in 1986-1987 DMIAAB operating expenses to be placed in the DMIAAB special reserve fund to close the landfill. Representative Lavine will try to get the town a vertical and horizontal extension on it's closing. Mr. Carney said that mandatory pickup collection will extend the life of the landfill to July 1, 1989.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SCHEDULE as prepared with M.J. Jewczyn and G. Colegrove was reviewed. Will be discussed at another time.

CT VALLEY TOURISM $1,000 challenge match grant available. Deadline 2/15/88.

Chamber of Commerce: looking for nominations for 1988 OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD. Deadline 2/18/88.

Summit Properties re SNOW PLOWING CONTRACT. CMC Development is general partner; Summit is limited partner. CMC has been given the paperwork and Summit will again ask them to pay the bill. H. Curley suggested calling CMC directly.

Report on FIRST SELECTMAN MEETING WITH REP. LAVINE:

1) Open Space Acquisition;
2) 80%/20% purchase of land that state will share the cost. We have been aware of a $50,000 grant for water yield testing on White's Farm and we could also use the money for well tests in Edwards Road area. M. Boord told Mrs. Siena and Mrs. Kowalski that we will be able to use some of that money by the summer. Mr. Lavine will contact whomever he needs to in order to get the money released now..

M. Boord reported that B. Milardo is not sure the best next step is to drill wells in the area...some septic appears to be ok but he is not sure...must investigate. L. Kowalski reminded the Board that to put in the wells was Jacobson's suggestion. M. Boord said the well drillers feel if you do it the right way, even if there is pollution in the area, it will be ok. So far it seems to be the best solution but when the money comes, there needs to be some direction that several people agree on. -conti ed-

Discussion of previous grant which was used only to repair one septic system at one house. L. Kowalski noted that nothing has been done to clean up the mess at the detention basin...area needs to be mowed and garbage picked up. "No Trespassing" signs never erected; she kept the children out of there; town promised they would take care of it. M. Boord said there are maintenance funds. L. Kowalski and J. Siena requested copies of any reports be sent to them for their community records. L. Kowalski questioned when these community related problems will be settled; M. Boord noted the town is waiting until there is one solution the experts can agree upon and awaiting application for funding.

Foster Mather questioned:

1) Reserve fund for the ASSESSOR'S MAPS; $40,000; M.J. Jewczyn responded G. Colegrove is preparing a bid package and R. Bascom says it's a three-year project.
2) ENGINEER STUDY monies: he said we seem not to have used the money where we originally intended to. Year #1, the aerial maps were to be done; Year #2: contract for assessor's maps was to be done, and then the third year, the Engineering study was to be done.

O. McLaughlin recalled we'd thought about testing the White's Farm acquifer. F. Mather responded it was to identify problem areas where solutions to problems could be made. G. Colegrove added it was to analyze cost of expanded central water system such as along Main Street. F. Korn said it's not too late to proceed...let's have a meeting with some of the interested parties; F. Mather countered he doesn't think an engineering firm would do this and we can't really afford it. H. Curley was interested in looking at the original plans for this three-pronged plan.

M. Boord asked the Board of Finance to transfer $1,363.16 into the Photogrammatic mapping account to cover the balance of Chas Sells last bill of $4,865.55. She has verified the balance IS due them. She has told the Sells Co. she is not pleased with the sloppy work and lack of correct information including homes. Discussion. Board of Selectmen will hold back the check until the mapping correction work is done.

M. Boord also requested the Board of Finance to approve the rollover of $12,800 to maintain the detention pond in the Royal Oak area into the general fund.

M. Boord requested of Board of Finance that a separate account for $23,000 be set up for road maintenance in the Royal Oak area per the ROAD MAINTENANCE CONTRACT. H. Curley asked how are the amounts figured when the town's highway crew does the work and F. Mather responded that Zim has all the rates set up. F. Mather said he hasn't gotten the money yet (G. Colegrove said the check is at Town Hall) and F. Mather wants everyone to know what it is and how it will be handled.

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Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to set up an account for $23,000 FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ROADS IN THE ROYAL OAK SUBDIVISION in accordance with the Road Performance Bond requirements and the Board of Selectmen controlling the account and the Treasurer writing the checks; 3 ayes.

F. Mather noted one more fund problem: MUNICIPAL LIABILITY TRUST FUND (MLTF). A separate banking account???M. Boord will give him her green book describing the MLTF.

Discussion with Board of Finance as to where library supplies are paid from. M. Boord asked Board of Finance to allow the Library Board to budget through their own line items...noting it will give a clearer picture of their expenses.

M. Boord reported on the Council of Governments meeting about CRRA where Marion Chertow said she fears the MRRRA appears not to be moving forward. In related matters: re our tabling of MRRRA'S REQUEST FOR DURHAM'S ADDITIONAL $5,280, with the hope and until such time as there would be a change in the voting structure of MRRRA...there has not been. Our representative to MRRRA, Ira Kerschner, is opposed to this funding at this time. Lengthy discussion; motion F. Korn, second H. Curley to table the issue of $5,280 additional appropriation until 2/18/88; 3 ayes.

Memo noted from M.J. Jewczyn, Board of Finance chairman, that the THREE PART-TIME CLERKS are using their allotted time too rapidly. Bookkeeper's use of unauthorized overtime discussed--7.5 hours claimed last week. Also discussed Fire Co. Trustees complaints about late payment of bills.

Discussed at length the position of bookkeeper/Welfare Director/ Social Services Director:

a) job descriptions;
b) performance of all three jobs impossible by one person during a forty-hour week.

Recommendation was made by the Board for M. Boord to further consult with the bookkeeper on these matters.

Board of Selectmen will meet 2/18/88 at 4:30 P.M. so the Board can attend a housing meeting in Guilford. 2/25/88, 7 P.M., Special Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Personnel Policy Board joint meeting.

M. Boord reported OSHA performed a test on the solid insulation and an air test for asbestos at the town garage. They didn't sense any immediate cause for concern.

Documentary on Durham water concerns (groundwater pollution) to be filmed next week, starring Maryann Boord. Town Counsel felt it was ok, after review.

O. McLaughlin suggested the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance set goals for the year.

Question raised: should the town snow plow drivers be allowed to plow their own driveways? See page 5 for the conclusion. Film at 11.

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Continuation of question:
H.Curley: formally, no;
F. Korn: no;
M. Boord: doesn't feel comfortable having overtime men plowing driveways.

Letter received from Durham Grange asking town to rescind the one way traffic on Town House Road; also please fill in chuckholes at Fowler Ave. and their parking lot. Board agreed to fill in the hole, but not change the one way traffic pattern. F. Korn suggested railroad ties on Town House Road at our parking "stalls."

M. Boord has been advised that Joe Planeta will not provide any alternatives to the residents' position on David Road; decided it was not possible, therefore, to pursue "THE COMPROMISE" for a temporary access road.

Appointments:

1) Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to appoint PHIL ALBERT to the 1990 vacancy on the PERSONNEL POLICY BOARD.

Budgets

1) Treasurer $4,368 ok
   Expenses 26 ok
2) Middlesex Soil & Water $800 ok
3) Midstate Regional Planning Agency $2,544 ok
4) Probate Court $2,570 ok
5) Town Counsel $20,000 plus $20,000 additional line item
6) Street Lights ok
7) Vital Statistics $100 ok
8) Firehouse Debt Service ok
9) Town Garage " " ok
10) Library " " ok
11) Charter Revision Comm. $1.00 ok
12) Building Code Board of Appeals $1.00 ok
13) Jury Committee $150 ok

PLAN OF ACTION: request Board of Finance not vote on the budget requests until the Board of Selectmen votes on them.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Abdella