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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING February 7, 1991

The meeting was called to order in the Durham Town Hall at 7:04 p.m. by First Selectman Maryann P. Boord; Board members present: Gladys B. Lavine, Francis E. Korn. Interested people present: Ellen Mauro (Administrative Coordinator B/H/E); Kurt Bober (Road Crew Chief); Richard Parmelee (resident); Linda Loranger (The Hartford Courant); Karen Avitabile (The Middletown Press).

Amend the Agenda

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE "MINUTES;" 3 AYES.

Minutes

MOTION M. BOORD TO AMEND THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 1991 AS FOLLOWS: (pg. 1, para 2; sentence should read:) MRS. BOORD WILL SIGN A "COMMUNITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUEST FOR CONDITIONAL LETTER OF MAP REVISION." G. Lavine added the following two changes: (pg. 4, #5) WATER CO. SHOULD BE DESIGNATED INDIAN TRAILS WATER CO.; (pg. 3, Correspondence #2) GEJDENSEN (spelling). MINUTES APPROVED AS AMENDED ON A SECOND BY G. LAVINE; 3 AYES.

MOTION M. BOORD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 1991, MEETING; G. LAVINE HAD TWO CHANGES: (Corres. #4) should be Counsel, not Council; (pg.3 #2) QUESTIONED THE TITLE CT HOUSING PARTNERSHIP AND FELT IT SHOULD BE DURHAM HOUSING PARTNERSHIP. (Discussion). APPROVAL OF MINUTES, WITH CORRECTIONS, BY G. LAVINE; 3 AYES.

Tax Reimbursement

MOTION M. BOORD TO APPROVE A TAX REIMBURSEMENT TO GENERAL ELECTRIC CREDIT CORP FOR A DOUBLE PAYMENT OF A BILL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152.81; SECOND F. KORN; 3 AYES.

Employees Benefits Board

Received a recommendation from PenTec to set up an Employee Benefits Board. M. Boord asked for the Board's input. It is recommended that the CEO, Board of Finance member or Treasurer, an employee (non-union) or employee (union member), and a public member be on the Board. MOTION F. KORN, SECOND M. BOORD, TO APPOINT

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MARYANN BOORD AND M. FOSTER MATHER AS MEMBERS; 3 AYES. Item will be on next meeting's agenda.

Resignation

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND G. LAVINE, TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DONNA THOMASSON, WITH GRATITUDE, FROM A 1991 TERM ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION; 3 AYES.

Appointment

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPOINT ROBERT WARDWELL TO THE VACANCY IN THE 1991 TERM ON THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF D. THOMASSON; 3 AYES.

Noise Ordinance

F. Korn reported to the Board members what he had gleaned from suggested noise ordinances from other towns and recommendation of town counsel. He will prepare a draft ordinance for the next meeting.

Budgets

The following budgets were approved unanimously as presented:

1010 First Selectman's salary	\$35,000	no increase
1011 Board members' salaries	4,000	no increase
1040 Treasurer	5,000	no increase
1041 Treasurer's Expenses	40	
1060 Office Supplies	15,949	
1505 Middlesex Soil & Water	800	
1506 Midstate Regional Planning Agency	3,125	
1507 Probate Court	1,659	
2001 Jury Committee	225	
2011 Municipal Liability Trust Fund	1	
2012 Bldg Code Bd/Appeals	1	
2016 Charter Revision Commission	1	
2503 Town Hall Maintenance	33,037	
2511 Special Acts & Ordinances	750	
2513 Tree Warden	4,050	
3001 Street Lights	27,733	
4010 Dog Damage	125	
4011 Towing Abandoned Vehicles	500	
4037 Valley Shore Communications	25,254	
4503 Durham Hgts. Engineering Study	1	
4509 Vital Statistics	100	
4533 MRRRA (moved to DMIAAB budget)		
4534 Geological/hydrological Study	1	
4535 Household Hazardous Waste	7,900	

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6001 Memorial Day	1,000
6010 Tax Refunds	1
7001 Debt Service Firehouse	26,250
7003 Debt Service Library	28,484

Reappropriation of Saw Mill Bridge Funds

M. Boord reported that \$139,282 had been budgeted for this project. The State no longer considers this to be a necessary project, and therefore discussion ensued of using the funds for other needs: some repairs to the bridge, a "Cost Estimate Study" of surfacing Harvey Road and related road subjects.

Town Counsel Antin had given Mrs. Boord suggestions as to how to handle the quasi road concern:

1. go through the process of the regular method of accepting a road (this is the most expensive way, but the cleanest, legally);
2. initiate procedure to bring the road to town meeting with a motion to discontinue the road, then it would indicate we need to accept the responsibility (still an expensive method);
3. just go out and do the work, assuming dedication (least formal but then there is the question of "setting precedent.")

Mr. Antin has suggested taking the reappropriation of funds to town meeting--then when the town votes "yes" it would show acceptance, be placed onto the TR37 list and fixed. G. Lavine noted that Ellen Mauro (Administrative Coordinator BHE Dept.) and Mary DiMella (Assistant Town Clerk) could lay out the right-of-way; then the Board of Selectmen could present a brief document of Agreement to be signed by the property owners as to the right-of-way.

Tom Fenton (Town Engineer) and Kurt Bober (Crew Chief) have discussed two ways of surfacing the road:

- a. 20' gravel road on the portion of Harvey Road at the old town dump area to Kalinowski's; no drainage, just cross-laterals; town would do the work.....\$38,000
- b. oil penetrated chip sealing process on top of the gravel road for 3500' costing an additional \$15,000; would be an opportunity to try this method for future use.
- c. additional, alternate costs: drainage \$80,000; paved \$105,000.

Re Ridge Road: we'll likely never have a chance for "cost-sharing." Other roads where land is available for development, we would have the developer build the roads or share in the cost.

Discussion of which roads to select. Mrs. Boord noted that Harvey Road and Ridge Road are two roads which stand out as not having cost-sharing available. F. Korn stressed the Board needs to resolve the legal standing and get firmer numbers.

THE BOARD GAVE ITS AGREEMENT TO MOVE FORWARD TO GET FIGURES FOR SAW
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MILL ROAD BRIDGE REPAIRS, HARVEY ROAD AND RIDGE ROAD.

Meeting of March 7th

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO HOLD MARCH 7TH MEETING AT 5 P.M. BECAUSE THE AIR FORCE BAND WILL BE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. (She added that she and Representative Lavine will be presenting Proclamations.) 3 AYES.

AT & T Long Distance Calls

M. Boord reported that the low amount the town pays for long distance calling does not warrant adopting their money-saving plan.

Correspondence

1. Final Census figure: 5732; the projection was 6010.
2. Letter re DOT drainage project on Route 77, 300' north of Crooked Hill Road.
3. Letter from City of Bristol re binding arbitration.

Public Comments

RICHARD PARMELEE

1. Asked how the Board can justify including Ridge Road as a town road. He noted that Harvey Road may legitimately be a town road but never Ridge Road; he said he feels no town money should be used to study Ridge Road in any way.
2. Asked how many legal budgets are overexpended. M. Boord replied that the litigation budget is over, the regular counsel budget is fine; they will "balance out."
3. Again, he questioned the justification for the stop sign at William Drive/Parmelee Hill Road.
4. Said the Town of Durham should have an additional Board of Education member since the new census figures are considerably higher.

Selectmen's Concerns

G. Lavine questioned which census figure will be used: the 6010 Department of Health number or the federal count of 5732.

Comments

Richard Parmelee asked for written reasoning for the installation of the stop sign at William Drive; he wondered why this particular sign is replaced IMMEDIATELY when it has come down, and other signs have never received the attention this sign has received. He

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additionally asked that copies of the town budget be more detailed.

KURT BOBER

1. Agrees that Ridge Road should not be considered a town road. He questioned how far will Harvey Road be extended in the future?
2. Said the town has a legal liability to replace a missing stop sign ASAP.
3. Asked where the landfill office is located. M. Boord responded that presently it is in Joe Carney's basement; the trailer which will become the "office" is being made usable; needs to receive electrical power.

Additional Selectmen's Concerns

G. LAVINE

1. Asked when the Board will be able to see the final grand list figures.

Update From the First Selectman

1. ROAD HOUSE CAFE: present question is "Who is the owner?" There is no record of sale of the property or business.
2. DPUC hearing on Durham Center Water Co. rescheduled for Feb. 26th in the High School cafeteria.
3. Dr. Willett, Health Director, has asked for a letter outlining health concerns costing the town large amounts of money. M. Boord mentioned environmental concerns such as Durham Heights and Durham Center Water Co.
4. M. Hatch, Town Clerk, has the old cash register available to be used by any interested party. G. Lavine suggested asking the Durham Fair Association.
5. Letter from Town Counsel to Myron Camozzi that by Feb. 15th he must clean up his place or we'll file suit.
6. Call received from Joy O'Connor, DOT, re traffic control at Pent Road/Tuttle Road: will forward a written opinion, but survey does not warrant the installation.
7. Call from George Bell, DOT, re continuing survey of speed limits on Route 79. His opinion is that the hierarchy wouldn't reduce the speed limit. He will, however, do a composite study of Routes 17, 77, and 79 and report.
8. Reported to the Board on her attendance at the Economic Summit 1991 at the Legislative Office Building. After listing the outstanding subjects, she said the conference was a very positive experience. Was grateful to Representative Lavine for his help in introducing her to the President of Connecticut Water Company.

Adjourn

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND G. LAVINE, TO ADJOURN AT 8:50 P.M.; 3 AYES.