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RECD February 21, 1989 AT 9:30 A.M
TOWN CLERK

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by First Selectman Maryann P. Boord; Board members present: Francis E. Korn, Hugh A. Curley. Also present: Ken Dale, Jr., Geoffrey Colegrove, Kurt and Corey Bober, Rob Monday, Vincent Marino, Richard Parmelee, a resident of the Pent Road area, representatives from The New Haven Register, The Hartford Courant, and The Middletown Press.

Board agreed to hold on the Recycling Ordinance and the agenda item relating to news media.

Discussion of holding a budget workshop on Monday, Washington's Birthday.

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to reappoint Jack Gifford to a five year term to expire 1/1/94 on the Historic District Commission; 3 ayes.

BUDGETS

1. **1020 & 1021 Tax Collector.** No recommendation has been received from Richard Davis Associates as to salaries, so the Board agreed to not deal with salary requests, at this time. Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley; to approve her expense budget as requested; 3 ayes.
2. **1040 & 1041 Treasurer.** Motion to approve expenses by F. Korn, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.
3. **1505 Middlesex Soil & Water** $800; motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to approve; 3 ayes.
4. **1506 Midstate Regional Planning Agency** $2,707 consultant fees for MRPA are in PZC, BHE budgets; Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to approve; 3 ayes.
5. **1507 Probate Court** $1852; motion M. Boord to approve, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.
6. **1531 Building, Health, & Eng.** hold
7. **2001 Jury Committee** $225; motion M. Boord to approve, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.
8. **2004 Zoning Board of Appeals** $1970; motion M. Boord to approve, second F. Korn' 3 ayes.
9. **2008 Economic Development Commission** $6,000 hold.
10. **2012 Building Code Board of Appeals** $1.00; motion M. Boord to approve, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.

11. **2014 Historic District Commission** $450; motion M. Boord to approve, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.
12. **2016 Charter Revision Commission** $1.00; motion M. Boord to approve, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.
13. **2501 Elections** $14,430 hold.
14. **2511 Special Acts & Ordinances** $1.00; motion M. Boord to approve, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.
15. **4010 Dog Damage** hold.
16. **4011 Towing Abandoned Vehicles** hold.
17. **4025 Fire Co. Trustees** $10,000; motion M. Boord to approve, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.
18. **4037 Valley Shore Emergency Communications** $22,324; motion M. Boord to approve, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.
19. **4509 Vital Statistics** $100; motion M. Boord to approve, second F. Korn, 3 ayes.
20. **6005 Cemetery Co.** hold.
21. **6010 Tax Refunds** $1.00; motion M. Boord to approve, second F. Korn; 3 ayes.
22. **7001 Firehouse Debt** $28,125; motion M. Boord to approve, second F. Korn; 3 ayes.
23. **7002 Garage Debt** $10,297 (last one); motion M. Boord to approve, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.
24. **7003 Library Debt** $30,640; motion M. Boord to approve, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.

Human Services Budget Requests:
1. **4504 Regional Mental Health** $155; motion M. Boord to approve, second F. Korn; 3 ayes.
2. **4510 General Assistance** $10,000; motion M. Boord, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.
3. **4515 Human Services** $530. Discussion. Includes $150 mileage request which was removed last year as the Human Services Director uses the town car. Motion H. Curley to approve $530, second F. Korn; 3 ayes.
4. **4516 Meals on Wheels** $2179; motion M. Boord to approve, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.
5. **4520 Am. Red Cross Transportation** $11,000; motion M. Boord to approve, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.
6. **4525 CAGM** $1,655; motion M. Boord to approve, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.
7. **4526 Community Health Center** $1500; motion M. Boord to approve, second F. Korn, 3 ayes.
8. **4530 Rushford Center** asked for $1475, Human Services Committee approved $1,000; motion M. Boord to approve $1,000, second F. Korn, 3 ayes.
9. **4536 Midstate Reg. Cmt. on Aging** $1.00; motion M. Boord to approve, second H. Curley; 3 ayes.

Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to accept a letter of resignation from Carroll Caffrey, Personnel Policy Board with deep regret; 3 ayes.

Selectmen's Concerns
none

Minutes
1. Motion M. Boord to approve the minutes of the February 6, 1989, Selectmen's Meeting; second F. Korn; 3 ayes.
2. Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to approve the February 7, 1989, minutes of the Water Pollution Control Authority. H. Curley questioned whether or not the WPCA should approve the minutes. Minutes approved 3 ayes.

Correspondence
1. Letter from Paula and Jack Correll, indicating they're very pleased with the stop sign and Williams Drive.
2. December 1988 unemployment 2.0%.

Update from the First Selectman
1. John Jenkins is unable to continue as Assistant to the Fire Marshal. Robert Morpurgo, Fire Marshal, will ask for anyone interested at the next fire company meeting.
2. New chairman of Planning and Zoning Commission is Brian Curtis; it is recommended that Lewis Hinman be moved from alternate member to regular member to replace Steven Kotowski, who will be leaving shortly.
3. DMIAAB has an anticipated overrun of $49,190; Durham's share is $28,958.15; there is a fund balance from surplus last year so DMIAAB is requesting the Board of Finance approval to use the funds. DMIAAB's proposed budget request for 1989-1990 is more than 1/2 million.
4. Board of Education budget reflects a .8 mil increase for Durham, at first glance.
5. There is a Regional #13 meeting on Feb. 22nd to review teachers' contracts.
6. Breakdown of David Road trial expenditures; total is $39,943.10. (see attached)
7. Midstate Regional Planning Agency's traffic count at Town House Road/Maple Ave/Library entrance so noted.

Public Comments
1. Marlene Clark, reporter for The Hartford Courant, noted that the governor has reported that Regional #13 will receive $150,000 less than anticipated in equalization funds; Durham's share is $100,000 less than anticipated; budget impact would be significant.
2. Richard Parmelee: said that in a democracy there is no such thing as democracy where no public comments are allowed. If we bend the rules for Kurt Bober, we must treat everyone equally. He added he didn't want to see Kurt get the red carpet and he get battered around. He went on to say that sometimes the only source of information is the news media. Noted first FOI hearing cost town over $1,000. Has listened with interest to the report of the David Road expenditures and will keep them in mind for a future meeting.

M. Boord said that this is a business meeting. We are not required to have Public Comments as an Agenda Item. Kurt doesn't get special treatment...he comes to nearly every Board of Selectmen's meeting and has become very knowledgeable. If he's labeled as the 4th Selectmen (as Mr. Parmelee contended), that's the way it may be rumored. As to the news media being the only source of information: she replied that her door is always open to requests and questions, as are the Board members. She agrees that problems should always be straightened out between parties.

3. Kurt Bober: asked if there has been any decision as to the status of Ridge Road. M. Boord responded there has been no decision made as to the questionable roads.

Re highway budget: need outside contractor to put in guardrails; answering machine for the garage; sign on the town garage saying that it is just that; suggested paving the garage yard. Also stressed that in the absence or unavailability of the road foreman, as last week, the road foreman's vehicle should be left at the town garage...it was needed badly, and there was no way to use it. F. Korn asked Kurt for his input on needs, as he sees them, for the highway dept. and Mr. Bober listed the following: bridges, drainage, power sweeper purchase, more crew members, small pickup trucks. Discussion of sweeper purchase. F. Korn suggested having a workshop meeting with the truck committee members when working on Capital Equipment budget.

4. Richard Parmelee: re Public Comments: if you remove public Comments from the agenda, it's out of character to this town.

Constables

Report by M. Boord: Ken Dale, Jr. has set up his 40 hr. training schedule and Rob Monday is working on setting up his training. They have received an extension to their Bloc I, Bloc II will begin in March; weapons training was done in Bloc I; the City of Middletown has approved our indemnification; she has sent a memo to the Board of Finance re cost for their training and it falls within the budgeted amount.

Hugh Curley questioned the process we are using to select our candidates for training. M. Boord explained the process used presently is that those who have been interested in constable training have approached the First Selectman's office and their name was kept on a list. When training was FINALLY made available, they were sent to class; now we only have two left of those who initially expressed interest, and they have been faithful in their pursuits for the town. Mr. Curley said he doesn't feel a whole lot of comfort with our policy.

M. Boord further explained that Bloc II will not be offered next year...there are five blocs which have to be taken in succession... she has further reservations in opening applications to the whole town. After the defeat of the referendum for a Resident State

Trooper, the townspeople said not to open up the question again...if we bring the constable issue to town meeting as H. Curley suggests, we may appear to be bringing the whole public safety issue up again. Sgt. Leonard told her if the town has a constabulary, Westbrook will no longer provide coverage (as has occurred in Chester.) Sgt. Leonard recommended the constables not be given permission to use/carry weapons. Her vision was to allow use of Special Constables for dances, basketball games, etc. so a 10th grade dance, for instance, could make some money on their dance, instead of having to pay all their money for state troopers.

H. Curley questioned what constitutes a "program" to the state. M. Boord said that what we are doing now, does not constitute a "program." H. Curley asked what the threshold is on that...Board agreed to invite Sgt Leonard to a Selectmen's meeting to address these concerns.

Ken Dale Jr. said he has invested so much time into this and he fears being rejected by the Board of Selectmen, if a review process is established.

Rob Monday also noted they have spent $600-$1,000 of their own money, on uniforms and equipment.

M. Boord stressed to the young men that this is, in no way, personally directed at them, and they acknowledged that they understood this.

Bids

1. Reroofing and painting exterior of town hall bids; will be further scrutinized and reviewed to be sure the bids are equal.
2. Howd Road Bridge project: low bidder was Xenelis Construction Company of Middlefield for a $103,005.90 figure to do the entire job; $91,582.90 with our road crew involved. However, the Town of Durham would probably spend about $10,000 on materials as we did the work. George Wallace, Engineer, suggests we accept the $103,005.90 Xenelis bid with the town road crew only doing paving, curbing, etc. He advised M. Boord, that he and G. Colegrove thought the town could go back to town meeting for additional engineering costs estimated to be @$13,000; we would get approximately $4,000 back from the state from the additional engineering costs. M. Boord reviewed other bids as a comparison for the Board members, bids; and bidders discussed with Geoffrey Colegrove.

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to award the Howd Road bridge project contract to Xenelis Construction of Middlefield, Connecticut, for $103,005.90; 3 ayes.

Final Tidbits

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to hold a Special Board of

Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 9 a.m. in Town Hall, to do budget review; 3 ayes.

M. Boord advised the Board that a Special DMIAAB meeting will be held Feb. 23rd at 4 p.m. She asked G. Colegrove if he would either attend or send a representative from Midstate. Discussion of landfill concerns with Town Planner.

Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, at adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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