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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 1, 1990

The meeting was called to order by Maryann P. Boord, First Selectman; Board members present: Francis E. Korn, Gladys B. Lavine.

Minutes

1. MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 1990, 4 P.M. MEETING; 3 AYES.
2. MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 1990, 7 P.M. MEETING. G. Lavine noted a spelling correction of the word "consensus". 3 AYES.
3. MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 27, 1990; 3 AYES.

Correspondence

1. Update letter from Dennis Haggerty, Vice-President of Reilly Energy Systems in Lisbon, requesting a letter of intent for that project. In a related matter, Mrs. Boord reported a meeting with Bob Wright of CRRRA at the Council of Governments meeting Friday morning.
2. Letter from the City of Torrington noting their upcoming 250th Anniversary celebration on September 30th. That is "Fair Sunday" so the Town of Durham will not likely be participating.
3. Letter from James Clementel and Robert Rebeshi re Town of Durham abandoning any vestige that may remain on Washington Trail (an unpaved section between Old Washington Trail and David Road) and asked that the Board of Selectmen take the issue of abandonment to Special Town Meeting.
4. Letter from the Chamber voicing opposition to a garbage-to-energy plant in Haddam.

Public Comments

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Selectmen's Concerns

1. F. Korn: discussion of the above-mentioned Clementel/Rebeshi letter.
2. G. Lavine: none.

Update from the First Selectman

1. Allyn Brook Park Committee is expecting a packet for grant application by March 15th. Town Counsel has advised that the least complicated way for the committee to conduct itself is to remain independent from the town.
2. At the last meeting, the board moved to have MRPA write the Small Cities Grant and the understanding was that AEG would administer it. G. Colegrove has advised, however, that if MRPA writes the Small Cities grant, then MRPA will administer it. G. Lavine said she wonders what AEG is being paid for....seems like a duplication of services. M. Boord said she wants someone to review AEG and Bascom/Magnotta for duplications in services and then to have town counsel review any agreements before entering into them; she has asked Trinity Corps president Jane Mauro to do just that.
3. Mrs. Boord reported putting Richard Davis's updated job descriptions into the Board members' folders. Mr. Davis advised her that a) the ZEO hours can be increased, if necessary; b) Job descriptions are the sole prerogative of management.
4. Mrs. Boord told the Board of her attendance at the Department of Housing on Monday with Althea Parmelee, Pauline Zvonkovic, Jim Dunn, Kathy MacKinnon and Al Gary; they met with Veronica Hunter and R. Campbell. They have requested a drawdown of funds which takes about six weeks. She has indicated to Thompson's attorney Fred Dahlmeyer that we need easements by the closings and to have the Thompson's son remove his junk vehicles. She has spoken to Attorney Antin about preparing the contracts; she has spoken to the 60+ Club and CHPP, requesting their support.

Budgets

1001	Board of Finance	\$15,615	M	F	3	ayes
1030	Town Clerk Salary	\$26,500	M	F	3	ayes
1031	Town Clerk's Expenses	\$14,030	M	F	3	ayes
4020	Durham Volunteer Fire Company	\$35,715	M	F	3	ayes
5002	Durham Public Library	Action below:				

Gladys Lavine moved to amend the library budget to include the Assistant Librarian that was requested because she is so uncomfortable with not matching the 5% we have asked everyone to

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keep with....it's the most important thing Durham can ask for this year...it's the most used Durham facility. They've had no increase in staffing in quite awhile and she wishes to move it back into the budget.

M. Boord clarified that they have requested other additions too: 12 hours a week for pages and 6 additional hours per week for library assistants.

G. Lavine said this is a professional person who is requested and reiterated that this is the most important facility in town; this request is for the children's facilities.

M. Boord said that if this is the most important request, they should not have asked for additional hours for the pages and workers as well. It should have been their focus. Not in favor of putting it back unless the Library Board balances their budget...especially uncomfortable that they added other positions DURING the mid-year, anyway.

G. Lavine said again that since they (the Board) are not keeping within the 5%, she would rather see it go to the library than OTHER town services.

M. Boord said the library budget reflects: 12% increase in expenses, PLUS 20% additional staffing with the cuts recommended by the Board of Selectmen last week.

MOTION TO REVISE BY G. LAVINE, SECONDED BY F. KORN. He explained he has no problem supporting it--considers it dealing with the realm of reality; but if, at the end of the budget season, the budget is too high, it would come out and so would the OTHER one he supported.

Mrs. Boord noted that the budget recommendation that the Board of Finance would be considering tonight, would be the one the Board of Selectmen recommended at their previous meeting, which DOES NOT include tonight's amendment. Vote:

5002 Library \$133,082 Motion Lavine, second Korn; vote: 2 ayes (Lavine, Korn), 1 nay (Boord).

5502 Recreation Committee \$19,874 M F 3 ayes

M. Boord stated that if the \$5,000 was included toward the purchase of equipment in the future. She recommended taking out of this budget and putting it into a separate reserve account. F. Korn stated he is comfortable leaving it in any place....not sure how the Allyn Brook group will fare.

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO MOVE THAT \$5,000 BE PUT INTO

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RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT; 3 AYES.

Amend the Agenda

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO HOLD THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND ATTORNEYS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION; 3 AYES.

Executive Session

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, AT 7:40 P.M. TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING LITIGATION CREAM POT ROAD AND OLD BLUE HILLS ROAD; 3 AYES. Present: M. Boord, F. Korn, G. Lavine, Att'y Antin, Att'y Byrne, L. Hinman, G. Eames, III, W. Hadley, G. Colegrove, B. Curtis, R. Eriksen, V. Marino.

MOTION M. BOORD TO GO OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:10 P.M., SECOND F. KORN; 3 AYES.

Adjourn

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO ADJOURN AT 9:11 P.M.; 3 AYES.

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