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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING March 23, 1992

Maryann P. Boord
First Selectman

Called to order: 4:07 p.m.

Present: Maryann P. Boord, First Selectman
Francis E. Korn, Selectman
Robert F. Hall, Selectman

Budgets

4506 DMIAAB

201 We expect a \$9,260 (Durham's share) tipping fee to be imposed; DMIAAB is contesting the increase, but if unsuccessful, this item would be an increase in the budget. Additionally:

<u>B/S Cuts</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>B/F Cuts</u>
-200	604 Unscheduled Work	-1,000
-277 (5% inc.)	601 Director's salary	- 277
remain as requested	702 Legal & Consultants	-2,000
Frick case and Union contract still not settled.		
-500	708 Conferences	- 500
leave at \$200	709 Publications	- 500
leave at \$600	710 Mileage	- 100
cut \$250	711 Professional (Sec. costs \$55/mo/avg plus MRPA)	- 500
-100	304 First Aid	- 100

Durham's share of the cost of 1992-1993 DMIAAB expenses, with Board of Selectmen's approval, is \$407,455.

3004 Highway/Dept. of Public Works (with Tom Fenton and Kurt Bober)

a. Re mowing White's Farm: (this is to pursue the DPW mowing the fields, in lieu of the \$3,000 requested by Conservation Commission for same); F. Korn suggested changing our capital expenses program to include purchase of a new tractor for a mower to

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include this type of work. Tom Fenton said it can not be done with the present equipment; we would have to replace the entire machine and get a multi-functional piece of equipment, estimated to cost \$40,000. F. Korn noted the Conservation Commission estimates it costs \$180 per mow.

2010 Conservation Commission: Board recommendation that mowing go out to bid. The Road Foreman explained that we CAN mow White's Farm now but if the machine gets broken, the roadside mowing will be neglected.

3004 Back to the DPW concerns: Tom Fenton defended the request for \$13,000 to hire a part-time maintainer; the position definitely needs to be filled during "peak periods", i.e. chip sealing. This position could involved using different people at different times, perhaps 2 or 3 different people. M. Boord said her understanding is that the Board of Finance thought this was a new money but she noted that we have been hiring part-time personnel (such as Dave Quick) for the past two years on an as-needed basis to fill that position.

The justification for the \$13,000 maintainer position:

- a. length and severity of storm;
- b. peak season work (chip sealing);
- c. in the years between 1988-1992, six new miles of roads have been added to the town's system of maintained roads; this is nearly a complete snow plowing grid.

The Board of Selectmen recommended that the \$13,000 maintainer position remain in the budget.

1522 Building/Health/Engineering

Discussion followed as to evolution of the Administrative Coordinator's position -- it now includes coordinating the entire Public Works Department. Tom Fenton will address the Board of Finance with justification and documentation for a salary increase.

1508 Town Counsel

The Board of Finance has cut \$5,000 from this budget (the Board of Selectmen have combined the 2 line items to reflect one item) but previously the Board of Selectmen unanimously agreed that the amount they had asked for (\$25,000) was justified and realistic. The Board UNANIMOUSLY wanted it on record that the \$25,000 they asked for originally is absolutely necessary to be funded.

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1012-15-152 Selectmen's Exp. Dues/Meetings

The Board agreed to support a requested appropriation of \$3,800 in their dues and meetings line item. Bob Hall stressed the Board of Selectmen has to convince the Board of Finance that the CCM membership is necessary. The Board of Finance had cut \$2,400 from the Selectmen's Dues and Meetings - the amount to cover CCM dues, although it was not mentioned as such. Other established dues and meetings are:

\$ 225 Chamber of Commerce
60 CCM Annual Conference
180 MCCC breakfasts (\$15/12 without a guest)

M. Boord observed that the Board of Finance appears to be consistently attacking every budget's dues/meetings. She feels these volunteer committee people need the training they can receive for minimal costs.

1050 Support Staff The Board of Finance has cut the Assistant Assessor's overtime hours, which are used by her to meet with the Town Assessor, when he works in town hall on Thursday nights. M. Boord argued that this is not only a change in past practice, but this is a union position...any grievance against this action would cost more in arbitration costs than the amount spent for overtime.

5502 Recreation Committee: The Selectmen agreed that the request for shelves and reserve for \$2,000 in capital equipment could be eliminated but the programs should be left intact.

\$23,957 Recreation Commission's original request;
\$20,957 Board of Selectmen approved request.

6001 Memorial Day: The Board of Finance apparently doesn't realize that expenses are paid 1/2 in one fiscal year, 1/2 in the next.

6020 Contingency: The Board of Finance is proposing reduction of this item to \$35,000. The Board of Selectmen is not happy with that low an amount...they feel it is too risky to reduce this line item.

6502 Fire Co. Reserve: reduce to \$0

6503 Highway Equipment Reserve: reduce to \$0. The Board of Selectmen were leaving in \$30,000 to replace the International; the Board of Finance wants to reduce it by another \$12,500. The Selectmen feel it is not a good reduction and will be unable to pursue purchase of a truck or tractor. The Board of Selectmen agreed to ask that the \$30,000 be left in the budget.

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Bob Hall, Selectman, registered his anger that there are only three speed limit signs on Main Street, and the one in front of Morse and Otte's is obscured by another sign. He noted that the speed limit in front of Clay Howe's house is 40 mph - an excessive speed limit which, unfortunately, is rarely observed anywhere on Main Street. He suggested that radar be set up on Main Street. Speeding has been excessive for years...even though some of the people caught will likely be local people. He asked that the Board of Selectmen write to the State Traffic Commission to investigate the speed limit on Main Street, with the request to install an "on demand" light.

M. Boord explained that this was all done a few years ago. The State Traffic Commission said the results of the traffic/pedestrian counts didn't warrant it at the time, but that the Town could fund the approximately \$40,000 for the light, if it so wished.

Adjourn

The Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.