

TOWN OF DURHAM

Office of the First Selectman

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
March 26, 1987

Called to order at 7:40 P.M. Present: Mary Jane Jewczyn, Maryann P. Boord, James D. Dean.

Unanimous approval of the minutes of March 19, 1987.

Motion to the attention of the Board of Finance by J. Dean: if the Youth Services Program is developed, at that time, the Board of Selectmen expects the funding of that program to be in the Contingency Fund; 3 ayes.

The Board of Selectmen heard the Board of Finance had only appropriated \$3,600 for a town car. M. Boord noted the Board of Selectmen's displeasure. M.J. Jewczyn suggested questioning this at the Public Hearing.

Motion M.J. Jewczyn: upon consideration of Mr. Zimmer's recommendation, we award the contract for one 1987 International 35,000 lb, model # 2554 cab and chassis to Nutmeg International in the amount of \$39,877; then upon approval of the budget, purchase of second identical truck; second M. Boord; 3 ayes.

Motion M.J. Jewczyn that the Board of Selectmen comply with Board of Finance recommendation that we take to town meeting purchase of an \$85,000 tanker truck to be funded from 1985-1986 Surplus; second M. Boord; 3 ayes. J. Dean noted he is not against tanker, he is against chipping away at more important things. TIP use discussed.

Discussion with Road Foreman that property owners are cutting down trees on town land. Question: do we want to make a policy re cutting down trees? No action.

Letter noted from Milton Bush seeking resurvey of Tri-Mountain area for cable installation. A letter will be sent to Storer Cable.

Noted that Social Services revised request is for \$590; M.J. Jewczyn moved to ok #4515 at \$590; second M. Boord; 2 ayes; J. Dean with Board of Finance.

M.J. Jewczyn reported on weekend incident involving Black Sheep Squadron Club and a Retrievers Club using the grounds. The Board of Selectmen will set up file, notify Conservation Commission so there won't be a conflict. The Selectmen's Office will have to check the liability insurance--Fair Assoc. was named as additional insured--should be Town of Durham.

Question raised and discussed re open back garbage trucks.

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Discussion re garbage collection, pavilion/baseball area, April, May, June, July. M.J. Jewczyn will call the school to see if they are willing to have it done. M.J. Jewczyn reported Sunday, April 26, is Opening Ceremonies Day and she will attend. Stu Keating has asked for money for clay for the ballfields and the Board agreed to tell him to proceed.

M.J. Jewczyn reported on the latest Durham Chamber meeting where a SNET representative spoke. Durham will have fiber-optic cable laid on Route 17 to Rt. 79; push button capability by the end of 1987, touch tone 1991, E911 1989. The representative told her they have put in 28 new long distance trunk lines and 4 more are coming. They encourage people to call if they have problems.

The First Selectman reported on Middlefield's Salary Study Committee report recommendations:

- 1) First Selectman \$35,000;
- 2) Town Clerk 18,000;
- 3) Tax Collector 12,780.

Steve Kotowski had told M.J. Jewczyn re pothole problem in Rappahannock; he will take care of it.

Letter noted from Jelle deBoer thanking the town for allowing Mr. Kleminok to work on his master's thesis with us.

Letter from Ed Schwartz requesting 5 additional street lights in Royal Oak Park. The power co is going to present a proposal for 2. There was no underground cable provision made for street lights in that subdivision.

Re Mr. Bulmer's letter complaining of improper tax lien--Board consensus there's nothing we can do about it.

Motion M.J. Jewczyn, second M. Boord, that an Ordinance for an additional exemption for low income blind persons be taken to town meeting; 3 ayes.

Motion M.J. Jewczyn to pay to cover the hospital bills for welfare cases as recommended by town counsel Ken Antin: \$3,601.06 plus \$20,366.67 for two separate judgements; to be taken from General Assistance account; 90% state reimbursement can be expected; second J. Dean; 3 ayes.

Received Conn. Water Quality Standards manual from the DEP. M.J. Jewczyn and S. Kotowski will have to form a Water Quality Task Force.

Letter noted from Cream Pot Road resident Donald Terry re sharp corner by Town Garage. M.J. Jewczyn will talk to Mr. Zimmer and will do whatever she can.

Bill Milardo has reported to her it takes 6½-10 hours for a soil test for 1 lot @\$16.50 per hour. Recommends \$100 application fee per soils test instead of \$50; suggested date April 1. Board of Selectmen will think on this.

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Reported the Siegel suit against the town has been dropped but neither insurance carrier will defend us (\$1,000-\$1,500 in counsel fees). Ken Antin will write to the insurance companies and if no response, will write the commissioner.

Town Counsel is also working on a settlement in the McCarthy case.

Motion M.J. Jewczyn, second M. Boord, to appoint Donna J. Thomasson to fill the Pierson vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees; said term to expire at the Annual Town Meeting in 1988; 3 ayes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

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