

TOWN OF DURHAM



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 3, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Acting First Selectman Mary Jane P. Jewczyn. Charles Mauro, First Selectman, sat as Board member and James Dean, Selectman, arrived at 7:44 p.m.

Motion M. Jewczyn, second C. Mauro, to approve the minutes of March 20, 1986; 2 ayes.

M. J. Jewczyn reported that the February unemployment rate was 3.7%. She further noted that Gregory Curtis is in charge of the Memorial Day festivities and Henry Robinson will handle traffic.

Motion M. J. Jewczyn, second C. Mauro, to approve the following Proclamation: (2 ayes)

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1985, nearly 100,000 Americans who could have benefited from a transplant were unable to obtain the needed organs or tissues;

AND WHEREAS, only one human being can donate to another the human heart, kidney, lung, liver, pancreas, corneas, blood, bone, bone marrow, skin and tissues;

AND WHEREAS, there is a state organization created to communicate this need, the Connecticut Organ Donor Coalition and its affiliated individuals and institutions;

AND WHEREAS, The Coalition is encouraging that families focus discussion on this sensitive and vital issue;

THEREFORE, I, Charles R. Mauro, First Selectman of the Town of Durham, do hereby declare the week of Sunday, April 20, 1986, through Saturday, April 26, 1986, as

ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS WEEK

in the Town of Durham and encourage all families to participate in discussions regarding organ and tissue donation, and to obtain donor cards to help "Make a Miracle" for people in need.

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M. J. Jewczyn reported she met with the Durham Center Water Co., and she has committed the town to be a "user." The Company will let the users know at a later date if more shares need to be bought. As soon as the library lets us know if they will join, M. J. Jewczyn can authorize the issuance of a check.

Henry Robinson and Steve Kotowski met with the Board to discuss the proposed Mica Hill subdivision road situation. A six-phase plan was presented:

- 1) Agreement with Alice Anne "Wimler" for realignment of road and property transfer
 - 1A) B/S approve ½ Alice Anne's land acquisition at \$15,000 maximum cost to the town.
- 2) Proposed phasing of development.
- 3) Estimated costs of improvements to Town of Durham roads (that the town is expected to fund).
- 4) Phasing amount proposal to B/S "committee."
- 5) B/S Agreement "BOS".
- 6) PZC action and approval on subdivision "PZC."

The PZC will not act on this until they have it in writing that the Bd. of Selectmen is satisfied with the arrangements. The next B/S meeting is April 17, 1986, and there will be a presentation on this item for the Board. It was requested that Town Counsel be present.

M. J. Jewczyn motion to authorize the Little League to get the materials needed to fix the infields (expected cost \$1,500--using own labor) to be charged to account 2514, second C. Mauro; 3 ayes.

Motion J. Dean, second M. J. Jewczyn, to take legal action against the McCarthy's and to place a lien on the property; 3 ayes.

Re Siegel matter: Siegel's lawyer has counter proposed that the town fix the septic system--he will proceed with suite against the one who sold Siegel the house and then the town will be paid for its work. C. Mauro said he'd like to see it on paper. J. Dean noted he sees the same problems on James Rd.

Re Retallack matter: M. J. Jewczyn feels best solution is to reroute water back to original waterbed and the Town Engineer advised her that costs are estimated to be fairly minimal--doesn't know if Retallack's would approve. Whereupon many suggestions were offered as to the best way to remedy the problem. H. Robinson said the town has no other way to let the water out of the detention pond. He agrees with M. J. Jewczyn as to the solutions. C. Mauro said this will be the solution to be tried first, if it doesn't work, other solutions will be tried. M. J. Jewczyn stressed the Board of Finance has cut road projects funding so the money is just not available for major fixing. C. Mauro said he feels the Board of Selectmen has demonstrated its wish to come to a solution. J. Dean said to get a firm estimate of the work to be done, set deadlines,

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and get the project done. Item will be on the April 17th Agenda.

Townspeople said they have heard blasting from the Royal Oak Subdivision. Mr. Beach said the Fire Marshal told him they get one permit for the whole project and don't need to reapply each time they blast. H. Robinson felt there should not be any blasting any more.

J. Dean reported that he had talked to Jacobson who told him he will be putting together his report in about 2 weeks... having a very difficult time finding one solution. Two houses have very bad readings. J. Dean said that decaying brownstone is often mistaken by well drillers to be good soil and they don't dig any deeper--creating serious problems.

The detention pond was discussed. Hr. Robinson said it must be seeded and settled--elbow has never been finished. There may also have to be restrictions placed around the area, i.e., fences, etc., to keep children away until it's at least "settled."

M. J. Jewczyn reported liability insurance costs are up 100%. Motion J. Dean, second C. Mauro, to apply to Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) for eligibility in their liability insurance program; 3 ayes. There is a July 1 deadline and M. J. Jewczyn will work on the application. A CCM workshop is set for 4-10-86 to assist applicants but M. J. Jewczyn doubted it was necessary for us to attend.

Report on outside engineer's contract: C. Mauro advised it should be signed tomorrow. S. Kotowski thanked C. Mauro for expediting the contract through red tape.

Re Arbor Day celebration on April 25th: the town will be receiving 35 crabapples and there is a statewide celebration at noon to plant a few of the trees. Plantings will be at the south end of the green, White's Farm, Mica Hill Cemetery and the Old Cemetery.

The Board agreed to have C. Mauro sign the "Chain of Command" for library maintenance.

M. J. Jewczyn reported there is garbage blowing around Maiden lane. A. Zimmer apparently knows which house it's blowing from but he feels that perhaps this year a letter should be sent to the householders to clean up their mess. C. Mauro will discuss it with A. Zimmer.

M. J. Jewczyn reported on a complaint by Mark Sarro, Ridge Road, resident who wants his road fixed. Perhaps the 2 ends of the road could be fixed with 2 cul-de-sacs but the right-of-way ^{was} maintained due to utility lines passing through there. Further discussions revealed possible PZC violations and S. Kotowski will ask B. Tommell to investigate and report to the PZC and if there's a problem, PZC will act.

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M. J. Jewczyn reported a resident's request for one official, accurate, legal name for Route 157 in Durham. Also a street light is requested at the intersection of 157/68. Motion M. J. Jewczyn, second J. Dean, to notify the Department of Transportation that the Board requestes permission for a street light at the intersection of 157/68; 3 ayes.

Lila Kowalski requested Durham Heights residents be advised when Nathan Jacobson's report will be presented.

Motion J. Dean, second M. J. Jewczyn, to approve a job function as Administrative Coordinator for Health and Engineering Departments, as described in an outline we have, pending review and recommendation of the Personnel Policy Board; 3 ayes.

Motion J. Dean, second M. J. Jewczyn, to immediately seek applicants as in the job description (above); 3 ayes.

Re junk car stored at garage: Trooper Goldner will handle it when he returns from vacation.

S. Kotowski asked how we will collect/bill the developers under the new Ordinance.

Al Brechlin said the Board of Selectmen should establish a committee to investigate buying a computer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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