



# TOWN OF DURHAM

## Office of the First Selectman

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Maryann P. Boord  
First Selectman

PUBLIC HEARING  
April 4, 1991

RE: Small Cities Community Development Block Grant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by First Selectman Maryann P. Boord. Board member present: Francis Korn, Gladys Lavine; others present: Linda Raboin, Paul Raboin, Andrew B. Adams, Hope Lintz, William Lintz, Sharon Wade, Maria Alvarez (Hartford Courant), Karen Avitabile (Middletown Press), and Pauline Zvonkovic (Mid-State Regional Planning Agency).

Pauline Zvonkovic read the Legal Notice from the March 7, 1991 issue of The Middletown Press. The following was discussed:

1. The 1988 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (038-SC-88) which was used to acquire an 18 acre site for an affordable elderly housing rental project: The grant funds have been released;
2. The 1989 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (038-SC-89) used to conduct a townwide survey and prepare a needs assessment of the affordable housing situation in the community: The grant funds have been released;
3. The 1990 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (038-SC-90) that will be used for the site development of the affordable elderly housing project: The funds are still at the State level, although the grant has been awarded to the town;
4. The environmental aspects of the affordable housing project: An archeological survey resulted in no significant environmental impact;
5. The Town's intent to seek a \$400,000.00 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant for the repair and replacement of failed septic systems and for a townwide Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program for low and moderate income homeowners:

The Town of Durham has the opportunity to apply for this grant. After the grant is written, the Dept. of Housing rates and ranks it according to need. If the application is approved, the Town of Durham will be notified, probably by October 1991. Then an environmental review must be done. When the funds are released, applications for the grant may be submitted. Also discussed were the



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confidentiality of applications, monitoring of projects, payments to contractors, and contract disputes.  
\$316,000 (79% of \$400,000) is available. The remaining 21% is for administrative expenses;

6. Review of the Town's Citizen Participation Plan.

M. Boord adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING April 4, 1991

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by First Selectman Maryann P. Boord; Board members present: Francis E. Korn, Gladys B. Lavine. Others present: Karen Avitabile (The Middletown Press reporter), Maria Alvarez (The Hartford Courant reporter) and Rick Parmelee (resident).

### Scenic Road

As a result of the input received at the public hearing April 1, 1991, M. Boord proposed withdrawing support for the designation of Durham's portion of Route 77 as a Scenic Road. All of the residents present at the hearing were in opposition and concerned about impact on decisions made by local land-use agencies even though it was made clear that the State has no desire to dictate local land use.

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO WITHDRAW THE DURHAM PORTION OF ROUTE 77 FROM THE SCENIC ROAD ORDINANCE; 2 AYES, M. BOORD AND F. KORN; 1 ABSTENTION, G. LAVINE (HAD NOT ATTENDED THE HEARING).

M. Boord will send a letter to the DOT stating the change in support.

### LoCIP 5 year plan

M. Boord reviewed first draft of LoCIP 5 year capital improvement plan with Board members.

Note: The Board is in favor of the Transfer Station becoming computerized as soon as possible.

### Tax Refund

MOTION BY M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO GIVE A TAX REFUND OF \$8.11 TO ANN M. VERME DUE TO ERROR IN MOTOR VEHICLE TAX: 3 AYES.

### Minutes

G. Lavine amended the minutes of 3-21-91 to reflect that she had requested that the large single line item for insurance (#2518) be broken down into separate accounts to be more informative. She requests a general town liability insurance account and a payroll related insurance account.

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 1991 AS AMENDED: 3 AYES.

#### Appointments

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN TO APPOINT WARREN HERZIG TO THE DURHAM HOUSING PARTNERSHIP: 3 AYES.

#### Street Numbering Issues

(1) Al Brechlin requests renumbering for Ridge Road. It is currently named Ridge Road North and Ridge Road South. The board agreed that the North and South designations will be eliminated and the houses renumbered consecutively.

(2) A right of way off Creamery Road needs to be named and properties numbered in accordance with the town ordinance. M. Boord will meet with Al Brechlin.

(3) A right of way off Madison Road needs to be named and properties numbered. M. Boord recommended contacting its residents for a recommendation of a name.

#### Correspondence

(1) Al Brechlin is asking for a full investigation of alarm systems and their operation in the town. This results from an emergency call to Hill Hollow, which is not a legal address in Durham. A potentially dangerous situation arises when an out of town emergency service is contacted and may not successfully locate an illegal address. M. Boord will contact Dora Manderioli at Hill Hollow to inform residents of these concerns.

(2) M. Boord is invited to a brunch and ceremony in honor of the Lyman Family's 250th celebration on April 6, 1991.

(3) Connecticut Valley Tourism Commission: The Town of Durham has been awarded a Challenge Match Grant for the 1990-1991 Fiscal year in the amount of \$1,250 to be used for the Washington Trail 10K road race.

(4) The Connecticut Department of Liquor Control has revoked the Cafe Liquor Permit for Mary Broderick. (The Road House Cafe will remain open, however, because that first such decision has been appealed.)

(5) Connecticut Columbus 500 is planning to celebrate the many diverse cultures within Connecticut in 1992. G. Lavine will review the book of suggestions for Durham's participation.

#### Public Comments

RICK PARMELEE:

1. Is pleased with decision to not support designation of Guilford Road as scenic.

2. Is pleased with administration of Landfill addressing issues such as computerization, disposal of waste; discussion.

3. Revaluation and public hearings to inform public; discussion.

4. Naming of roads; discussion.

5. Town Budget; discussion.

KAREN AVITABILE:

1. Asked about the alleged attack on a high school boy behind Strong School at Allyn Brook Park. M. Boord replied she believes it was an isolated incident. Also, the Allyn Brook Park Committee is planning to install three low density spotlights in the park which should help deter future problems.

Selectman's Concerns

1. Letter from CRRRA confirming the 10 year agreement with the Town of Durham. Also, there will be no tipping fees for recyclables.
2. Call from Joy O'Connor of DOT: DOT says the School Bus Stop Ahead sign and the Pedestrian Crossing sign are adequate at the intersection of Route 68 and Tuttle Road. However, DOT will increase the Cross Traffic warning sign to 48"; the Town of Durham may choose to install flashers on it a cost of \$1,000 and electricity will cost a couple of hundred each year. A letter will be forthcoming.

Adjourn

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO ADJOURN AT 8:55 P.M.: 3 AYES.