

TOWN OF DURHAM



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TOWN CLERK

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING April 16, 1987

Called to order at 7:40 p.m. Board members present: Mary Jane P. Jewczyn, Maryann P. Boord, James Dean. Others: Kurt Bober, Bob Melvin, Jane Morriss, Bob Melvin, Al Brechlin.

M. J. Jewczyn moved to declare April 21, 1987 Latin Day and read the proclamation in Latin. J. Dean second; 3 ayes.

M. J. Jewczyn read a letter from Marge Hatch regarding Jim Blois' Pension Plan. The Board of Finance will make a correction regarding this matter. Their minutes of the April 13, 1987 Annual Budget Hearing indicated that M. Hatch requested "a pension plan that could earn her \$40,000/yr." Actual request was for a one-time pension payment based on one to two thousand dollars per year of service.

Kurt Bober requested a copy of the pension plan.

In response to a letter from Mike Boguslawski requesting a list of events taking place in our town, we will send copies of the request to churches and civic organizations. We will also mention the 10K Memorial Day Race, Durham Fair, Kiddie Kapers, and the Middlesex County Fire Department Competition.

A letter offering a service for the printing of a map of the town and local businesses was referred to the Economic Development Commission.

After the inspection of Hi-Lo Road on April 3, 1987, Gordon Daring recommended the release of the one-year maintenance bond posted February 11, 1986. So moved M. J. Jewczyn; second J. Dean; 3 ayes.

M. J. Jewczyn reported that she attended a phone company meeting and was informed that by February 1, 1988 the E911 will be available in Durham, that we already have push button capabilities, and that total phone will be available in 1991.

Tri-County Alcohol Council would like to run the First Annual Substance Abuse Bi-Atholon on Sunday, June 14, 1987. There will be approximately 400 participants running around Crystal Lake and then biking through Durham between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. They will use Arubutus St., Haddam Quarter Rd., Brick La., Maiden La, Bear Rock Rd., Higganum Rd., Candlewood, and Foot Hills. M. J. Jewczyn moved approval; second J. Dean; 3 ayes. J. Dean asked if they need liability insurance and M. J. Jewczyn responded that she will ask that they name Durham as additionally insured.

In response to a request from the Local Drug and Alcohol Prevention Information Survey the following names were suggested as possible representatives: Paul Looney, Bill Healey (teacher at CRHS), and Don Schmitt.

J. Dean moved that we allow the bond on Rosemarie Naples for library funds to expire since the \$15,000 left in the account is to be turned over to the Library Board of Trustees. M. J. Jewczyn second; 3 ayes.

After reviewing the CAMDC Connecticut Development 1987, A Real Estate and Small Business Services Expo, on May 11, 1987, we decided not to send a representative.

A letter from Mr. & Mrs. Skiba of Oak Terrace regarding a smashed culvert on John Harris' property which is causing debris to come onto his property was referred to A. Zimmer for repair.

PM Magazine will film a documentary on Safe Rides Monday, April 20, 1987, at Strong Middle School and Coginchaug Regional High School. It will be aired late in May.

Road name requests of Green Lane and Mauro Drive met with no objections and will be signed at the May 7, 1987 meeting.

A letter of resignation from Joan Quick, the multi-function clerk was read and accepted. There have been several responses from the newspaper ad to date.

There has been no response from Northeast Utilities regarding the lighting on Royal Oak. A letter from Ed Schwartz regarding this matter was read. J. Dean noted that the Route 17 lights should be moved to correspond to Packing House Rd. and Royal Oak when the work is done.

M. Boord noted that the street light at the corner of Route 17 and the southern end of Stagecoach Rd. has not yet been fixed.

A letter from the Board of Finance noting the abhorrent condition of the skating rink and suggesting available funding for next year was read.

The Guidelines for the Disposition of Records from the State of Connecticut has been received.

There is no candidate for Planning & Zoning alternate as yet.

Tony Satagaj, our Building Inspector, would like to become the Zoning Enforcement Officer as well. We have budgeted \$12,000 for each position as of July 1, 1987. The Board of Finance has agreed that we can hire him immediately. M. J. Jewczyn will speak with him as soon as possible.

Lot #2 on Tri-Mountain Rd. has no swale; as a result, Lot #3 is not draining properly. Gordon Daring said that the town must correct the problem by putting in a swale and a culvert under a driveway because the town did not require it initially for total Development Drainage.

On April 30, 1987, at 1:00 p.m. there will be a meeting to go over the results of the water tests on Edwards Rd. Subsequently, there will be a presentation to the Board of Finance.

M. J. Jewczyn received a call from Kevin Hecht, Harvey Waller's lawyer, stating that all the land transfer deeds are in order and have been signed by Mr. Wimler. M. J. Jewczyn moved that there be a Special Town Meeting April 28, 1987, to have a town vote to authorize the necessary land transfers for the relocation of Crooked Hill and Mica Hill Rds. J. Dean second; 3 ayes. Gordon Daring has reworked the construction figures and will meet with Waller's engineers. A list of costs and responsibilities will be presented to representatives of Planning and Zoning and the Board of Selectmen. Ed Burns stopped H. Waller who was opening a new stream bed this morning without removing the sedimentation.

The following names were recommended as possible members of a Water Quality Task Force: Bob Melvin, Warren Herzig, Dave Lavine, Brian Curtis, Pat Berten, Steve Kotowski, Dr. Willett or Bill Milardo, Board of Selectmen representation, Dave Bascom, Bob Moore, George Eames. M. J. Jewczyn will contact the above.

Suggested members for the Economic Development Commission were: Dinatali, Jim Kowolenko, Joan Hughes, John Patterson, Caroline Adams, Carl Eriksen, Maurice Arcand, Robert Horn, Fran Korn, Peter Ferris, Gregg Curtis, Ed. Higgins. M. J. Jewczyn will contact the above.

The following items were noted for inclusion on the Agenda for the Annual Budget Meeting: a resolution honoring Charlie Mauro, VFW presentation of a flag and plaque honoring Charlie Mauro, two Board of Education appointments, the transfer of Howd Rd. money to Haddam Quarter Rd., the transfer of the Durham Heights Engineering Study money, the transfer of funds into Planning & Zoning and the Town Engineer budgets, abandoned roads, Honorary Citizen for AFS student, DMIAB appointment, ordinance regarding the blind, acceptance of the budget, a motion to accept any and all town aid highway funds from the State.

Mr. & Mrs. Kish have accepted Gordon Daring's design to correct their water problem. M. J. Jewczyn will contact North Branford to decide which town does what regarding the work and payment.

We will be paving Haddam Quarter Extension. F. Mather suggests a pitch in the road and Gordon Daring suggests a crown. J. Dean feels a problem is developing with the present pitch. The Board of Selectmen decided to accept G. Daring's suggestions to crown.

Mr. Francis on Old Blue Hills Rd. has a water drainage problem. Gordon Daring suggests putting a pipe on the town property in front of Mr. Francis' house. Mr. Francis doesn't want that. M. J. Jewczyn will speak with G. Daring again.

M. J. Jewczyn asked Bob Melvin who maintains the Mattabassett Trail. He believes the hikers do. Nick Pomeranz now owns some of the trail on Old Blue Hills Rd. and his construction has rutted the trail causing mud to run into Roseanne Cox's yard. B. Melvin thinks that is a Civil matter with the developer probably being responsible. Bob suggested "open spaces" for the trail to be kept for public use.

Bob Melvin - Conservation Commission. Bob requested an escrow account for capitol improvements, maintenance, etc. He is concerned about the condition of the Caltabiano house and barn on Route 17. He mentioned that any rental income on that property must by law be put into an escrow account. F. Mather will need to set up that account.

Regarding the White Property - we will need to bring in more processed stone for road improvements. They can probably pay for the materials from their budget. He also requested 2 or 3 new metal trash receptacles. A mattress which has been left there needs to be taken to the dump. Zim has been informed. Bob requests a contract with someone to pick up trash weekly May through October. M. J. Jewczyn will check with Centruy Waste Removal who will be picking up bi-weekly for Little League and the Recreation Pavilion to see if they can extend to Whites. Bob further commented that there is one large tree down which needs to be cut up and pushed aside, and that he hopes Mr. Greenbacker will cut the large meadow and that we can mow the picnic area.

Longer-term requests are for the replacing of the foot bridge and that two fireplaces be put in on the peninsula. Bob has \$1000 from the Rockfall Corporation from three years ago which was to be used to clear brush out of the Coginchau. He will see if it can be used to rebuild the bridge.

Bob reminded us that the lease agreement with the Fair Association only allows for parking once a year during the Durham Fair; and that there is an existing Liability Insurance requirement as of a 1980 Town Ordinance.

Bob suggested that we gate off the Dunn Hill Property which has had trash dumped there in the past. The Board of Selectmen did not object.

Al Brechlin joined the meeting informing us that the Board of Finance reinstated the following monies into the budget: \$1000 monuments, \$21,000 Town Clerk, \$15,000 Tax Collector, \$2200 copier, supplies and equipment (they will also support the cost of replacement if there is a problem with the old copier).

A discussion with Al regarding the Youth Service Program revealed that the Board of Finance did not put the requested \$15,000 into contingency for that program.

After Geoff Colegrove gets sample ordinances, we will approach Town Council regarding a Soil and Erosion Control Ordinance.

It was noted that we also need an ordinance with a citation for the unauthorized removal of trees from town property.

M. J. Jewczyn will check with DOT regarding weight limits on town roads.

M. J. Jewczyn will create a resolution regarding the TIP money.

M. Boord reported from the Recreation Committee. The surveys will be mailed out, bulk mailing; Board of Selectmen suggested "drop boxes" throughout town for returns. Trash pick up at the pavilion and Little League Field will be twice a week May through October by Century Waste Removal. The town tennis courts are in disrepair. Board of Selectmen suggests putting a request in the budget next year for repairs.

M. Boord reported Henry Coe's displeasure with finding the leaves he had raked into the road back in his driveway and yard. Poor timing - H. Coe raked, town crew swept and removed debris before H. Coe could take his leaves to the dump. Zim will be asked to be sensitive to townspeople's efforts for spring clean up.

M. Boord mentioned Wally Camp's request for brush pick-up twice a year. Board of Selectmen responded that our town crew is not large enough to take on that task other than after a disaster such as we did after the hurricane.

Dr. Mahmud called M. Boord asking how to assure that the Resident State Trooper question will appear on the ballot in November. M. Boord will reply that requirements are being investigated.

The Board of Selectmen went into Executive Session at 10:30 p.m.
re: Grievance.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann P. Boord

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Selectwoman