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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING April 19, 1990

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m. by First Selectman Maryann P. Boord; other Board members present: Francis E. Korn, Gladys B. Lavine. Townspeople present: Karen Avitabile, Kurt Bober, Richard Parmelee.

Amend the Agenda

MOTION M. BOORD TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE SETTING A DATE, TIME, PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING RE PENSION PLAN FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS; SECOND F. KORN; 3 AYES.

MOTION M. BOORD TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE WAIVING OF INSURANCE RESTRICTIONS FOR THE BALLOONISTS ON MAY 5; SECOND F. KORN; 3 AYES.

Public Hearing Date

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO SET APRIL 30, 1990, 8:00 P.M., IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING RE PENSION PLAN FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS; 3 AYES.

Insurance

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO WAIVE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND THE INDEMNIFICATION FORM REQUIREMENT REGARDING THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF COVERAGE FOR THE BALLOONISTS ON MAY 6, FOR THE AMBULANCE CORPS CELEBRATION; 3 AYES. J. Muraca, Insurance Coordinator, had said that approval of this motion at a Selectmen's meeting was all that was needed to make it official.

Minutes

MOTION M. BOORD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 5, 1990, MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. MOTION G. LAVINE TO AMEND THE MINUTES TO INCLUDE: (PG. 4, LAST PARAGRAPH)"...initially M. Boord said [at the public hearing held concerning the purchase of the Thompson property for elderly housing] that no taxpayers money would be...." The amendment is in bold, above.

MOTION ON THE AMENDMENT: YES (LAVINE, KORN); ABSTAIN (BOORD; noting

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she was not in the room when that part of the discussion was held).

MOTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES WITH AMENDMENT: YES (LAVINE, KORN); ABSTAIN (BOORD).

Annual Budget Meeting

MOTION M. BOORD TO HOLD THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING ON MAY 14, 1990, 8:00 P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM WITH THE FOLLOWING AGENDA: Acceptance of resolutions honoring two AFS students, resolution honoring Walter Camp, proclamation making May 5 and 6 as Durham Volunteer Ambulance Corps Days, elect two members to regular terms on the DMIAAB, to fill one vacancy in a DMIAAB term, to elect two members to the Board of Education, accept any/all town aid money available to the town, adopt a LoCIP(lan), to adopt the town budget for a period to end June 30, 1991; MOTION SECONDED BY F. KORN; 3 AYES.

Resolutions and Proclamations

MOTION M. BOORD TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION HONORING WALTER CAMP; SECOND F. KORN; 3 AYES.

MOTION M. BOORD TO APPROVE A PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DURHAM VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS; SECOND F. KORN; 3 AYES.

MOTION M. BOORD TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING EARTH DAY; SECOND F. KORN; 3 AYES.

MOTION M. BOORD TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE SMALL CITIES GRANT, SECONDED BY F. KORN; 3 AYES; AS FOLLOWS:

Resolution of Application by the Town of Durham to the Small Cities Program

WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing, pursuant to Public Law 93-383, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Durham make application to the State for \$300,000 in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to

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execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Selectmen of Durham:

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,

2. That the filing of an application by the Town of Durham in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to file such application with the Commissioner of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, recessions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Durham.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Ira Kerschner saying he doesn't want to be re-elected to the vacancy on DMIAAB. Mrs. Boord will write a letter of appreciation to him.

2. Resignation, effective April 20, 1990, received from Anna Ciresi, Administrative Coordinator, B/H/E office.

3. Letter from Thomas Cheeseman, MAT Director, thanking David Lavine Maryann Boord for her efforts in restoring the funding to their program.

4. Letter of appreciation to the First Selectman and road crew from a Harvey Road resident.

5. Invitation to the Ambulance Corps celebration addressed to the Board of Selectmen.

6. Letter from State Senator Thomas Sullivan re Powder Hill Road residents' concerns; Mrs. Boord noted she would have appreciated it if he had called her to ascertain what the town's plans were regarding this road, what the cost impact would be to the town as the residents propose, and/or what the town's priorities are regarding which roads to repair.

7. Notice of Chamber's Annual Dinner; to be held at the Treadway, June 7th; George Eames is being designated Citizen of the Year and

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the Board members wish to attend to show their support. Board agreed that the town should pay for their attendance (there is money left in the dues/meeting account for the three board members; other town officials could draw from their dues/meeting account). Tables for 8 are available and the Selectmen's office will see if it can organize one.

8. Letter from Dan Perley thanking Mrs. Boord for joining the Earth Day celebration at the school.

9. Notice from Nick Pomeranz that he will be unable to attend the site visit to the "Page Property" on Saturday, but he encourages its purchase by the town.

10. Letter from Harvey Waller, developer of Mica Hill Subdivision, with an alternative offer for resolving storm water retention at the crossing at Creamery Road. Brian Curtis, Chairman of PZC, advised Mrs. Boord that the PZC did not take action because the offer was not what was expected. The financial figure will be negotiated.

11. Unemployment in Durham in February 1990 is 4.3%.

12. Ken Woodworth, The Connection, Inc. Director, advised Mrs. Boord that action re youth needs should not be addressed until completion of a survey, which will begin soon.

13. Copy of letter addressed to Henry Philip, Assessor, from the Chamber, thanking him for speaking at a recent Durham Chamber meeting and praising his talents and professionalism.

14. Copy of letter from Bruce Parmenter, Insurance Agent/Broker, to Nick Lacerenza, BCBS District Manager, re the agent/broker program. Mr. Parmenter notes his shock that Mr. Lacerenza discouraged the agent/broker program for Durham and seriously challenged the "hidden cost" theory. The Board will await Mr. Lacerenza's response.

Selectmen's Concerns

Gladys Lavine: her concern is with the DMIAAB budget; wants access to their financial records. M. Boord explained that Ed Burns, Treasurer, gives very inclusive reports; Thomas Gilligan, Administrator, prepares the checks. G. Lavine questioned the reporting of receipts and where they were deposited. Mrs. Boord responded that Mr. Gilligan handles the receipts. Mrs. Boord further noted that the next DMIAAB meeting is April 26th, 5:00 p.m. in the Middlefield Town Hall; we can get this item on the agenda.

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Update from the First Selectman

1. Bonnie Penders called today. She and Marsha Tigner are soliciting/encouraging funds from businesses and civic groups in town for the Allyn Brook Park project. They want to know if G. Lavine had secured that information she offered them as to where to get funding if they did not belong to the town, and they questioned whether state monies were still in the state budget. G. Lavine assured Mrs. Boord that funding is still in the state budget and she will contact Mrs. Penders or Mrs. Tigner.

2. Reminder about site visits on Saturday.

3. May meeting schedule: M. Boord will be away for the first meeting on May 3, so the Board agreed to cancel it and not reschedule, unless there is an emergency.

Amend the Agenda

MOTION M. BOORD TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE "PUBLIC COMMENTS;"
SECOND F. KORN; 3 AYES.

Public Comments

Richard C. Parmelee, Jr.: asked if the towns are accepting "cover material" at the landfill, which might be of questionable composition. M. Boord responded no, that DEP has authorized the acceptance of all material we have received and Joe Carney has refused to accept some loads he felt were unacceptable in nature; that DMIAAB voted to discontinue some odoriferous cover that was being brought to the landfill; cover material had been needed to cover and close the landfill. Mr. Parmelee discussed contaminated cover material; thinks we could make substantial receipts from receiving cover material; M. Boord assured him we did. G. Lavine questioned what happens to the revenues? M. Boord responded that the money goes to DMIAAB, but when it becomes a surplus, it is divided between the towns.

Mr. Parmelee reported receiving a call from the new Town Engineer in response to the questions raised at the Public Hearing on April 16, 1990, re Mr. Fenton's qualifications and in particular the status of, or if he truly had, a P.E. license. M. Boord said Mr. Fenton's license had lapsed and he has been renewed.

Ongoing discussion of Regional School District #13, Powder Hill Road, Howd Road bridge. Mrs. Boord said she has also received requests from the residents of Harvey Road, and considering the litigation re Cream Pot Road, there may be these and/or other roads that will have to be upgraded.

Kurt Bober: Has sought clarification of these unaccepted roads; we
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are maintaining, on a regular basis, Harvey Road beyond the accepted point and also Ridge Road. F. Korn agreed we must put in place some other mechanism to deal with these problems. Discussion of "old town roads" and the infamous meeting of 1974, where the issue of abandonment was raised and defeated. Mr. Korn noted that this Board is uncomfortable making the determination about these roads--it should go to town meeting and the people can then pay for having the roads accepted/reconstructed, etc.

Mr. Bober added he supports the program of painting lines on the roads and wishes to see the program reinstituted.

He advised the Board that Leonard Concrete dropped off 2 pieces of pipe today at the garage that were ordered in the last budget year and asked if any other items have been received or are yet expected that were ordered in the same way. Mrs. Boord responded we are still awaiting guardrail and grass seed.

Karen Avitabile: questioned what happened to Ed Burn's position when Thomas Fenton was hired. M. Boord explained that a year ago, when the position of an in-house Town Engineer/Public Works Director was seriously addressed, Mr. Burns had agreed that the need was present; he realized at that point that his responsibilities would be given to the new person to be hired. When the office was ready to advertize for the position, Mr. Burns changed his mind and felt the job responsibilities he performed were important enough to be done by a separate person. However, when the new position was budgeted for, part of the funding was from Mr. Burn's position...so, the town couldn't keep both; the new person was supposed to assume the road inspection phase. K. Avitabile asked if he (Burns) resigned. Mrs. Boord said there was no label given, certainly he was NOT fired. Ms. Avitabile added, in a note addressed to her by Mr. Burns, he said he was fired. M. Boord said he was NEVER fired--the duties were assumed by the new position. Discussion. Clarification that Mr. Burns was working for us on a "consultant basis;" never received mileage, insurance was up to himself, etc. K. Bober asked what his (Burns) present position is? Mrs. Boord said he is temporary road foreman/consultant. K. Bober asked if he has to post insurance, in this capacity. Mrs. Boord said she will check with the Insurance Coordinator.

Karen Avitabile asked if Phil Woods had been suspended. Mrs. Boord said yes, but it was her hope that it wouldn't become public knowledge--it was handled in-house; but of course, is public record; she will accept formal written request for documentation.

Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:35 P.M.; SECOND F. KORN; 3 AYES.