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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 4, 1989**

Maryann P. Boord
First Selectman

REC'D May 12, 1989
The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by First Selectman Maryann P. Boord; Other Selectmen present: Francis E. Korn, Hugh A. Curley.

Executive Session

Motion H. Curley, second M. Boord, to go into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation of Cream Pot Road; 3 ayes. Present: M. Boord, F. Korn, H. Curley, Attorney Boccalatte, Gladys Lavine, Brian Curtis, Althea Parmelee, Patt Berten, Geoffrey Colegrove.

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to go out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.; 3 ayes.

Conservation Commission

Robert Melvin, Warren Herzig, Don Terry represented the Conservation Commission to discuss the disposition of the house and barn under Conservation Commission jurisdiction. Mr. Melvin noted he has not received offers to remove the buildings, just concerns from people saying it's too bad. He itemized what needed to be done for demolition of the house, ie: asbestos removal, removal of fuel tanks, disconnection of electricity to the house, building should be removed to the foundation level, and questioned where the demo materials will go; he suggested Town Counsel be asked to write specifications for this. Warren Herzig will talk to the DEP about oil tank and asbestos removal and will ask George Planeta to do the wiring. M. Boord advised that Tony Satagaj, Building Official, will look over the bids for us; we have \$5,000 budgeted to do this project. Mr. Melvin noted that the Conservation Commission can handle the barn project, but the house removal project is too large for them. He inquired about the cleaning out of the barn and M. Boord reported she has advised the Schmitts to do so.

Discussion of Mr. Pomeranz's 92 acre parcel: Mr. Melvin reported it's an extensive wetland and watershed land. Mrs. Boord reminded the Commission she is setting up a committee to investigate the offer and the Commission is requested to provide representation.

Mr. Melvin reported that the Commission has had two complaints that gravel areas are eyesores. He added that the Bugai parcel should be looked at very closely (for nitrates, etc.) if the town considers purchasing it.

Model EMT Program for Youth

Lori Martin, Ambulance Corps member, offered a presentation with video showing John Dobel's Post Model 53 located in Darien, Connecticut, where 15-18 yr. olds are given an opportunity to become daytime EMT responders. She stressed she would expect the very highest standards would be set in establishing this program in Durham/Middlefield for students at Coginchaug Regional High School. She will be offering a presentation to the Board of Education next Wednesday.

Re Insurance coverage: CIRMA representative Cheryl Eckert (who handles liability) has told her a letter will be written to cover the students as other ambulance corps members are covered. Mrs. Martin noted that her own insurance covers her in her car and then the town's insurance takes over, i.e., from school to headquarters is personal liability. Parents will have to fully support the program.

The EMT students will not have a green light permit nor will they be driving the ambulance; they would not, at this point, respond directly to the scene.

If the program receives approval, the training would begin in September; in January 1990, the students will apply as Cadet Corps members to ride the ambulance. In the spring will be offered the EMT course, if they have met the highest standards.

Mrs. Boord said she was very impressed with Lori's presentation, pulling the best from all research. Has encouraged CPR training among town employees; it appears to be a very valuable program. Mr. Curley envisioned that it would develop a corps for the future. Mrs. Martin said she will advise the Middlefield Board of Selectmen of the program, but that any Middlefield students accepted for the program would be on the Durham Ambulance Corps.

Misc

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to amend the agenda to include insurance waivers; 3 ayes.

Minutes

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to approve the minutes of April 20, 1989; 2 ayes, Curley abstain.

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to approve the minutes of April 28, 1989; 3 ayes.

Insurance

1. Request received from Michael Jewczyn for insurance waiver of

the 1 million liability coverage for his subcontractors doing work on the ambulance corps shower installation project. M. Boord will get more information from Mr. Jewczyn, as to how he will handle his subcontractors. The subcontractors will be required to provide their own coverage in the acceptable amount.

2. Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to accept Jeff Pirhala's (Personal Best Painters--doing the town hall painting project) request for waiver of the \$1,000,000 vehicle liability insurance and accept his \$300,000 liability for the vehicle; 3 ayes.

Francis Korn stressed that a policy is needed for this issue of insurance waivers.

Other Misc

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to accept our current Five Year Capital Improvement Plan; 3 ayes.

Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to accept a Proclamation making the week of May 14, 1989, NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK; 3 ayes. Mrs. Boord noted that on May 16th, she will attend ceremonies at the Twin Maples Nursing Facility in recognition of the Week; Gov. O'Neil, Senator Sullivan, Representative Lavine, and Congressman Gejdenson are expected to attend; people will be bussed in and the school band will be there. Mrs. Boord told the Board of the ambitious events being organized for the Twin Maples facility...they are even sponsoring a Little League team and attending the games.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Thomas Ladny, with the Middlesex County Soil Conservation Service, relative to water affecting downhill slopes from Mica Hill subdivision.

2. Copy of George Gulielmetti's letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission about what was agreed to in the Mica Hill subdivision approval about the culvert.

3. Letter from Department of Transportation re signal study Rts. 17/77...they have decided the proposal shouldn't occur. The Board agreed to notify the Department that they don't agree with the findings and the Board supports a flashing light at that location. Mr. Curley requested Mrs. Boord reply to them about increasing their awareness of the problem.

4. Thank you note from Sgt. Elliot, Sgt Flower, and Sgt Benson, members of the Governor's footguard, who recently used the green to camp on during their memorial walk to Massachusetts.

5. Notice of DPUC hearing on May 11, 1989, 10:30 a.m. in the Durham Town Hall re Durham Center Water Company.

6. Notice has been received that Malcolm Pearce is filing suit against the Planning and Zoning Commission on the Holly Locks issue.

7. Letter from the Department of Transportation re changes in the configuration of Rt. 157/Powder Hill Road intersection...their response was "...no proposed improvements for the area [expected] at this time."

8. Letter from ConnPirg, a public interest research group, who are suggesting adoption of a resolution encouraging the DEP clean up hazardous waste by the year 2000 and requiring polluters to pay fines. M. Boord expressed reservations about the resolution, saying first we must investigate it in relation to our particular circumstances. It will appear on the next Agenda.

Update from the First Selectman

1. Economic Development Commission has recommended that Randy Anagnostis and James Kowolenko represent them on the committee to investigate the 92 acre parcel of land being offered by N. Pomeranz. She said she and Hugh Curley can represent the Board of Selectmen. H. Curley asked for additional townspeople on the committee such as Tom Starr (who was chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Committee). He also mentioned that Steve Comen of Cherry Lane is interested in housing issues.

2. Memo from Anton Zimmer responding to comments during a previous Board of Selectmen's meeting questioning the non-regular care of the vehicles maintained at the town garage.

3. Joseph Burns of Colonial Life Insurance Company will be talking to the employees next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Selectmen's Concerns

Motion H. Curley, second F. Korn, to include the item "public comments" on the agenda; 3 ayes. ("Mea culpa," says the secretary.)

Public Comments

Question from Karen Avitabile from The Middletown Press, whether or not there was any news from the Waller subdivision on Mica Hill Road. Discussion.

Additional Selectmen's Concerns

1. Hugh Curley wondered what is going to happen with the state's approval of NO THRU TRUCKS on Haddam Quarter Road. Motion H. Curley, second F. Korn, to add to the agenda the discussion of the Haddam Quarter Road NO THRU TRUCKS prohibition; 3 ayes.

Motion H. Curley, second M. Boord, that 3.26 miles of Haddam Quarter Road be designated NO THRU TRUCKS in accordance with the

State Traffic Commission, due to the curvature of the site line;
3 ayes.

Mr. Curley asked for one more item on the next Agenda: the Status
of Registrar's Pay.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

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