



BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 7, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Mary Jane P. Jewczyn, James D. Dean

1. NORTHEAST UTILITIES: Haddam Neck Exercise Briefing

In attendance: Mark Birch, Northeast Utilities, Gary Suma, Area II Coordinator, Roger Kleeman, Town Controller

Sixteen area towns will be participating in the drill to be held on May 26, 1987 at 2:20 pm. A siren will be heard and then an emergency broadcast message will be placed over the Emergency Broadcast System. This exercise will be publicized in the MIDDLETOWN PRESS. The second phase of the exercise will begin at the Haddam Neck plant at 3:30 pm. At this time, Mary Jane Jewczyn noted that the Director of Health's memo stating that the Town of Durham would not issue Potassium Iodide (KI) would be attached to Durham's plan of action. Gary Sima asked that he, as the area coordinator, be notified of all action, no matter how unimportant it seemed, because it could have an impact on other areas.

2. JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF SELECTMEN (Informational)

a. Town Clerk's salary: Mary Jane Jewczyn reported that she had spoken to Town Counsel and he stated that the Town Clerk's salary could be passed outside of the budget (as a separate item) at a Town meeting. The Town Clerk's salary is to be set at the Town's annual budget meeting, May 11, 1987.

b. Mary Jane Jewczyn reported that a new Town car had been purchased.

c. Mary Jane Jewczyn reported that the Assessor was going to court. She stated that Town residents are suing because the Assessor changed their assessment without going out to view the property. This will be a very important case as it will set a precedent for other cases like it in the State.

d. The Personnel Policy Board has set the months of September and October aside for review of Town Official salaries.

e. Capital Expenditure Program: The Board of Selectmen will meet with all agencies in June and July to discuss project needs.

f. Mary Jane Jewczyn reported that Donna Abdella was still out and would be for another two weeks.

g. Mica Hill/Crooked Hill Road: Mary Jane Jewczyn reported that there was a new cost sharing program. She also noted that Harvey Waller would be doing all the grading work for the project. The total estimated cost is \$65,000.00 for the Town's expenditures for improvements this year.

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There is a problem with Beth Quinlivan's property settlement. No one can locate the center point of old Crooked Hill Road because the road has been torn up. Mary Jane Jewczyn has hired Robert Bascom to locate the monuments so that the property lines can be accurately located.

h. Mary Jane Jewczyn reported that she had met with the Town Auditor and he feels that Janet Muraca is qualified to train a bookkeeping assistant. The Auditor also stated that if the Conservation Commission receipts are greater than their expenditures, then the excess funds must automatically transfer into a reserve fund.

i. The Edwards Road (Durham Heights) water tests and septic system evaluations have been completed. In the area where the four test wells were to go, there are three overflowing septic systems. The Health Department is going to issue orders to repair these septic systems. David Lavine may have found some funds that could be used in the Durham Heights area. James Dean will get in touch with him to find out more.

j. Anthony Satagaj would like to work for the Town full time as Building Official, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer, however he has requested a higher salary than what was allotted in the budget. The Board of Finance will discuss the situation and get back to the Board of Selectmen.

3. RIDGE ROAD RESIDENTS

Residents present: Brian Maroney, Colin Maroney, Albert Breault, Rita Sarro, Mary Breault, Tom Augeri, Anton Zimmer, Vera Zimmer, Mark Sarro

The residents requested that some sort of surface be put down on Ridge Road because during the winter months the road becomes impassable. Also, delivery people and utility companies often refuse to go there because of the condition of the road. At this time, the residents presented the Board of Selectmen with a petition as well as a 1952 map showing a right of way where the road was supposed to go in.

Geoffrey Colegrove stated that apparently the road was planned but for some reason was never completed. Some of the residents said that when they were applying for mortgages, they were told the road would be completed in the future. Geoffrey Colegrove said that as far as he could determine from the map presented, Chester Fudge (the original owner of the property) still owned the right of way. Mary Jane Jewczyn will check with Town Counsel about upgrading the road.

4. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM WITH GEOFFREY COLEGROVE

Geoffrey Colegrove stated that the program was incomplete but that the target date for completion was December of 1987. He then presented cost figures and estimates of the life cycles of highway department equipment. A discussion followed.

5. STREET LIGHT POLICY: NEW DEVELOPMENTS

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Mary Jane Jewczyn reported that she had met with the power company about the installation of street lights at the intersections of roads. She stated that one of the issues discussed was whether to install street lights at the end of cul-de-sacs. Geoffrey Colegrove recommended that the underground cables necessary for street lights be placed in all new subdivisions so that future installation of street lights was possible and less costly.

Mary Jane Jewczyn said that she would write to the power company to notify them that it was Town policy to install the special cables necessary for street lights in all new subdivisions and that there should be automatic placement of street lights at all intersections.

6. APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Mary Jane Jewczyn, seconded by James Dean, to appoint Gladys Lavine to fill the vacancy of alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission: 2 ayes.

Motion by Mary Jane Jewczyn, seconded by James Dean, to nominate the Board of Selectmen, David Lavine, Steven Kotowski, Leo Willett and William Milardo to serve on the Water Quality Task Force: 2 ayes.

7. MINUTES

Motion by Mary Jane Jewczyn, seconded by James Dean, to approve the minutes of the April 16, 1987 meeting: 2 ayes.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Mary Jane Jewczyn reported that she would be receiving a letter from John Boccalatte that the 2,000 feet of Cream Pot Road asked about by Dion Arrigoni was a Town road.

b. The Tax Collector is going to request that her salary go before a Town Meeting for discussion.

c. Donald Terry, a resident on Cream Pot Road, requested that the Board of Selectmen look into an alternate entrance to Cream Pot Road if the road is ever upgraded.

d. Mrs. Prue, of the Connecticut Trail Council of Girl Scouts, wants to use the Town Green on May 21, 1988 from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm for an all day scouting activity (to be used conjunction with the Fair Grounds) she will provide a Certificate of Insurance and will arrange for constables.

Motion by Mary Jane Jewczyn, seconded by James Dean, to allow the Connecticut Trail Council of Girl Scouts to use the Town Green on May 21, 1988: 2 ayes.

e. Joanne Salva, Tax Collector, requested that the Board of Selectmen endorse her proposal to help keep the delinquent payment rate higher by urging David Lavine to vote negative on House Bill #7533.

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Motion by Mary Jane Jewczyn, seconded by James Dean, for the Board of Selectmen to write to David Lavine endorsing Joanne's request to vote negative on House Bill #7533: 2 ayes.

f. The Durham Rod and Gun Club would like to purchase two lengths of 6' diameter pipe that are not being used by the Highway Department. Consensus of the Board of Selectmen was to charge them \$1.00 (for legal purposes).

g. A Town employee is currently out on workman's compensation and is getting a salary also. This is not allowed by Union contract (Union allows any amount between workman's compensation and full salary to be paid). Mary Jane Jewczyn is going to ask the Personnel Review Board for better wording in the contract.

Motion by Mary Jane Jewczyn, seconded by James Dean, to issue a policy stating that while on workmen's compensation an employee may receive only the difference up to full pay charged against their own sick pay: 2 ayes.

h. The tax collector received information on property and motor vehicle tax from the Town of Plainville. She's made copies of this information and is sending it out with the tax bills this year.

i. Kenneth Antin, Esq. (Town Counsel) requested that all subdivision applications with new roads and either extension or upgrading of current roads be forwarded to him as soon as possible so that he has a chance to adequately review them.

j. Twin Maples would like May 10-15th of 1987 proclaimed as "Durham Nursing Home Week".

Motion by Mary Jane Jewczyn, seconded by James Dean, to proclaim May 10-15th Durham Nursing Home Week: 2 ayes.

k. Rettalack: Town Counsel does not want the Town to pay the \$500.00 for his easement. Should the Town ask the developer to pay? The Board of Selectmen will look into the matter further.

l. Mary Jane Jewczyn has received a memo from Gordon Daring with new cost sharing figures for the Mica Hills project.

m. Street names: The requested names of Green Lane and Mauro Drive have been approved by the Board of Selectmen.

n. Street lights in Royal Oak Park: the power company cannot put the lights exactly at the corners of the streets because of the locations of the transformers so they will be as close as possible to the corner.

9. GRIEVANCES

Executive session called at 11:21 pm to discuss personnel grievances.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 pm.

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