



TOWN OF DURHAM

Office of the First Selectman

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 7, 1992

Maryann P. Boord
First Selectman

Called to order: 5:34 p.m.

Present: Maryann P. Boord, First Selectman
Francis E. Korn, Selectman
Robert F. Hall, Selectman

Also present:

Thomas Fenton, Town Engineer
Karen Gleason, The Middletown Press
Pamela Roberts, The Hartford Courant

Tax Refunds

1. MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO ISSUE A TAX REFUND TO WILLIAM F. GRIFFIN, JR. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43.25 (AS A CREDIT APPLIED FOR AN OVERPAYMENT); 3 AYES.

2. MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO ISSUE A TAX REFUND TO WALTER AUGUR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128.74 (COURT APPEAL); 3 AYES.

Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (LoCIP)

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN. DISCUSSION. MOTION-APPROVED WITH 3 AYES.

Resignation

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND R. HALL, TO ACCEPT WITH APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE YEARS OF SERVICE THE RESIGNATION OF JOYCE ANTILA PHIPPS FROM THE REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH BOARD; 3 AYES.

The list of pending appointments was discussed.

Annual Budget Meeting

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND R. HALL, TO APPROVE THE CALL OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 11, 1992; 3 AYES.

Use of Town Green

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND R. HALL, TO APPROVE USE OF THE TOWN GREEN ON MAY 9, 1992, BY THE BOY SCOUTS FOR THEIR OPENING CEREMONIES; 3 AYES.

Proclamation

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND R. HALL, TO PROCLAIM THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 10, 1992, AS NURSING HOME WEEK; 3 AYES.

Peace and Dignity Journey 1992

M. Boord explained there was no need for traffic control. MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND R. HALL, TO APPROVE THE PEACE AND DIGNITY JOURNEY 1992, THROUGH ROUTE 147 SOUTH ON JUNE 18, 1992; 3 AYES. The Selectmen's Office will return the form enclosed with their 5-7-

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request, so the organization can seek permission from the State Traffic Commission.

Minutes

1. MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND R. HALL, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CHIEFS OF STAFF MEETING OF JANUARY 29, 1992; 3 AYES.
2. MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO APPROVE THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 1992; 3 AYES.

Correspondence

1. Received notice from the Superior Court of action Citicorp vs Town of Durham relative to a home on Oak Terrace to clear title encumbrances of a welfare lien.

2. Labor Department figures: Annual unemployment average 1991: 5.3%; February 1992 7.4%.

3. Several letters re the Jimmo property:

a. In response from the town's request to DEP that they give guidance on wetlands concerns: DEP confirmation on wetlands violations and the DEP directive that the town is responsible for enforcing its own regulations.

b. Attorney Peters representing Michael Caltibiano re siltation into Caltibiano pond from Jimmo property.

c. At the next Selectmen's meeting in 2 weeks (May 21st), the issue of the Jimmo property concerns will be discussed in Executive Session.

d. Notice from DEP they have received M. Boord's letter.

4. Re Petitions for Public Safety: 1,202 adults have signed the petition, 721 youths have signed. The Selectmen's office has received quite a lot of letters from people about the traffic light; she has responded to each student's letter individually.

5. Letter from the State Department of Transportation with 4 options for reconstructing/correcting the problem of crossing Main Street in the vicinity of the Post Office/Green/Library. M. Boord reported that she has asked the Boards and Commissions who would have an interest in this matter to discuss the subject at their meetings in May and report to her their feelings on the options.

6. Letter from Carlton Dingman with his (very technical) observations on how to remedy the public safety concerns. M. Boord has forwarded his letter to Kevin Campbell (with the State DOT) for help in responding to Mr. Dingman.

7. Several letters from Clay Howe with copies of his letters to Governor Weicker, wanting the speed limit reduced to 25 mph on Main Street and more crosswalks. M. Boord and T. Fenton have talked to Kevin Campbell; M. Boord, T. Fenton, and K. Bober have looked at the area crosswalks.

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8. Letter received from Marilyn Keurajian, 63 Main Street, expressing her several concerns.

9. Letter from the Boy Scouts inviting her to attend the Saturday breakfast during their camperama.

10. Letter from the CT Valley Tourism: they are not funding road races this year; they will fund the request for funding for the PALS project -- the postcards.

11. CBT/Fleet Bank offer to donate the piece of art depicting Durham that hung in the Durham Branch.

12. Communication from the "Annual Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance" -- June 14th, 7 p.m. The Board agreed not to have a ceremony or proclamation.

Public Safety related issues

Kevin Campbell and M. Boord talked this date, she reported. They have completed the studies of Main Street and the speed of traffic. The item will be on the Agenda of the State Traffic Commission (STC) meeting of May 15, 1992; the STC will recommend a uniform speed limit of 35 mph. M. Boord advised that a group of townspeople want 25 mph (Route 10, Cheshire, being used as an comparable example, but the STC said the flow of traffic in the two locations is very different). Mr. Campbell told M. Boord that they have no way to enforce a lower speed limit...there has been a reduction in law enforcement staffing. M. Boord recommended the Board of Selectmen request the STC consider the 25 mph limit at their meeting.

R. Hall stated his opinion that 25 mph is too slow...30 mph is better. He feels the state is obligated to do what the town wants and which the town travels.

F. Korn said the PROBLEM is the volume of traffic. The Board of Selectmen will attend the STC hearing.

Amend Agenda

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE "SPEED LIMIT ON MAIN STREET;" 3 AYES.

Speed Limit on Main Street

MOTION M. BOORD THAT THE STATE TRAFFIC COMMISSION, AT THEIR MAY 15, 1992, MEETING CONSIDER A SPEED LIMIT LOWER THAN 35 MPH ON MAIN STREET; SECONDED BY F. KORN; 3 AYES.

M. Boord reported she spoke with DOT Commissioner Emil Frankel and K. Campbell today. She told them they need to meet again to discuss the outcome of the options. (It would have to be a daytime meeting.) She also asked Mr. Campbell to consider the firehouse light as a pedestrian crossing...Board wondered if the same could

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be done at Fowler Avenue. K. Campbell told her there is a "rush" on this issue. Other sites with crosswalks: Dairy Serve/Fat Boys, Ackerman's General Store/Firehouse, Town Green/Grange, Strong School, Route 68, A & A Package Store, Notre Dame Church; R. Hall suggested one at Talcott/Drug Store. He also noted there is a speed limit sign that can't be seen at the north Dairy Serve driveway 20' off the road by the Zieroth house.

The Town would have to buy the signs saying CT LAW SAYS MUST STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALKS" but first the "town" has to educate the public about the law. M. Boord will do a Gazette article.

Public Comments

Karen Gleason: Why will there be an Executive Session re the Jimmo property? M. Boord responded that in the letter from the Attorney for Caltibiano, he stated they will file suit if the town doesn't act. M. Boord will have Attorney Antin check the FOI law to be sure it is a suitable item for discussion in Executive Session.

Update from the First Selectman

1. This year's July 4th Celebration will be held July 5th.
2. She has met with Sherry Hill (Recreation Director), Recreation Committee representatives and Mary Beth Williams relative to the summer all day enrichment program; they could use Allyn Brook park for a play area, when the Recreation Department is not there.
3. Praise for the Dog Warden Bruce Rau received from Mr. Klepper-Smith.
4. Because our much loved Tree Warden Frank Behrens, Sr., has passed away, we will be looking for a new Tree Warden; will need an arborist to do the Dutch Elm Disease Treatments.
5. Notice of wire transfer of funds by Treasurer M.J. Jewczyn: on 4/7/92 \$400,000 from STIF to General Fund; 5/6/92 \$588,145.
6. Update from the Tax Collector as of 4/30/92: collections behind 2.1%, delinquent collections ahead 2.5%, budget levy ahead 2+%.
7. M. Boord reported on a conversation she had with M. J. Jewczyn about the Mary Weber Fund: annual interest is about \$1,500, to be used for the care of animals.
8. M. Boord said she and the Board of Finance Chairman George Eames, IV, sent a letter to the Board of Education about receiving additional ECS funds of \$105,832; Mr. Eames will amend the call at the Annual Budget Meeting to reflect different figures.
9. M. Boord reported she met with parents and Dave Webster (First Selectman/Middlefield) about the DARE program. M. Boord said Durham supports the drug awareness program.

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10. M. Boord reported Susan Donovan has replaced Rita Cook as clerk in the Tax Collector's Office. The Personnel Policy Board has received a request from the Tax Collector to upgrade the position to Assistant Tax Collector.

11. Letter from Hugh Curley, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission, which states: At the last Economic Development Commission Meeting (Thurs. 4/29/92) the Commission voted in favor of the following:

The Economic Development Commission recommends the Board of Selectmen pursue the opportunity to work with the developer and landowner of the Design Development Zone along Route 68. We recommend the balance of the Middlesex County Revitalization funds be applied to assist with site development and traffic studies. We further recommend this project be presented as public information at a Board of Selectmen's meeting and hopefully it can then receive authorization and take advantage of early season costs for site tests.

Public Works Department Grants

The Public Works Department is pursuing two grants; one is for signage and one is \$1,500 through Northeast Utilities for trees.

Meeting Date

This would be for presentation of land use mapping by Geoffrey Colegrove, Town Planner, and Jim Gibbons of the Extension Center. Date agreed upon: June 8th, 7:30 p.m. CRHS auditorium. (Note: this date turned out to be a conflict for the presenters, so a new date will be sought.)

Selectmen's Concerns

F. Korn: Discussion of changing meeting dates in June. The Board will discuss it at the next meeting.

Adjourn

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND F. KORN, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:51 P.M.; 3 AYES.