

TOWN OF DURHAM

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Maryann P. Boord
First Selectman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING May 18, 1989

Maryann P. Boord, First Selectman, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. with Selectmen Korn and Curley present.

Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to go into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Cream Pot Road pending litigation; 3 ayes.

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to go out of Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.; 3 ayes.

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to go into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing job responsibilities of the road foreman; 3 ayes. Also present: Anton Zimmer, Road Foreman.

Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to go out of Executive Session at 8:02 p.m.; 3 ayes.

Registrars' Salaries

Letter read from Alfred Rusilowicz, Auditor, relative to registrars' salaries. Mr. Rusilowicz's opinion was that they should be treated as independent contractors, which would maintain the status quo. He gave three reasons: they are paid on a per diem basis, not paid a fixed amount and not paid on a regular basis. The issue was tabled by the Board. Copies of Mr. Rusilowicz's opinion will be sent to the Registrars for additional input.

Recreation Committee Concerns

Patricia Curley, Recreation Committee chairman, and Mark Spatuzzi, former sponsor of the Washington Trail Road race, met with the Board to discuss beautifying the town's pavilion area using the approximate \$4,800 road fund monies, which had been set aside, to get the project started. They propose putting in trees, benches, whatever they can and then the beautification committee will look for other sources of funding. They have selected Craig Martin, landscaper, and plan to do the project in sections until the project is completed. The "committee" could consist of Recreation Committee members, Garden Club members, Bonnie Penders (chairman), and Mark Spatuzzi. The Board voted to support the proposal. Mr. Curley suggested that the road crew can do some of the work. When

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there is a "Plan," which is expected to cost between \$400-\$500, the Recreation Committee will go before the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency for approval. Mr. Curley also suggested that the Tree Warden could get discounts on the plantings. The first plantings will be in the fall. New equipment will go in first. Mr. Korn will ask the Exchange Club if they're interested in helping with the project; he will also ask Geoffrey Colegrove for a topo map.

Patricia Curley also reported that relative to her concerns about repair to the ball fields: Mr. Rob Gourley, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, will be calling Mrs. Boord to discuss sharing the cost of fixing the fields.

Appointments

1. Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to appoint Marie Sosa to fill a three-year term to expire 6/30/92 on the Connecticut Valley Tourism Counsel (this is the position formerly held by Joanne Salva, who chose not to be reappointed); 3 ayes.

2. Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to appoint Joseph Carney as the town's representative to the Midstate Regional Resource Recovery Authority; 3 ayes.

3. Discussion of proposed "92 Acre Parcel Study Committee." Mrs. Boord will ask for the PZC to recommend only 1 or 2 of the several members they have suggested. Tom Starr and Jim Gibbons are willing to serve; the Board wants Geoff Colegrove to also be on it. Randy Anagnostis and James Kowolenko will represent the Economic Development Committee; and Maryann Boord will ask Carl Otte if he will serve.

Resolutions

The Selectmen's Office has received several requests for adoption of resolutions for various purposes. Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to adopt a Resolution in support of binding arbitration; 3 ayes.

June Meeting Schedule

Motion F. Korn, second H. Curley, to hold regular Selectmen's meetings in June 1989 on June 1 and June 22; 3 ayes.

Minutes

Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of May 4, 1989; 3 ayes.

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Correspondence

1. Request from the Fair Association to use the Green this weekend to organize volunteers.
2. Unemployment March 1989 is 2.0%.
3. DPUC Hearing scheduled for July 11; 6:30 p.m. relative to the Durham Center Water Co.

Weekly Disbursements

1. Discussion of the check made out to the Fire Marshal, who had requested he be paid half the assistant's salary for January through April, plus his own allotted salary. Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to approve paying the request; 3 ayes.

Insurance

Discussion of Michael Jewczyn's request for an insurance waiver. He claims it is very expensive to get additional coverage; he will tell his subcontractors they need to have indemnity and liability at \$1,000,000. J. Muraca told M. Boord that the understanding is that the Board of Selectmen have the authority to waive for a lesser amount. M. Boord and J. Muraca will gather all information together. Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to approve allowing the lower insurance coverage of \$300,000 for Michael Jewczyn; 3 ayes.

Selectmen's Concerns

Hugh Curley:

1. Asked about the abandoned car pickup process and Jack Michael's part in it. M. Boord reported that Sgt. Shia of Westbrook will investigate the entire business of it.
2. Reported receiving a call from a resident that the town mower cut down their lilies on Maiden Lane, which were along the roadside.

Update from the First Selectman

1. Jeff Moesel will be starting the Town Hall reroofing project Monday May 22nd.
2. DPUC/DHS hearing this week on DCWC. She reported they began to talk about putting in a water source on farm land, but Durham Heights grant is to study the White's Farm and Coginchaug as possible water site; she noted it's open space land. Private water companies can not put in water companies on open space land. She

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told the hearing officials that some people feel it's not the town's problem to solve private problems. She indicated to them that our present staff was already overworked and requested they do not mandate anything we can't handle.

3. Joe Burns, Colonial Life, signed up 18 out of 24 employees for a disability program.

Public Comments

Kurt Bober:

1. There are about 20 stumps still on Main Street. Can we ask the DOT to grind them?

2. On James Road, Mauro Drive, Parmelee Hill Road, school buses are backing up before picking up groups of children and also he's seen a group of children playing chicken with the town trucks. The Board of Selectmen asked him to talk to Rob Gourley.

3. Places on Main Street such as Grippo's, the firehouse, residents on Howd Road, Packing House Hill Road have erected decorative fire hydrants, which, in an emergency, would be misleading and dangerous. The Fire Company has removed theirs. F. Korn suggested that the Fire Company recommend a solution.

4. Can the town crew go out to fix up Mill Pond/Allyn's Brook area for Memorial Day?

5. GMC (which burned earlier in the year) still has town license plate on it and equipment inside it. The Insurance Company will be towing it away very soon; can these items be corrected?

Patty Romandetti:

1. Raised more questions about the DPUC hearing/DCWC.

Adjourn

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.; 3 ayes.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: the awards of compulsory binding arbitration have created undue hardships upon the taxpaying citizens of local municipalities; and

WHEREAS: the arbitration system presently in place, while enacted with the best legislative intent; is no longer fair or equitable in its resolution of negotiations; and

WHEREAS: duly elected officials of municipalities, being the representatives of the taxpaying citizens of their local community, should have the right to veto excessive arbitration awards with a two-thirds vote.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen urges the Connecticut General Assembly to immediately enact legislation to reform the Binding Arbitration Act so that it will be fair to the taxpaying citizens and that such reforms include permitting municipal governments to reject unaffordable settlements; reforms guaranteeing the selectmen of truly independent arbitrators; and reforms altering the last best offer system of arbitration.

Adopted in Durham, Connecticut, on May 18, 1989, by the Board of Selectmen at a Duly Called Meeting.

