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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING June 1, 1989

Maryann P. Boord
First Selectman

The meeting was called to order at the Durham Town Hall at 7:10 p.m. by First Selectman Maryann P. Boord; also present: Francis E. Korn, Hugh A. Curley.

For Board of Finance Consideration

1. Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to request the Board of Finance approve the appropriation of \$5,832.31 to cover the costs incurred by the street numbering project; 3 ayes.
2. Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to request the Board of Finance authorize an increase of \$12,800 in the appropriation for the Howd Road bridge project to total \$124,100; 3 ayes.

White's Farm Aquifer Study

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to amend the Agenda to include the White's Farm Aquifer Study; 3 ayes.

Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, for discussion, to award the bid for testing on the White's Farm Aquifer to GROUNDWATER ASSOCIATES, INC. for approximately \$44,000. Their bid was \$49,603 but William Milardo, Jr., Sanitarian, thinks that the two items in their bid could be eliminated so that \$44,000 could be the final bid. He is negotiating the lower figure. Additionally, this would leave enough funds from the grant to test at Durham Heights. Motion passed with three ayes.

Registrars' Salaries

Natalie A.H.Church, Democratic Registrar of Voters, told Mrs. Boord that several towns use the W2 method of paying their Registrars. Ms. Boord had asked J. Muraca, payroll clerk, to check to see what additional costs would be incurred to the town and the figure decided upon was a \$400/yr. increase. M. Boord recapped the auditor's letter where he noted that the Fire Marshal should be paid the same as other employees as his salary is a line item in the budget, but the Registrars are paid on a per diem basis. M. Boord also asked M. Jewczyn, Chairman of Board of Finance, if they were involved in the decision, and Ms. Jewczyn said they only fund it.

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Motion F. Korn, second H. Curley, to have the Registrars of Voters income reported by W2 with Social Security paid by the town, etc., as the other elected officials are paid; not by the 1099 form; 3 ayes.

92 Acre Review Committee

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, and 3 ayes, to appoint the following:

Robert Melvin, Conservation Commission
George Zeeb, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
Geoffrey Colegrove, Town Planner
Carl Otte, Trinity Corps and Housing Partnership
Gladys Lavine, PZC
Henry Robinson, PZC
Randy Anagnostis, Economic Development Commission
James Kowolenko, Economic Development Commission
C. James Gibbons, At Large
Thomas Starr, At Large
Board of Selectmen

The first meeting date was set for June 29, 1989, 7:30 p.m. at the Durham Town Hall. Mrs. Boord reported that Nick Xenelis is very interested and would like to attend a future meeting. Nick Pomeranz will be asked to attend the 6/29 meeting.

Garbage

M. Boord advised the Board that Cromwell and Haddam have appropriated \$5,000 in anticipation of the need to review long-term garbage proposal. Discussion. Cromwell's Town Counsel has advised them that the "Letter of Intent" those proposing the Lisbon project are requesting they sign, is not a binding commitment.

Tax Reform Act of 1986

J. Muraca has asked for authorization to spend \$250 to update the Money Accumulation Plan. Judy Croteau of Travelers informed M. Boord that there are still nebulous areas of the act but some sections do apply to Durham and even though the town is opening negotiations relative to the pension plan, Ms. Croteau recommended we do this paperwork now. Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to authorize J. Muraca to request Travelers update the Money Accumulation Plan for \$250; 3 ayes.

Minutes

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to approve the minutes of May 18, 1989; 3 ayes.

Correspondence and Update from the First Selectman

1. Request from James Crawford for a yellow caution light and stop

sign ahead sign at Rt. 68/Maple Ave.

2. Letter from Pauline Zvonkovik re **Household Hazardous Waste Day**. Durham was the second best attender for the second time in a row. Pauline claims it was an "unprecedented success."

3. Discussion of status of **light and road change at post office/library**. A SNET official has informed M. Boord that the town would lose 4-5 trees at the library/green area. We have to allow 10' of "dead space." M. Boord noted the project is getting more and more complicated and suggested we forget it. It would be very expensive and we would have to pay part of the costs.

F. Korn suggested that we take the relted issue of the location of the outside mailbox to the safety committee of the postal service.

4. **Personnel Policy Board** re minutes setting policy: F. Korn suggested holding this until the Board gets together with Mr. Zimmer. Also discussed the copy of the job description for the Public Works/Town Engineer position. H. Curley said he wants to look at it in light of Richard Davis's study.

5. **Town Hall reroofing** is finished...gutters are being held until painters are done.

6. M. Boord reported her secretary spoke with Terry Parmelee, State Highway employee, re removal of the **tree stumps on Rt. 17**.

7. Marge Hatch has received her **computer**. M. Boord has authorized F. Mather, Treasurer, to write out a **TIP** check for most of it.

8. **Nick Pomeranz** has asked to be on the next agenda to discuss his suggested plan for the town.

9. **Mr. Zimmer** does NOT have a herniated disc--will be out of work for two more weeks.

10. **Council of Government's Meeting with Bill D'Arcy, CRRA**: Middconn has been running 13,000 tons per week; much depends upon legislation. The First Selectman of Cromwell is being pursued to sign a letter of intent for Lisbon by June 8th. Should we continue with the compactor plan? D'Arcy said he has had a plan in his mind: CRRA could try to negotiate space in one of the remaining commercial landfills for their spot waste people. The COG encouraged him to pursue that plan.

Judy Gott of Branford has signed with every letter of intent going around, M. Boord has been informed; others have gotten in anywhere they can.

The tipping fee at MiddConn is half the amount at some of the places. A transfer station will take one year to permit. First we have to institute mandatory curbside pickup. The Ordinance will be ready, with changes, on Monday. The DMIAAB will be part of a joint

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Board of Selectmen of Middlefield and Durham public hearing to be held at the high school on June 21st (was changed to June 27) to review the Ordinance and then the respective Boards of Selectmen will set a Special Town Meetings to have it all implemented. M. Boord noted the Towns really do not have an option. Our best bet is to take advantage of MiddConn.

Setting a Town Meeting Date

Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, 3 ayes, to call a Special Town Meeting for July 10, 1989; 8:00 p.m. at Coginchaug Regional High School for the following purposes: (This was amended so that items one and two could be dealt with at Special Town Meeting before the end of the Fiscal Year, so a meeting date of 6/22/89; 7:00 p.m. at the Durham Town Hall was set).

1. Street numbering funding;
2. Howd Road Bridge Project funding;
3. Road abandonment;
4. DMIAAB Ordinance.

Selectmen's Concerns

Hugh Curley:

1. We must create a critical equipment report form for the mechanic at the highway garage and make sure the First Selectman is automatically advised.
2. Skating rink: Pat Curley's concern (as Chairman Recreation Committee) is that once the construction company gets out of the parking area, we should look at where the town property lines are in that area.

M. Boord:

Explained to the Board that traffic has been jamming up due to a problem with the Rt. 147/17/Haddam Quarter Road traffic light, but the lights are being adjusted and the problem corrected.

Francis Korn:

1. A resident has asked him about the maintenance of the ballfields.

Public Comments

Patty Romandetti, New Haven Register:

1. Discussion/update re Mica Hill detour. M. Boord reported that Mr. Waller is pursuing a detour onto the Wimler property.
2. Street Number Project? M. Boord responded it will be completed in another couple of weeks.

Motion to adjourn by M. Boord, at 8:30 p.m., second F. Korn; 3 ayes.

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