

TOWN OF DURHAM



Office of the First Selectman

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JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF MEETING

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KATHRYN FRANCIS, HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION: Explained some history of the reason H.D.C., was created; to preserve Durham's past for Durham's future. Building department has been very cooperative. They try not to impose hardships on applicants. Have recently published a small brochure. Would like to have more communication with the Planning and Zoning Commission.

CAROLE BROWN; TRINITY CORPORATION: Hopes that some building going on in Durham will consist of elderly housing. They ask for only twenty- four units to start. Trying to get some land; have had alot of cooperation from the Town.

SHEILA AND CARL HECK, MUNICIPAL AGENTS FOR THE ELDERLY: Carl said we have found elderly here are very independent; life-long residents; low-income but property rich. Sheila noted a handicapped access ramp is needed at Town Hall.

MAUREEN TURCOTTE, AMBULANCE CORPS. CAPTAIN: See letter attached.

ANTON ZIMMER, ROAD FOREMAN: Plan to chip seal each road once every four years; roads are in better shape now. New equipment this year: one ton truck and loader.

FRANCIS E. KORN: Thanked everyone for coming. Their input is important; looks forward to more of these meetings. Looking to the future:

- 1) Capitol expense and reserve funds
 - A) highway equipment
 - B) \$50,000 set aside this year for building maintainence. Must continue this practice.
- 2) Public Water Supply
 - A) feasibility of how the town will proceed to solve water pollution problems.
- 3) Personnel requirements
 - A) study to be coming soon.
- 4) Question of "unimproved" road status
 - A) wants a handle on the costs to develop the roads.

HUGH CURLEY: Ditto to Mr. Korn's remarks; also thanked representatives for coming.

- 1) Expects to see soon a news publication for town. Steve Seligson and Valerie Harrod are working on it. Can unleash the expertise in town to involve them in it.

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- 2) Abandoned vehicle laws: seeking ways to solve this state -wide problem. Frank Behrens Jr. has been very helpful.

MARYANN BOORD, FIRST SELECTMAN: appreciated all coming and thanked her board for its support and encouragement.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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STATE OF THE UNION

You may wonder where I came up with the theme for tonight's meeting "How does what you are doing fit into your vision for Durham's future."

Recently attended seminar sponsored by Institute of Public Service at UConn on STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT. Spoke about having a common goal or vision for your group--in this case Town of Durham.

There is significant value in the diversity of ideas and opinions so that all bases are at least touched on.

From my viewpoint anyway, that common vision is that we affect controlled growth for the Town of Durham.

That needs to be accomplished through the efforts of each of us and our departments.

Whether it be through the:

1. proposed changes to the P & Z regulations;
2. the foresightedness of our fire dept. and ambulance corps in the equipment we are purchasing in what would be able to respond promptly and fully to emergencies;
3. the studies and recommendations coming from our health and engineering depts. to help solve old problems and avoid new ones;
4. our Conservation Commission recommends that the Town of Durham acquire more open space land either through gift or purchase;
5. the new LION program we are able to implement as a result of Valerie's pursuit of grant money;
6. concentrated efforts toward solving our waste problems through DMIAAB and MRRRA. Being a leader in the state in recycling; sharing our recycling ordinance with Mayor Leone from Bristol and First Selectman of Andover;
7. implementation of 911 and street numbering;
8. reached an all-time high in collection of taxes and wise, wise investment of those funds;
9. computerization of the Town Hall, again made possible through grant monies;
10. acceptance of the enormous task of gathering the information and writing a local emergency plan;
11. being concerned with the aesthetics of our town; keeping the roads in good repair; the trees well cared for;

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12. acquisition of grant monies to do a study of the White's Farm as a possible source for future water needs;
13. reaching out into the community through the recreation program--having the recreation director and a member of the road crew participate in career day at CRHS; Joan Bowe and I met with students about starting up a drop in center;
14. our alliance with Trinity Corps by applying for a grant and site acquisition and providing the services of our health and engineering dept in the assessment of possible sites.

I believe we need to remind ourselves when our opinions and concerns seem to be at odds with one another that our goal--our vision--for our town is singular--that we are working to affect orderly/controlled growth for the Town of Durham enabling us to supply for all the needs that growth will require.

MPB:dda

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Department of Health
P.O. Box 428
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TO: Maryann P. Boord, First Selectman

FROM: William R. Milardo, Jr., Assistant Health Officer

RE: "How does what you're doing fit into your vision for Durham's future."

The Health Department is responsible for maintaining a safe and healthy environment for the citizens of Durham through proper investigations and enforcement procedures outlined in the Connecticut Public Health Code, a group of health-related Connecticut General Statutes. The remedy of existing environmental health problems and the prevention of future problems are addressed by this department.

Soil testing, the review of site plans including individual septic system designs and subdivision proposals, and the inspection of septic system installations have taken more time than should be allocated given the limited staff, but the prevention of future problems is imperative. The inspection of schools and food-dispensing establishments and the sampling of public water supplies could be conducted more frequently than they have been.

The housing boom has persisted longer than expected and the schedule continues to be overfilled. There has not been a lull since I came aboard nearly a year and half ago. It is a matter of fact that I have never been caught up nor do I foresee catching up despite the extra work hours or personal time used for the behalf of Durham.

My vision of Durham's future is health and environmentally sound if adequate staff is provided, even if the need is for a short time, until the economy undergoes a regional slowdown.

I would prefer to conduct more inspections of sites while the septic systems are being installed to conduct more frequent inspections of restaurants and schools. I would like to help develop new programs, such as mandatory septic tank pumping and develop educational brochures concerning water conservation, septic system maintenance, toxic material use, storage and disposal, etc.

Also, to preserve Durham's environment, the community's youth should be(if not already) exposed to ecological principles through the educational system. This department could provide some direction and information.

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Adequate staff and the development of educational resources would be an investment in Durham's future, thereby allowing today's vision to become tomorrow's reality.

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**Durham
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Maryanne Boord
First Selectwoman
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Maryanne:

The Durham Volunteer Ambulance Corps wants to take this opportunity to formally thank the Town of Durham as we accept delivery of our new ambulance. As Durham continues to grow, we will remain committed to providing free, 24 hour-a-day emergency medical services by highly qualified, state certified EMTs.

At this time, we are composed of 22 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), 1 Medical Response Technician (MRT) and 3 non-certified attendants. To continue our present level of coverage while relieving the burden on our crews we are actively seeking 3 - 5 additional EMTs or trainees and will be conducting a mailing to the many new families in town during the coming year. We are also planning an open house to showcase the ambulance and recruit some new personnel.

During the past 12 months we have conducted 14 In-service training sessions and 3 CPR courses. Perhaps our biggest training accomplishment of 1988 was our hosting of an EMT recertification course attended by many fire departments, rescue services and ambulance providers from throughout the eastern portion of the state. Working closely with personnel from four different hospitals, DVAC's Training Supervisor coordinated the recertification of 27 EMTs with state OEMS officials.

Our future needs include an increase in the reserve fund for our next ambulance of 15% (As you know, the state requires replacement every 5 to 10 years).

Once again our thanks for past and future support. We look forward to discussing these and any other issues that may arise.

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