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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 23, 1988

Called to order at 7:02 P.M. Present: Maryann P. Boord, First Selectman; Francis E. Korn, Selectman. Absent: Hugh A. Curley. Also: K. Bober, J. Siena.

Motion F. Korn, second M. Boord, to APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 1988, and JUNE 2, 1988; 2 ayes.

Correspondence:

- 1) Letter from Leon Vinci, Director of Health, Middletown, noting that the EPA has listed Durham as having an EXCESS CARBON MONOXIDE level.
- 2) Update EPA listing for HAZARDOUS WASTE POLLUTION: Jane Morriss, reporter, New Haven Register, did much research and discovered the EPA listing contains the name "Durham Meadows" not "Merriam Mfg. Co." as originally reported. M. Boord has been unable to reach our contact at the EPA but the official list is due out June 24, 1988. Ms. Morriss had also discovered that the responsible party was unknown at present and if we are unable to uncover their identity, the 90% will be used to fund tracing the source of the pollution.
- 3) Letter from Pauline Zvonkovic, Community Development Planner, MRPA, re Rural Community Assistance Program for which the Town is not eligible due to an elevated median household income. M. Boord thought we might use funding to help with problems in Durham Heights.
- 4) Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, that RUSHFORD CENTER be designated our local substance abuse prevention council and that we approve their Report on Activities; 3 ayes.
- 5) Copy of letter to DOH Commissioner Papandrea from G. Colegrove advising him that our Small Cities grant application is consistent with MRPA'S goals for Regional Development and meets an important regional need.

In related issues, M. Boord reported she had escorted the DOH investigative panel on a tour of the 5 proposed sites for elderly housing; comments and concerns of Patricia Augur, Department of Housing:

- a) The turnkey proposal (Arrigoni site on Cream Pot Road) is really not favorable--profit for developer and apparent inability to send out to bid.
- b) Stannard parcel: checking on Farm Preservation Act.
- c) OPM had couple questions she has to check on.
- d) A Stipulation had been written into the grant application that Trinity Corps would return the land to the Town if building grant not approved--Stipulation not acceptable to DOH. If original proposed use for land is not possible, it negates the grant and money must be returned.
- e) They (DOH) want a "Programma" from CHFA which says that resident's rents will remain within the acceptable limits as the years go by.

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- f) Had hesitation with phrase in CHFA letter saying that subsidies might be necessary for rents; Small Cities people took that to mean maybe the rents wouldn't stay the same.
- g) There are 9 towns applying for 16 grants.
- h) M. Boord noted she will try to get ahold of Ed Schwartz this weekend to ask his assistance in getting additional CHFA information.
- 6) Ed Burns, Road Improvement Inspector, reports there is earth material being stored north of Tri-Mountain Road site the developer is willing to give the town...we could store it perhaps on the adjacent, town-owned Open Space property.
- 7) M. Boord reported she will be attending a June 29th shirtsleeve session on Abandoned Vehicles, sponsored by CCM.
- 8) Copy read of Rep. D. Lavine's letter to DEP Commissioner Carruthers re the dam at Millers Pond. He requests an inspection and report.
- 9) Letter from CRRRA requesting payment in full of each town in the MRRRA to pay their obligation to the CRRRA. Jim Dunn of Midstate Regional Planning Agency said all correspondence should go through him.
- 10) Letter to Town Counsel from the Tax Collector re lien on tax bill.
- 11) Notice read of Marion Chertow's resignation as Chairman of CRRRA.
- 12) Memo from BHE Department with recommendation of who should receive the test wells in Durham Heights. Noted that Paganetti Well Drilling's latest price is \$10,000 for 6 test wells. The residents would be required to pay for plumbing and hookup if they decided to join the testing program.
- 13) Noted: The town has \$5,000,000 of general liability with CIRMA.
- 14) Letter from resident Jack McCain requesting greater presence of police on Rte 157 and enforcement of the 30 mph speed limit.
- 15) April 1988: 1.9% unemployment.
- 16) Letter from MAT to Larry McHugh, Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, discussing public transportation for the area. We will distribute posters when we get them.
- 17) There is money available through a DOH rental Rehabilitation Program and we are an eligible community according to Commissioner Papandrea.
- 18) M. Boord reported she went to the Annual COST meeting where State Rep. Alice Meyers from Easton was the speaker. She spoke about Home Rule. The state could be mandating shortly that low and moderate income housing must be erected in each town. The group talked about setting up a Task Force to assess our needs.
- 19) Discussion of continuing questions about Cream Pot Road as a person has contacted the office about purchasing property on that road.
- 20) Street light request on cul-de-sac of Woodland Drive by Mr. Retallack. Board decided to make a list of these intersections an item for a worksession to form a five-year program: snow plowing grids, chip sealing, curbing, street lights.
- 21) Church of Epiphany wishes to erect signs giving their times of service, etc. F. Korn will contact the State Traffic Commission to review their regulations on signs.
- 22) DOT proposed bridge projects for next year: Allyns Brook and Coginchau River bridge in March or April 1989..
- 23) Steve Corillo of WCNX has notified Mrs. Boord that Chester has dropped their affiliation with Valley Shore Emergency Communications. Their commitment was for \$16,000 which will now be unpaid. Board expressed concern that the other towns will now have to absorb the \$16,000. K. Bober will remind J. Libby, the Board of Selectmen

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feels representation at these meetings is essential.

24) Noted that Ekankar has furnished Certificate of Insurance for \$500,000 general liability insurance for their meeting to be held in the library June 24th. This amount is acceptable to the Board of Selectmen.

25) Letter read that Ira Kerschner, DMIAAB Chairman, and Joseph Carney, Administrator, created to send to all the residents of Durham and Middlefield. F. Korn will talk to Mr. Kerschner to discuss some related concerns relative to wording.

26) The Board accepted the letter of Kathy Mazzotta in which she requests a leave of absence. M. Boord has told K. Mazzotta that there will be an assessment of the responsibilities in the office to be sure the staffing is what is needed. If a position meeting her qualifications is available, she will have first refusal.

Public Comments:

- 1) Update with Jo-Ann Siena about Durham Heights.
- 2) Kurt Bober suggested looking into an Ordinance concerning disposal of refuse on town roads.

Re CURB AT MAURO DRIVE: Ed Burns, Road Improvement Inspector, reported to M. Boord that the road width was not narrowed. The time to address the cutback is prior to road acceptance.

MOTION M. Boord, second F. Korn, TO ACCEPT THE NEW PERSONNEL POLICY; 2 ayes.

MOTION M. Boord, second F. Korn, TO ACCEPT THE NEW SAFETY MANUAL; 2 ayes.

Board agreed to call a SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JULY 11, 1988, at CRHS re:

- 1) anticipated PZC overrun;
- 2) action of tennis courts maintenance.

Board wants HOUSE NUMBERING ORDINANCE on its next agenda.

M. Boord reported on ASSESSOR INTERVIEWS today: choice has been narrowed to 3. We were advised we must have good maps to do the Reval, so perhaps we may have to delay Reval for a year.

Discussion. Problems:

- 1) need new Assessor;
- 2) no up-to-date maps;
- 3) street numbering process incomplete.

Present Assessor R. Wall said it's a wise decision to delay the Reval. As a point of interest, we can consider Assessors Mapping as a start of Reval. M. Boord agreed to call Chas. Sells Co. telling them what their delay is causing for the Town of Durham.

M. Boord talked to the highway crew about their uniforms this morning. There is a controversy about which color to buy. Board agreed men should decide what they want to do as far as color. The issue of whether they are mandated to wear it is still pending.

The Murdock Co. has advised us they cannot provide us with the insurance coverage we require to remove asbestos from the Town garage. Zim will check with another company.

July meeting schedule: 7th and 21st. Will decide August schedule later.

New date for Haddam Neck Drill: October 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 P.M.