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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Thursday July 7, 1988

Present: Maryann Boord, Francis Korn, Henry Philip, Assessor, Karen Avitabile (Middletown Press Reporter), and Hugh Curley (shortly after).

Maryann Boord moved to amend the agenda to include discussion of the Howd Road Bridge Project, Francis Korn seconded the motion; three ayes.

M. Boord introduced Henry Philip as our new Assessor. Discussion then started regarding the upcoming Revaluation. M. Boord suggested that with the following considerations, we may want to consider postponing Revaluation for a year;

a) The age and condition of the maps;
b) The imminent street numbering process;
c) The fact that our Assessor is new;

Mr. Philip offered that many communities do push back the date and there is no penalty involved, the only drawback being any inequities will continue for another year. M. Boord brought forward problems with the new maps, such as wrong names on streets, missing homes and pencil labels. Foster Mather (He initiated the contract) and Geoffrey Colegrove have both been asked for input. Mr. Philip mentioned that if the board did decide to delay, more bidders may turn up.

Hugh Curley and Francis Korn will take the matter under consideration and a course of action will be determined for the next Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Philip will return at that time to further discuss the Revaluation.

Correspondence

A report of a curbing problem on Mauro Drive was referred to Geoffrey Colegrove to investigate.

CCM is having its sixth annual Convention and Exposition on Sept. 22.

Connecticut Housing Program is having a meeting to discuss affordable housing, M. Boord will be on vacation so Francis Korn took letter to review.

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A letter was received from the First Selectman of Lisbon as a welcome in regards to a Waste to Energy Plant.

NU has invited participation in a leader training program. The Board of Selectmen will express interest and then decide who to send.

CALAGA has sent a letter of praise for Jan Muraca's performance as Treasurer for them.

Valley Shore Emergency Services sent update with reassurance that Chester will be held to their binding contract, despite rumors they have pulled out of the system.

A request to hang a banner similar to the Washington Trail Run was discussed, with the Board deciding that we are not in favor because it is not a town- sponsored event and we do not want to set the precedent to allow such advertisers for commercial gain. A letter of response will be sent suggesting they put a sandwich board on the green.

Update on the transferring of local records back to the towns, Marge Hatch, Town Clerk, has been instrumental in getting this process started.

The American Red Cross has requested their full budget be awarded at the beginning of the year rather than quarterly due to cash flow problems. We are unwilling to give them the whole sum at the beginning of the fiscal year, but will agree to pay one half the amount at the beginning of the fiscal year and the balance will follow quarterly.

House Numbering Ordinance

Al Brechlin distributed and explained a draft ordinance he has created using area towns as models.(See attached) Mr. Brechlin and the Board discussed the ordinance specifics; Mr. Brechlin suggested that when the process begins, it should be done in conjunction with the Post Office and S.N.E.T. for immediate 911 use. The Board will review the ordinance for their next meeting.

Mr. Brechlin also wanted to mention to the Board that the new DVFC tanker truck was being used very effectively to help with the Mount Pisgah brush fire.

Public Comments

Resident Mr. Len Kohlhofer of Maple Avenue was present to voice concern over articles in the paper (Middletown Press) concerning Merriam Manufacturing and the water pollution that made it appear

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on the Superfund List. Mr. Kohlhofer wanted to know what we were doing as a town to enforce the regulations. The Board assured him that Dr. Willett has been very active in that area. M. Boord also stated that the Board was in the process of formulating a formal response, she also expressed concern with the label "Durham Meadows" when they in fact mean the area directly around Merriam. F. Korn will relay Superfund information to Mr. Kohlhofer, and Mr. Kohlhofer will submit a letter to be included with others and the Town's response.

Shirt Sleeve Session
(Road Foreman Anton Zimmer joined meeting at this time.)

H. Curley commended Anton Zimmer on the guardrails on Haddam Quarter Road, also M. Boord reported Marie Sosa complimented the town crew and the road foreman on their performance recently.

M. Boord reports that she, Ed Burns and and A. Zimmer toured roads this afternoon. They found that Haddam Quater Extention was the least in need, but chip sealing it will give it better traction in the winter months. The roads to be sealed this year are as follows:

Maiden Lane	Wheeler Hill
Johnson Lane	Daisey Lane
Guire Rd.	Foot Hills
Carriage Dr.	Arbutus St.
Pent Rd.	Haddam Quarter Rd.

M. Boord discussed with Ed Burns his suggestion of experimenting and leaving some roads un-sealed and checking results. Discussion continued with Zim expressing support for the present four year cycle, adding roads on a yearly need basis. M. Boord questioned Zim on whether the town needed to buy a sweeper or not; Zim was happy with the contractor this year and feels that it is the best course of action to continue.

Curbing

M. Boord voiced concerns raised by residents of Johnson Lane and Maiden Lane after the recent preparations for chip sealing. Questions were raised regarding possibility of starting curbing cycle. Zim felt the current system of curbing when a situation warranteed it was the best way to continue. M. Boord would like to keep in mind extending the amount of curbing done every year. F. Korn and H. Curley would like to look over curbing information then check into solutions.

Street Lights and Snow Plow Grids were saved for another meeting.

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Twin Maples

Robert Lukasik, owner of Twin Maples, has called the First Selectman several times regarding the driveway to his facility. It is on a State road, but they say the responsibility for making the driveway/road axcess safe is the owners. F. Korn and H. Curley both feel we should make contacts with the State and push for some sort of action considering many residents are put in danger when going to the facility or driving by it.

Howd Road Bridge Project

George Wallace submits that bids are very high, and with so much bridge work being done statewide, the builders really do not need the work. So the Town has three choices:

1. Accept one of the bids;
2. Re-bid;
3. Do the job with our own crew.

Geoffrey Colegrove suggests that we should either re-bid immediately or check with state to make sure we will not lose the grant. Also, if the Town is going to do the work we must first be sure that it is allowed by the grant, due to the bid process which is required. The Board further discussed the project with Zim, and heard his opinions. F. Korn and H. Curley would like to see the project refigured with the town crew doing the work. George Wallace will report for the next Board meeting.

Job Survey

M. Boord must tell Carroll Caffrey which positions we request to be reviewed. Towns used by Regional District 13 will be used as a comparison. M. Boord read list of jobs to be surveyed and added Public Works Director and Town Engineer.

Appointments

M. Boord moved to appoint Jan Muraca to CAGM for one year. F.Korn second, three ayes.

TR-37

M. Boord moves to accept the TR-37 as presented, H. Curley second, three ayes.

Durham Gazette

A proposed newspaper trying to get started. It will be on agenda for next meeting.

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Caltibiano House

Insurance was to be cancelled when occupants left the house, both Selectmen would like to see the insurance continued until the house is demolished.

Grippos

Carm Grippo called to make sure the Office of the First Selectman knew the town was running up a large storage bill for the car involved in the accident with the town truck. Our insurance company will take up the matter with the car owner. Grippo's has also offered to to dispose of abandoned cars for $100.00 a car.

Other

M. Boord moves to amend agenda to include discussion of response to the last grievance. F. Korn second, three Ayes. The Board discussed response and all agree with it.

A resident of Parmelee Hill Road sent complaint regarding speed on the road, M. Boord will respond. A letter has already been sent to the DOT asking for their recommendations.

Tentative meeting dates were discussed for August 10 and August 18.

Maryann Boord moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m., Fran Korn seconded the motion, three ayes.
The meeting was adjourned.

Ellen J. Mauro