TOWN OF DURHAM

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
July 21, 1988

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by First Selectman Maryann Boord; Board members present Francis Korn and Hugh Curley.

The Board met jointly with the Middlefield First Selectman James Blois, Selectman D. Webster, DMIAAB Administrator Joseph Carney, DMIAAB Chairman Ira Kerschner, DMIAAB Member Marianne Corona, Town Planner Goeffrey Colegrove (Members of the press, Kurt Bober and George Souto also attended the meeting) concerning draft # 4 of a proposed Landfill Ordinance. Mr. Kerschner read a prepared statement (copy attached) which noted in part that "DMIAAB is convinced that the solution for both the present and the future lies in moving garbage and trash to pre-compaction and large volume deliveries..." Mr. Kerschner stressed that DMIAAB feels we must go with this now. Discussion of various aspects of pickup. Corona insisted the Board of Selectmen stand publicly for the issue of mandatory curbside pickup before going to public hearing. Boards of Selectmen not sure that would be necessary. M. Boord agreed that

1) July 15th letter should go out
2) DMIAAB will pull together an info sheet
3) Will hold joint meeting at CRHS
4) Then each town will hold its own Public Hearing.

J. Blois agreed all should walk away agreeing that we will take the issue of mandatory curbside pickup to the public and then sell it to the public.

Motion made by H. Curley to amend Agenda to include item on the library, second F. Korn, three ayes.

STREET NUMBERING ORDINANCE

Al Brechlin has had no input from the Postmaster, who will get involved in August. Al would like to arrange with the Building/Health/ Engineering Department to give out house numbers. Draft will be sent to Counsel to prepare an ordinance.

CEMETERY COMPANY

The Board met with representatives from the Cemetery Co: Greg Curtis, President, Maurice Arcand, Vice President, JR Taylor, Treasurer, Sexton Robert White and Secretary Mary DiMella. The Company is asking the Board of Selectmen to approve and take to a Special Town Meeting and Referendum, the purchase of two acres of land northeast of the present Mica Hill Cemetery for $135,000; $500 has been made and the Company has until September 30th to excercise its option. Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank has appraised the land which includes a building lot, for $140,000. M. Boord suggested looking into "bargain sale", JR Taylor said that depends upon the seller's financial status.

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CALTIBIANO FARM

The Board met with Robert Melvin, Chairman of the Conservation Commission regarding the Calibiano Farm, who said he expected the premises to be vacant by July 1; such date extended to August 1 by First Selectman to allow renters to resettle into their new home. M. Boord continued that Mike Caltibiano has asked to remain in the house for about one year until his new house is built. Bill Norton of the 18th Century Co., said that no one should live in the house but structure and frame are sound and the house should not be demolished. R. Melvin noted the Conservation Commission can say it can be taken down. Bill Norton has offered to do a feasibility study for $500.00. R. Melvin noted the original intent was that the Caltibianos were to be dam tenders for the reservoir site. He suggested that the Board of Seletmen and Conservation Commission speak with the same voice. M. Boord noted the town has to provide legal housing if we evict them. However, H. Curley said we should see the documentation on that to be sure we do have a legal responsibility.

Motion by M. Boord that the Board of Selectmen concurs with the Conservation Commission that the Caltibiano Farm should be vacated immediately after we review additional information provided by Bill Norton and a Building Inspector, second by F. Korn; three ayes.

Agreed that no more rent fees be accepted.

R. Melvin questioned who will board up the house, notify the utilities, etc.

In other matters, Mr. Melvin noted the town has no real policy for accepting Open Space land from developers; Conservation Commission and Inland Wetlands can recommend to the the town to take the land.... however, we should have a joint policy. Mr. Melvin reported that Henry Robinson, Planning and Zoning Vice Chairman, envisions an entire Open Space network of town- owned land. M. Boord responded she prefers to do it on an individual basis... the town may have no interest in a particular piece and Mr. Melvin agreed to add the topic of Open Space donations to an upcoming joint meeting being called by Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Steve Kotowski.

Robert Melvin advised the Board of other items:

1) He has requested from DEP information about open space hunting, a package will be coming to him in the mail.

2) He is working on a design for the footbridge on White's Farm; in September the highway crew will build the bridge, will put picnic tables and two grills in the area on an experimental basis--then the question arises, how long before we need public tiolet facilities. Must ask police to patrol the area.

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FIRE MARSHAL
M. Boord read a letter from F.E. Behrens, Jr., resigning as Fire Marshal and related positions. A letter will be sent to him thanking him for his years of service. A motion by M. Boord, second by F. Korn, to appoint Robert Morpurgo as Fire Marshal, three ayes. Motion made by M. Boord, second F. Korn, to appoint John Parker Jr. on a provisional basis as assistant to Fire Marshal; three ayes.

Motion made by M. Boord, second H. Curley, to appoint Robert Morpurgo as a member of the Fire Pond Committee and as Fire Marshal on Local Emergency Planning Committee; three ayes.

R. Morpurgo advised the Board that the State has asked us if we will host a training session for Fire Marshal schooling and will pay $70.00 each session.

A motion made by H. Curley, to approve the minutes of July 13th; three ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE
We have received a fully executed state grant for $50,000 for Durham Meadows Study.

CCM letter about the 1988 Congress of Cities.

Request from Vince O'Brien, actor, for a sponsor of his performance of Clarence Darrow to be given to benefit Lake Grove School.

Board met with Board of Finance members: Mary Jane Jewczyn, George Eames, Dean Thomasson, Ona McLaughlin, and Secretary Beth Quinlivan regarding:
1) Asbestos removal at garage. Murdock Co. is unable to furnish insurance. Talco has means to provide the insurance, so, Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, that the Board of Selectmen accepts the $500,000 auto coverage insurance they are able to provide; three ayes. $2,500 funding needed from Board of Finance.
2) Time work evaluation in the Bookkeeping office. Recommendation:

A. Human Services Director, full time position with responsibilities as: Payroll Input Review, Tax reports, Employee Attendence Records, Annual W2 and W3 Reports and Insurance.
B. 18 hours a week full charge bookkeeper with responsibilties for maintaining the financial and accounting records for the Town of Durham. This person would not work for or under Janet Muraca. The Board of Finance was asked to fund postion

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($6,000 appropriated), the Office of the First Selectman will advertise for the position, range and ability will determine salary.

C. Discussion of Cemetery proposal.

Board will consult with union regarding change in job description.

Discussion of Revaluation with new Assessor Henry Philip was postponed due to his illness.

CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

4) Letter from Treasurer Foster Mather as to an increase from $34,401 to $51,376 in estimates of state aid to municipalities, as of July 1988.

5) Copy of letter noted from AFSCME to State Department of Arbitration advising them they and the town are not able to reach an agreement so are going to factfinding step.

6) Restoration Project Funds: M. Boord wondered if Historical Society could use it; F. Korn responded he has looked into it but there is a tremendous amount of effort needed to administer the grant.

7) Housing Partnership Program: August 4th 9:30-12:30 p.m. at the Legislative office building in Hartford.

8) Street name request: Parson's Lane; Board will check road status.

OTHER BUSINESS

"Durham Gazette"(a proposed Durham newspaper) is not going to happen yet. Randy Anagnostis will be doing it--maybe Sept/Oct; perhaps weekly.

Fair Association has requested permission to put electric wiring underground across the green. Board agreed to it, stipulated them to be cautious of the Town Hall septic area.

Michael Jewczyn has said he will mow the area around the skating rink for $85.00. Board agreed to have him do it once and then see when it is needed again.

A motion made by H. Curley, second by F. Korn to reappoint James McLaughlin to a three- year term on the Connecticut Valley Tourism Commissio; three ayes.

Letter received from Joann Salva, Tax Collector, about what she feels are discrepancies between benefits her clerk receives and

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the rest of the staff. M. Boord explained it was during the budget process to take care of any changes of this type. How the Tax Collector uses her clerk's hours are up to she and her clerk. Board agreed to talk to the Board of Finance about this matter and check documentation when 18hr/week people began receiving vacation time, sick time and holiday time benefits.

Unemployment May 1988 is 2%.

Notice: Carl and Helena Otte's 50th Wedding Anniversary party August 14th 2-6p.m. at the Church of the Epiphany.

Letter from Phil Armetta regarding ERS system; we will express our continued interest.

Update Highway Crew uniform selection process: $1,456 just for the leasing of the uniforms; cleaning is extra. The crew has not reached a concensus of color so M. Boord suggested staying with blue. The Road Foreman will order three T- shirts per person with the town logo for $150.00.

Town Employees' picnic is August 16th at M. Boord house, sign up sheet will be circulated.

Report: Durham Library has been broken into twice: Total loss $1,857.90. H. Curley said it's considered two incidents to any insurance company so we have to satisfy the deductible requirements twice. The Selectman's office will notify Westbrook State Police Barracks that a silvery blue Datsun was seen there on Sunday.

August meeting schedule: August 10th and 18th at 7 p.m.

M. Boord reported talking to Nathan Jacobson, Engineer who prepared our bid specifications for the aerial mapping awarded to Chas Sells Co, NY: Our contract called for "manuscript" document which can mean pencil drawings. We will be deducting $200.00 from Sells' outstanding $4,000 balance for Cathy Hamma's services in editing the maps and returning them to Sells Co.. Although Sells failed to perform as spelled out, we had no penalty clause. M. Boord will correspond again with Sells.

A letter read from George Wallace, Engineer, MRPA, recommending rebidding the proposed Howd Road Bridge project.

Notice that the Planning and Zoning Commission's Design Review Committee will meet July 27th.

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Kurt Bober, Highway Department, questioned the wisdom of paving in the rain as they have been for the past couple of days. He reported he was injured today, and also noted there have been several unsafe practices lately.

Jane Morriss, noted that many Durham boards, commissions and agencies do not post their meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

DDA/ejm