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Maryann P. Boord
First Selectman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
August 3, 1989

First Selectman Maryann P. Boord called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. **She moved to go into Executive Session re CHRO complaint; motion seconded by F. Korn; 3 ayes.** Present: M. Boord, F. Korn, H. Curley, Saranne Murray (attorney). **Motion at 8:30 p.m. by M. Boord to go out of Executive Session; second F. Korn; 3 ayes.**

Allyn Brook Park Committee Report

Members of the committee Patricia Curley, Marsha Tigner, Mark Spatuzzi were present with Landscape Architect Craig Martin, who explained his plan for upgrading the pavilion/playground area. Benches, picnic tables (cemented down), pathways of woodchips connecting area to area, trees, shrubs, other plantings, fences, parking areas were all discussed. The Exchange Club, who originally donated the pavilion, are considering undertaking the renovation of the pavilion as their project. Discussion of extending water facilities from the Little League booth to the area. They are looking to raise funds from businesses/townspeople/grants.

Maryann Boord reported she has spoken with Town Counsel Kenneth Antin as to whether or not the committee should remain a private, non-profit group or become a town committee. He advised that the decision was entirely up to the committee, who, after weighing the pros and cons chose to remain a non-profit private group.

H. Curley suggested they turn to the DEP for grant money; F. Korn proposed that the Department of the Interior may also have funds available.

K. Bober expressed his concern about the safety of the proximity of the brook. Discussion. With the clearing of the shrubby overgrowth in the area, the children who go down to the brook anyway, will be observed much more clearly, it was explained.

Recreation Items

1. Sand in playground area: Maryann Boord explained that because

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the highway crew is busy at the moment doing the chip sealing, they are unable to bring in the sand and spread it around. Sherry Hill, Rec. Director, told her that her father's truck could likely deliver the sand as there was enough money in the budget to have it delivered.

2. Requested use of the pavilion area: there is a waiver relieving the town of liability a user must sign, there are no water or bathroom facilities, and it should be made clear that the town is not allowing them to "reserve" the area. Mr. Spatuzzi, who is former Chairman of the Board of Education, noted that Regional District #13 has an excellent policy on use of their grounds and perhaps the Board would be interested in studying it.

It was recommended to Mrs. Curley that she advise these latest applicants that there are no bathroom facilities to be used during their day-long event.

Real Estate

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to amend the Agenda to include an Executive Session re Real Estate Acquisition; 3 ayes.

Motion M. Boord, at 9:10 p.m., to go into Executive Session re real estate acquisition; second F. Korn; 3 ayes. Present other than the Board of Selectmen was Jane Mauro, President of the Trinity Corps.

Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to go out of Executive Session at 10:07 p.m.; 3 ayes.

Motion F. Korn to authorize Maryann P. Boord, First Selectman, to negotiate a contract with the seller, subject to Town Meeting approval; second H. Curley; 3 ayes.

Chip Sealing

M. Boord reported that the chip sealing contract has been awarded to John J. Hudson, Inc. at a price of .5697 cents per gallon for the application of CRS-2.

Personnel Policy

Motion H. Curley, second F. Korn, to approve the amendments to the Personnel Policy which are a result of the 1989-1991 union contract settlement; 3 ayes.

Minutes

Motion H. Curley, second F. Korn, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of July 20, 1989; 3 ayes.

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Correspondence

1. United Technologies is having a tag sale on Sept. 16th to help the homeless...and request each town participate.

2. Conservation Commission letter asking about accepting approx. 20 acres adjoining Woodland Acres for open spaces. Item can't go to Special Town Meeting unit all documents are ready.

3. Letter from DOT about traffic signalling at 17/77: won't qualify for traffic signal or flashing beacon. They will put widening of the southbound lane on their project list.

4. Letter from Mayor Garofalo to Jim Dunn, MRPA, encouraging a regional recycling center. The Council of Governments is considering it.

5. Barbara Baffa, Meeting House Hill Road letter, requests that residents be notified when chemical spraying will be undertaken in town. Maryann Boord noted that we could post a notice on the town bulletin board, on the library bulletin board, and give to press for publication.

6. Request for "Blind Driveway" sign by Mrs. Morand, Meeting House Hill Road, beyond the crest of the hill. Mrs. Boord will honor the request.

7. Letter from Walt Carlson, SNET, that we will be converted to the computerized system by August 12th.

8. Letter from Robert Melvin, Chairman, Cons. Comm, re gravel pit in 92 acre parcel on Higganum Road. Mrs. Boord will discuss it with Jim Gibbons at the Extension Service.

9. Thank you for Corey's Cones from Dana & Staci Tomassi.

10. Letter from Durham Fair requesting the closing of Maple Avenue except for buses for Sept. 22-24, 1989.

Motion M. Boord, second H. Curley, to amend the agenda to include an item for the Traffic Control Authority; 3 ayes.

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to approve the request from the Durham Fair Association for road closings; 3 ayes.

11. Letter from Marilyn Spenser, saying Mrs. Boord will not be allowed to do a "First Selectman-type letter" until after the election.

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Special Town Meetings

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to hold a Special Town Meeting on August 14, 1989, 8:00 p.m. at CRHS for 1) Final Transfers; 3 ayes.

Motion M. Boord to hold a Special Town Meeting on August 31, 1989; 8:00 p.m. at CRHS re DMIAAB ordinance relating to solid waste disposal. Discussion. H. Curley said he feels strongly that another Public Hearing is necessary. M. Boord said she will see to it that Ira Kerschner, Chairman, is advised. **Motion on hold.**

Update from the First Selectman

1. Next DPUC hearing re DCWC is scheduled for 1/10/90, 7 p.m. at town hall. It was suggested by the DOHS that our sanitarian look at the properties still on the Water Co. that are large enough to support having their own well dug.

2. Len Baginski, Pres. Durham Fair Assoc., has advised Mrs. Boord that the Association is erecting a new fence for a new show ring.

3. Reported that the DMIAAB met with Joe Herlihy, DEP. Haulers began today to haul to Hartford. Mr. Herlihy advised them to seek both temporary and permanent permitting immediately. We will receive a followup letter from CRRA next week re possible five year agreement.

4. Reported that MAT ridership has decreased with the change in schedule. MAT has not been doing the marketing, COG members feel.

Selectmen's Concerns

Hugh Curley:
1. still concerned about high grass at intersections. It was explained that the crew worked overtime last Saturday to do as much as they possibly could and she felt they did a great job!

2. washout on Johnson Lane: M. Boord responded that Phil Woods said he'd put in some hot patch to hold it until a more permanent solution is reached.

Francis Korn:
1. some people have talked to him that the "islands" aren't being cut regularly. Ellen Mauro, Clerk, will call Dana Pederson.

Public Comments

Karen Avitabile:
1. Gerry Breuchner called her and said Maryann Boord was very helpful with his traffic concerns about the state's paving project

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on Route 17. Mrs. Boord reported that today she met with Mr. Andeen of the DOT and he said the contractor is Tilcon Tomasso and it's the contractor who provides for traffic control. Mr. Andeen also told her that many of the public were so abusive to the traffic controllers that one employee walked off to the side for awhile. The public also kept trying to skirt the scene and go onto Rt. 17 where no traffic controllers were...creating more havoc. Mrs. Boord said the state usually tells the towns re significant job and then it all can be coordinated. Mr. Andeen told her they were paving no farther north on Rt. 17. Only one family called her to complain about problems. Miss Avitabile said she received about three calls. Mrs. Boord reported that the town had one incident where a car turned on its side on Parmelee Hill Road; signs were fully posted, however. It was noted that the Rt. 68/17 intersection was paved very widely because trailer trucks tend to take along Miss Mathewson's front lawn with them.

Richard C. Parmelee, Jr.
1. No police on Rt. 17 because the state didn't require that in their contract. Felt the ones being used were doing an adequate job.

2. Re FOI...commendable we were there without any attorney. Asked if we incurred any legal fees....M. Boord responded that prior to appearing before the commission she met once with Attorney Antin. Mr. Parmelee asked for stricter compliance with FOI regulations.

3. Expected the Board to note that only $5,000 was budgeted for legal fees for the new fiscal year.

Kurt Bober:
1. There have been days when no one has appeared on the job site on Howd Road bridge project, when it was supposed to only take 1 week to complete. Mrs. Boord said she will talk to Mr. Xenelis.

2. Mowing of green has always been inadequate...town should assume the responsibility.

3. Expressed his concern that the mower that was budgeted for has not been purchased, or even bid on.

4. Upset that $15,000 was spent to fix the chip spreader...and it returned to them unfit for the road, but the company was paid for the work.

Adjourn

Motion M. Boord, second F. Korn, to adjourn at 11 p.m.; 3 ayes.

REC'D Aug 7, 1989 AT 2:45 ~~A.M.~~ P.M.
Mary A. DeMeo TOWN CLERK
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