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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
August 7, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by First Selectman Charles R. Mauro. Present: C. Mauro, First Selectman; Mary Jane Jewczyn, Selectwoman; James D. Dean, Selectman (7:45 p.m.).

Motion C. Mauro to approve the minutes of the July 24, 1986, meeting; second M.J. Jewczyn; 2 ayes.

Correspondence, general:

a) C. Mauro read a letter from the Dept. of Housing re our discretionary funds request. They have formally asked us to apply for funds. C. Mauro said J. Dean deserves credit for doing the scut work.

b) letter from Middlesex Chamber of Commerce thanking us for allowing Durham patrons to use our parking facilities at White's Farm during rhe 1986 Sidewalk Sale.

In response to a letter from the Durham Fair Association, motion by C. Mauro to approve their request to close Maple Avenue to all traffic, with the exception of buses being used to transport fairgoers, homeowners, and their visitors, from a point at the entrance to the fairgrounds to Route 17, effective September 26, 27, 28, 1986, during the time of the fair; second M.J. Jewczyn, 2 ayes.

Motion C. Mauro, second M.J. Jewczyn, to appoint Francis E. Kôrn, Jr. to the Board of Tax Review to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Jeffrey Richards; term to expire in 1989; 2 ayes. (Francis Earle Korn, per mem.)

Proposal received from Conn. Equipment Sales Co. for the leasing of either an Elgin Sweeper, used, factory rebuilt; an Elgin Sweeper, used, local rebuilt; and Federal Signal (Elgin) lease proposal for the above used sweeper.

Discussion whether or not to purchase a 2.25 A parcel of Route 79 state land being offered to the town for $31,000 including all administrative costs. C. Mauro felt the price was excessive but M.J. Jewczyn suggested talking it over with Joseph Carney, landfill administrator.

The Board signed the following letter to be sent to Harvey Waller of Waller Construction:

> This letter is to verify that if it is deemed necessary by the Town of Durham, after an engineering survey is completed by your engineer, that any action be taken to relieve a potential problem that may exist with the Coginchaug River in the area of Creamery Road, the Town of Durham shall enter into an agreement relative to cost sharing of any required improvements.

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Letter to Waller, continued:

> The agreement relative to cost sharing of any required improvements will be based on the application of the Town of Durham, Town Road Policy approved by the Board of Selectmen November 18, 1982.

J. Dean arrived; the Board brought him up-to-date on the business at hand.

C. Mauro advised the Board that he gave to the Board of Finance Jacobson's bill for $26,000, $7,000 over the budgeted figure. He reported that the Town Engineer was involved in a near fatal collision with the town car.

He further reported receiving an estimate from Bob Shaw of $4,000 for mezzanine storage. Motion J. Dean, second M.J. Jewczyn, to proceed with the project; 3 ayes.

We have been notified by Middlesex Assurance that 3 policies will be canceled as of October 15th: business auto (loss experience), Umbrella (loss experience), and Special Multi-peril (volunteer firemen). M.J. Jewczyn is working to prepare our application to CIRMA and it will be in by the August 15th deadline. It was mentioned that Mike Tigner is also interested in bidding.

Re oil bids: motion C. Mauro, second M.J. Jewczyn, to accept Peterson's bid of 43¢ for 1 year.

Report from Leo Willett by C. Mauro: Jacobson is on vacation but had expressed the opinion that he wanted to begin the process of testing, etc. all over again. Leo, on the other hand, wants to deal with only the higher problem area, using TV cameras into wells, for instance. J. Dean mentioned that Ms Patton, Jacobson, and Willett were supposed to have a short meeting and decide which way to go, and since it didn't turn out that way, perhaps a deadline should be imposed. C. Mauro responded that if we don't have an answer by the next Board meeting (August 21st) we will do just that. J. Dean requested it be an item on the Agenda and tell Leo that we expect a recommendation.

Lucien Kowalski questioned if the detention pond will be fixed with regulation clay and will someone oversee the project. C. Mauro responded affirmatively; he also reported that the Town Engineer had done testing in Durham Heights without his knowledge and he (C) has requested he be informed in the future.

Lila Kowalski expressed her anger that in the beginning of all this, she spent upwards of $200 of her own money to have testing done and now the Town will not disclose to her the results of the latest testing. She also requested more water to do her canning and mentioned that some people with polluted

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water on Edwards Road have never gotten water.

Joann Sienna complained that no one from town responded to her recent problem of murky, metallic tasting water.

Lila Kowalski said she was under the impression that testing would be done after heavy rain, not before. This "program" must be put together efficiently, she stressed.

Joann Sienna also asked if a record is kept in Town Hall when a septic tank is pumped. The answer is no that when the question was raised before, it was noted the Town may have to do that in the future.

Bill Weber expressed his concern with well contamination in his area; wonders if his or his neighbors' systems are polluting his well. He said Nate Jacobson said his well cap was raised improperly and he's really upset about that. What can be done about it? C. Mauro responded that Lila will furnish him a list of on-going problems and he will go door-to-door to work it out. C. Mauro further noted that with 3 experts on the committee (Patton, Jacobson, Willett) faster answers were expected. If no answer from them by next meeting, the Water Pollution Control Authority will pursue it on its own. C. Mauro further noted that in his mind the "target zone" is the area immediately affected by the detention pond.

Lucien Kowalski asked if the area of the old septage lagoon has been fixed. C. Mauro said Middletown authorities have been approached.

Joann Sienna asked how do we determine if we are eligible for the grant. J. Dean responded it's a one-time grant which we can repeat every year as needed. C. Mauro noted the money is targeted for people who have financial need. J. Dean clarified it: that any grant would have to be funded through the Town. She asked about the time table with the Zoning Board to accept the detention pond. C. Mauro said he'll be meeting with Nick Pomeranze and others involved next week. He further explained that PZC will not accept the pond unless it's ok and then the Board of Selectmen ok's it and accepts the responsibility. The proposal is for the town to take over the land around the pond.

Lila Kowalski asked if the Board of Selectmen knew there was a Durham Aquifer. The Board responded yes, at Durham fairgrounds area. Lila said Seb and Cathy Scirpo had offered it to them and the Town. M.J. Jewczyn acknowledged she must mean the old Durham Aqueduct. C. Mauro said that the DPUC will not set up another water company and any new company, if it was to be set up, would be subject to the controls of the DPUC. C. Mauro further noted we have also been offered water from the Royal Oak area, but there are complexities with that also although he's not saying it can't be done. J. Dean stated it doesn't eliminate a town water system. C. Mauro said he hates to see it come to pass and it would cost millions to pipe water from Scirpo's around; the lifestyle we enjoy in Durham will cease. J. Dean countered that if we don't do something, Durham won't be the same anyway. C. Mauro said he knew.

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Lila handed the board a diagram of the wells, as originally constructed and well with casing above-ground to avoid contamination. Discussion followed. Mr. Weber questioned the validity of sinking a well 60' into ledge. Upon questioning as to what she would have done if the problem was hers, M.J. Jewczyn said personally, she would have proceeded to correct the problem on her own immediately with a new system and well. C. Mauro said by "helping" them he sees it as giving advise but he sees "help" lately as everyone wants money.

Bill Weber said Mr. Jacobson has told them to wait and do nothing. He raised his well in the beginning at Mr. Jacobson's advise and now its wrong. C. Mauro said that by the end of two weeks, if no solution comes forth from the subcommittee of Patton, Jacobson, Willett, we will strive to do something about it.

Joann Sienna: Durham is going to make sure that they don't change this town because they are going to keep us stuck right here as homeowners.

In other matters, C. Mauro told the Board he hopes to have the state assume responsibility for Higganum Road and Foot Hills Road. He received Bd. of Selectmen ok to pursue it. A recent count on Main Street showed 14,000 in one day. J. Dean would like to see a by-pass from 79 to 68 to Wallingford.

The Board again discussed the proposed purchase of Route 79 land and it was agreed to refuse the offer.

J. Dean expressed his hope that Haddam Quarter Road will be fixed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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