

SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
December 20, 2005

Call to order

First Selectman Jim McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm at the Durham Public Library.

Pledge

J. McLaughlin asked Renee Primus to lead the meeting in a Pledge of Alliance to the flag.

Roll

Board of Selectmen members present: James McLaughlin, Renee Primus and Maryann Boord.

Approval of Agenda

R. PRIMUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. M. Boord asked why 'Selectman's Concerns' wasn't on the agenda, if it was a permanent change. J. McLaughlin responded that he left it off because this was a special meeting dealing mainly with appointments and that any Selectman Concerns could be covered under New or Old Business. M. BOORD SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES.

Public Comments

None.

Approval of the Minutes of previous meeting(s)

M. BOORD MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ON NOVEMBER 28, 2005,
R. PRIMUS SECONDED, MOTION PASSED WITH PRIMUS & BOORD AYES, McLAUGHLIN ABSTENTION.

The following corrections were made to the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting on December 12, 2005:

- Page 2, Discussion of land gift from P. DiNatale; last sentence amended to read "Mr. DiNatale has requested that he and his heirs retain hunting, mining and logging rights, the right to maintain access to his other property, no public access except through the Blue Trail, no public access, no motorized vehicles and no hunting."
- Page 2, Set date, time and place for a Special Town Meeting; in the second paragraph change the word "obtain" to "retain".
- Page 3, Tax Foreclosures; in the second paragraph change the eighth sentence to read "The town has not been collecting any taxes for 15 years."
- Page 4, Appointment of Town Counsel; J. McLaughlin seconded the motion.
- Page 5, Old/ New Business; in the first paragraph change the last sentence to read "This grant will supplement the \$750,000 DECD grant. The project came in over budget."
- Page 5, Old/ New Business; in the third paragraph change the last sentence to read "Once the final design is filed with the Siting Council the town will have 30 days to respond."
- Page 5, Old/ New Business; add, "M. Boord submitted the final draft design to NU and the Siting Council."
- Page 5, Old/ New Business; add, "M. Boord settled the union contract."
- Page 5, at 8:30 the Board of Selectmen went into Executive Session closed to the public, add "for the purpose of discussing the Union contract."
- Page 5, at 8:30 the Board of Selectmen went into Executive Session closed to the public for the purpose of discussing the Union contract. Add: "In attendance: J. McLaughlin, R. Primus, M. Boord and Darlene Kish-Thomson."

R. PRIMUS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING ON DECEMBER 12, 2005 AS AMENDED, M. BOORD SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES.

Appointments

Animal Control Officers (2 year term, 12-31-2005 to 12-31-2007)

Bruce Rau expiration 12-31-2005
Marty Rau expiration 12-31-2005
April Leiler expiration 12-31-2005

J. McLAUGHLIN MOVED TO APPOINT BRUCE RAU, MARTY RAU AND APRIL LEILER AS ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS FOR 2-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 12-31-2007, M. BOORD SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES.

Building Code of Appeals (5 year term, 12-31-2005 to 12-31-2010)

Gaetano Puglisi expiration 12-31-2005

J. McLAUGHLIN MOVED TO APPOINT GAETANO PUGLISI TO THE BUILDING CODE OF APPEALS FOR A 5-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12-31-2010, M. BOORD SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES.

Conservation Commission (3 year term, 12-31-2005 to 12-31-2008)

Brian Ameche expiration 12-31-2005
Adam Moore expiration 12-31-2005
Rick Terrill expiration 12-31-2005

J. McLAUGHLIN MOVED TO APPOINT BRIAN AMECHE, ADAM MOORE AND RICK TERRILL TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR 3-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 12-31-2008, R. PRIMUS SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES.

~~(Ray Bahr)~~ Casey Cordes expiration 12-31-2005

M. Boord nominated Ken Devito for this seat. Mr. Devito introduced himself and described his background and interest in serving on the Conservation Commission.

J. McLAUGHLIN MOVED TO APPOINT CASEY CORDES TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR A 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12-31-2008, R. PRIMUS SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED WITH PRIMUS & McLAUGHLIN AYES, BOORD NAY.

Economic Development Commission (2 year term, 12-31-2005 to 12-31-2007)

Peter Casini expiration 12-31-2005
Gary Sawicki expiration 12-31-2005

J. McLAUGHLIN MOVED TO APPOINT PETER CASINI AND GARY SAWICKI TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR 2-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 12-31-2007, R. PRIMUS SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES.

~~(Bogen)~~ Scott Douglass expiration 12-31-2005

M. BOORD MOVED TO APPOINT SCOTT DOUGLASS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A 2-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12-31-2007, R. PRIMUS SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES.

Health Director (4 year term by CT General Statute, 12-31-2005 to 12-31-2009)

Brad Wilkinson expiration 12-31-2005

J. McLAUGHLIN MOVED TO APPOINT BRAD WILKINSON AS HEALTH DIRECTOR FOR A 4-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12-31-2009, R. PRIMUS SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES.

Historic District Commission (5 year term, 12-31-2005 to 12-31-2010)

Susan Woodson expiration 01-01-2006

J. McLAUGHLIN MOVED TO APPOINT SUSAN WOODSON AS AN IN-DISTRICT REGULAR MEMBER ON THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR A 5-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12-31-2010, R. PRIMUS SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES.

Inlands, Wetlands and Watercourses Agency (3 year term, 12-31-2005 to 12-31-2008)

Alois Petrzal expiration 12-31-2005
Robert Czarnecki expiration 12-31-2005
Joel LaBella expiration 12-31-2005
Trish Dynia (Alternate) expiration 12-31-2005

J. McLAUGHLIN MOVED TO APPOINT ALOIS PETRZEL, ROBERT CZARNECKI, JOEL LABELLA AND TRISH DYNIA (ALTERNATE) TO THE INLANDS, WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES AGENCY FOR 3-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 12-31-2008, M. BOORD SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES.

Recreation Committee (2 year term, 12-31-2005 to 12-31-2007)

Karen Kean expiration 12-31-2005
(~~Diane Dahlman~~) vacancy –hold expiration 12-31-2005
Christine Bascom expiration 12-31-2005
Charles Bray expiration 12-31-2005
Ann Marie Benjunis expiration 12-31-2005
Linda Handley expiration 12-31-2005
Ann Figoris expiration 12-31-2005
Bonnie Arcari expiration 12-31-2005
Kate McLaughlin expiration 12-31-2005
Jack Stahl (Alternate) expiration 12-31-2005
Carol Herzig (Alternate) expiration 12-31-2005

J. McLAUGHLIN MOVED TO APPOINT KAREN KEAN, CHRISTINE BASCOM, CHARLES BRAY, ANN MARIE BENJUNIS, LINDA HANDLEY, ANN FIGORIS, BONNIE ARCARI, KATE McLAUGHLIN, JACK STAHL (ALTERNATE) AND CAROL HERZIG (ALTERNATE) FOR 2-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 12-31-2007, R. PRIMUS SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES.

Tree Warden (2 year term, 12-31-2005 to 12-31-2007)

Lew Hinman expiration 12-31-2005
Terrance Keenan, Assistant expiration 12-31-2005
Ralph Chase, Assistant expiration 12-31-2005

J. McLAUGHLIN MOVED TO APPOINT LEW HINMAN AS TREE WARDEN AND TERRANCE KEENAN AND RALPH CHASE AS ASSISTANT TREE WARDENS FOR 2-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 12-31-2007, M. BOORD SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES.

Water Commission (3 year term, 12-31-2005 to 12-31-2008)

Robert Dynia expiration 12-04-2005
Catherine DeNunzio expiration 12-04-2005
James McLaughlin expiration 12-04-2005
Renee Primus (Alternate) expiration 12-04-2005

J. McLAUGHLIN MOVED TO APPOINT ROBERT DYNIA, CATHERINE DENUNZIO, JAMES McLAUGHLIN AND RENEE PRIMUS (ALTERNATE) TO THE WATER COMMISSION FOR 3-YEAR TERMS EXPIRING 12-31-2008, R. PRIMUS SECONDED. M. BOORD REQUESTED INDIVIDUAL VOTES. ROBERT DYNIA, THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES. CATHERINE DENUNZIO, THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES. JAMES McLAUGHLIN, THE MOTION PASSED WITH PRIMUS & McLAUGHLIN AYES, BOORD NAY. RENEE PRIMUS (ALTERNATE), THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE AYES.

M. Boord noted that there were other appointments that are traditionally done at this time by the Board of Selectmen. These include Chief of Police (First Selectman); Water Pollution Control

Authority, Traffic Control Authority, Flood and Erosion Control Authority (all Board of Selectmen); Street Naming Committee, Local Emergency Planning Committee, Emergency Medical Service Council of South Central Region. J. McLaughlin responded that he was holding off these appointments until January.

The representatives to Mid-State Regional Planning Agency are currently Dick Eriksen from Planning & Zoning (Chair of MRPA) and Maryann Boord from the Board of Selectmen. No changes were made at this meeting.

New Business

J. McLaughlin reported that the Durham-Middlefield Exchange Club is again searching for a Book of Golden Deeds recipient. The First Selectman has been requested to submit a nomination to Norman Jason before January 20, 2006.

J. McLaughlin reported that the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce is looking for nominations for the 2006 Distinguished Citizen Award. The award recognizes one or more members of the business community who have demonstrated outstanding and unselfish service to the community. Nominations should be submitted before February 10, 2006.

M. Boord reported that the Siting Council meeting originally scheduled for December 22, 2005 is actually being held on Wednesday, December 21, 2005 at 1:30 pm. She hopes that the Board of Selectmen will be represented and asked if counsel would be present. R. Primus agreed that it is important to continue to be involved in the process. All three Selectmen had prior conflicting plans but would try to rearrange their schedules.

M. Boord reported that she was concerned about the appointment of Tyler Cooper as Town Counsel. She asked if there were any local attorneys in the firm. She noted that Tyler Cooper sounds like a big city law firm, she wanted someone familiar with our community who cared about our community and had a sense of small-town rural representation. She doesn't want Tyler Cooper to affect a change from the small town character of our town to a big city. J. McLaughlin assured her that he wouldn't let this happen.

MOVE TO ADJOURN AT 8:00 PM MADE BY R. PRIMUS, SECONDED BY M. BOORD. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

LAURIE STEVENS