

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JULY 25, 2005

Call to order

First Selectwoman Maryann P. Boord called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Durham Public Library. Board of Selectmen members present: Maryann P. Boord and Renee J. Primus; Absent: Ernie A. Judson.

Townspeople present: Doug Stender, Daryl Edwards, Betsy Booz, Martin French.

Amend the Agenda

MOTION M. BOORD, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS, TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD AN ITEM TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRST SELECTWOMAN TO SIGN THE LEASE WITH THE CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES, CORP. 2 AYES.

Approval of the Lease Resolution

MOTION R. PRIMUS, SECONDED BY M. BOORD, TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRST SELECTWOMAN TO SIGN THE LEASE WITH THE CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES, CORP. FOR THE LEASE OF A CATERPILLAR WHEEL LOADER; 2 AYES.

Minutes

MOTION M. BOORD, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2005; 2 AYES.

Retaining the Old Ambulance

MOTION M. BOORD, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS, TO SUPPORT THE REQUEST FROM THE L.E.P.C. TO RETAIN THE OLD AMBULANCE AND REFURBISH IT FOR USE AT SPECIFIC INCIDENTS TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL. MOTION PASSED WITH 2 AYES.

Update from the First Selectwoman

1. Seven town hall and library employees have been certified in CPR training.
2. The town's medical insurance has been switched to MEHIP. It means a savings of \$12/yr for each employee or \$4,700/yr for the town; the coverage is the same as before but Durham is now in the pool with state employees.

Selectmen's Concerns

R. Primus asked about the next selectmen's meeting on August 22nd: a building committee recommendation will be presented and a date will be set for a special town meeting to transfer funds for the town hall renovation if final approval has been received for the ADA grant. M. Boord noted that the ADA contract for town hall renovations is at the Atty General's office.

R. Primus also noted that the EPA Public Hearing relative to the Superfund cleanup is at the library Thursday 7-28-05, 7 p.m. M. Boord asked her if she felt the Board wanted

to present a united position on the issue. R. Primus responded that she would email her comments to M. Boord. M. Boord will draft a letter for all three selectmen to sign.

R. Primus asked about the Northern Heights application before the Guilford PZC. The news reports were conflicting so M. Boord said she would contact the Guilford PZC as to where this particular subdivision stood.

Contract for Accident Restoration at the Durham Fire House

The Board discussed with Architect Tom Arcari which bidder for the Accident Restoration at the Durham firehouse he considered to have met the town's qualifications and specifications. He noted he had worked with Pioneer Builders before and was pleased with their performance. Pioneer Builders had bid \$42,600 for the work and J.A. Rosa Construction LLC bid \$65,000. Mr. Arcari said the bids are actually fairly even and noted that it was not uncommon to have a 5% increase in the actual costs. Epoxy paint will be used and the back ramp will be handicapped accessible. He expects the project to be finished in 8-10 weeks.

MOTION M. BOORD, SECOND R. PRIMUS, TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTWOMAN TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH PIONEER BUILDERS OF NEWINGTON, INC. FOR THE POST ACCIDENT RESTORATION OF THE DURHAM FIREHOUSE; MOTION APPROVED WITH 2 AYES.

Adjourn

MOTION M. BOORD, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:30 P.M.; APPROVED WITH 2 AYES.

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