

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
APRIL 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. Present: Maryann P. Boord, Renee J. Primus; Absent: Ernie A. Judson.

Public Safety Committee re CPR

Bill Smith of the Public Safety Committee was present to ask the First Selectwoman to canvass the town employees to see if there is interest in offering a four-hour CPR training course. Lake Grove School has offered its classroom facility and Lisa Ezzo will donate her training services. M. Boord said she would send a memo to the staff.

Approve using Billing Service, line item #4031, to pay for Firehouse Software

MOTION R. PRIMUS, SECONDED BY M. BOORD, TO APPROVE SPENDING \$35,852 FROM FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,852 FOR FIREHOUSE SOFTWARE; APPROVED WITH TWO AYES.

Tax Refunds

MOTION R. PRIMUS, SECONDED BY M. BOORD, WITH TWO AYES, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$81.40:

1. LINCOLN SERVICE AND EQUIPMENT

6 Commerce Circle  
Durham, CT 06422

Account #53919; List Year: 2003; Reason for overpayment: vehicle sold - 1979 GMC TC20903; tax refund in the amount of \$31.19

2. DAWN L. MATUSKIEWICZ

12 Linmar Drive  
Durham, CT 06422

Account \$54259; List Year: 2003; Reason for overpayment: overpayment; tax refund in the amount of \$50.21

Minutes

MOTION R. PRIMUS, SECONDED BY M. BOORD, WITH TWO AYES, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2005.

Resignations/Appointments

A letter of retirement from Leo V. Willett, Jr., Health Director, was received and accepted with gratitude for his 35 years of distinguished service.

MOTION M. BOORD, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS, TO REAPPOINT JUDITH HURLBERT TO THE REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL, CATCHMENT #10, FOR A TERM EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2005, THROUGH APRIL 30, 2007. APPROVED WITH TWO AYES.

Nominate a fireman or policeman for the Chief Michael L. Green Award (MCCC)

M. Boord said she would find out when the deadline is for nominations.

Approve a resolution opposing elimination of the CDBG Program

MOTION M. BOORD, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS, TO APPROVE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION, AS FOLLOWS; APPROVED WITH TWO AYES.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING ELIMINATION  
OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK  
GRANT (CDGB) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Program, which funds a myriad of social service, economic development, and housing programs in this community, has been proposed to be eliminated in the Federal 2006 budget; and,

WHEREAS, in the thirty years of its existence, it has developed a strong network of relations between this local government, residents and the many non-profit agencies that provide services and help make possible our commitment to our neighborhoods; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Durham recognizes that the CDGB Program is a partnership of Federal, State, and local governments, business, non-profit and community efforts, and the services funded by the CDGB Program, administered by the local government and often in partnership with local non-profit organizations, relies heavily on the dedication of and good will of our combined efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Durham recognizes all the participants whose hard work and devotion to the neighborhood and their low and moderate-income residents help insure the quality and effectiveness of the CDGB Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Durham, hereby petition the U.S. Congress and Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the CDGB Program, and of its vital importance to our community and to the people who live in its lower income neighborhoods, to strongly oppose any proposal to eliminate the CDBG program and that copies of this Resolution be conveyed to the appropriate officials of the Federal government and that the Town of Durham's name be added to the roll of those committed to the preservation and full funding of the CDGB Program and maintenance of its essential features over the course of this and the next session of Congress.

Review and approve the Five Year Capital Plan

The Board agreed to hold on this action until the May 9, 2005, Board of Selectmen's meeting, which is just prior to the Annual Budget Meeting of 2005.

Approval of the Call to the Annual Budget Meeting

MOTION M. BOORD, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CALL TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING, AS FOLLOWS; APPROVED WITH TWO AYES:

**TOWN OF DURHAM  
CALL TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING**

The eligible voters of the Town of Durham are hereby warned that the ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING will be held in the Julian B. Thayer Auditorium, Coginchaug Regional High School, at 8:00 P.M. on Monday, May 9, 2005, to consider the following items:

1. To elect three members to three-year terms on the Regional School District #13 Board of Education; said terms to expire June 30, 2008.
2. To elect two members to two-year terms on the Durham-Middlefield Interlocal Agreement Advisory Board; said terms to expire June 30, 2007.
3. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any and all Town Aid highway funds (Transportation Infrastructure) which may be due and available to the Town of Durham for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2006.
4. To adopt a total town budget in the amount of \$5,244,073, less state and local estimated revenue of \$1,195,390, for a net town budget of \$4,048,683, as recommended by the Board of Finance at its meeting of April 20, 2005.
5. To adopt a five-year Local Capital Improvements Plan.

Old/New Business and Update from the First Selectwoman

1. M. Boord reported she met with Planning and Zoning Commission members and their attorney Thomas Byrne about Greenland Realty.
  2. She met with representatives from DECD, DEP, DPH, OPM, the engineer, Gene Chiappetta, Bill Milardo, and Larry Wagner about the water project. She updated everyone on the project; at the meeting they raised their concerns and support. EPA is looking for long-term solution to the Superfund, which is not a part of this project but should be kept in mind for the future. OPM is a possible source of funding.
  3. M. Boord reported on a meeting today with town hall and DPW staff relative to the relocation of the town hall offices to Adams Commons. The move will be completely accomplished by July 1st, although the tax office will be done two weeks ahead of the rest of the offices to accommodate the tax collection season.
  4. She reported she has a meeting with Pam Katz, Executive Director of the CT Siting Council, about how the municipalities will have input when the transmission line project is going to begin.
  5. There will be a public informational discussion on the CT Siting Council in the library at 7 p.m. on May 2nd.
  6. On April 26th, there is a public hearing on the Old Blue Hills Road cell tower.
  7. Next Thursday is the NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER. A ceremony will be on the green beginning at 6 p.m.
  8. She has met with SHPO representatives about the town hall and water projects.
    - a. town hall: after discussion, SHPO has agreed to cancel their concerns; if the contractor finds human remains, the project will cease immediately, they will notify SHPO; we also have to remove the underground oil tank.
    - b. water project: there is not expected to be any remains in that location.
- R. Primus asked about the DECD grant; M. Boord answered that they thought that the wells would be dedicated only to the DCWC customers. The town must write a letter saying its customers are still being served even though the Fair will also receive water. SHPO is writing off their concerns with both projects. July 1 is still the commencement date.

9. She has received a letter from Governor Rell advising of the Open House at the Convention Center in Hartford on Sunday, June 5th.
10. Durham is still #1 on the State Drinking Water revolving loan fund; the same amount as the grant funds. To expand the project, we would have to create a new application.
11. The Board of Finance has given permission for the DPW to trade in the old loader for a new loader. Will have enough interest in the Reserve Fund for next Fiscal Year payment.
12. The Secretary of the State has notified her office that awards will be given for coaches or assistant coaches this year; she is looking for nominees.
13. Letter received from the Library Board of Trustees stating the Board's policy for closing town offices/buildings for an inclement weather event doesn't affect the Library. Per charter decision re library hours of operation are the pervuew of the Library Board of Trustees. R. Primus suggested we aks them to establish a similar policy for the library. M. Boord said she would discuss the Trustees' concerns with them before it snows again. CIRMA has no written policy on this issue.
14. E.erne Judson submitted an email with his concerns to be raised at the meeting:
  - a. the alarm at 58 Green Lane, which can not be turned off for several reasons: the police initially found there were no bodies but were unable to reenter the house; CL&P would not turn off the power. The town will try to contact the owner, which is a Trust with a NY City bank.
  - b. Robert Eurto complained to him about the ongoing drainage and construction problem he is having with his neighbor. K. Bober and G. Colegrove have visited the site at the First Selectwoman's request; the siltation fence is in place although Mr. Eurto said the double fence is not working. M. Boord said that Mr. Colegrove, Brian Curtis (the town's engineer), will meet at the site later in the week and Mr. Curtis will decide what action to take. G. Colegrove said he is willing to pull the bond to do the work if necessary. Also, some hay bales have been put in but they are scattered and not stopping the water.

Selectmen's Concerns

none

Public Comments

Bill Smith:

1. will the town prod Lake Grove about their false alarms? M. Boord said yes, E. Murphy is working on it. Fees will be assigned.
2. asked if this was the last year of the teachers' contract? M. Boord said she believes they are beginning a new contract.
3. If the COPS grant comes up again, can we get another police officer...it's free? M. Boord said she would look into it.

Adjourn

MOTION M. BOORD, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:35 P.M.; 2 AYES.

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