

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 P.M., MONDAY, MAY 21, 2007
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order and roll call

James McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led with the pledge of allegiance. Renee Edwards and Maryann Boord present.

Approval of the agenda

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. ALL AYES.

Discussion of request from Claudia Hill to hold a benefit walk, run, roll on town roads

Claudia Hill was present to ask permission to use town roads to hold a benefit Walk-Run-Roll to be held on October 13, 2007 from 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m. The event would start at CRHS right onto Maiden Lane, Haddam Qtr Road, to Brick Lane and end at the high school. She stated that she filed an application with the Superintendent of Schools for school use and also spoke with Resident State Trooper (RST) Peter DiGioia about public safety issues. One main concern was if road closures would be needed. Renee Edwards stated that she thought there would be no need to close the roads but stressed the importance of the presence of either a RST or a water stations at Haddam Qtr & Brick Lane, and Maiden Lane & Haddam Qtr. She also asked if there would be volunteers to navigate the participants. C. Hill stated that Oak Hill Development would be working with her to recruit the necessary volunteers needed. Renee Edwards stated that she should contact the Volunteer Ambulance Corps and the Fire Department to make them aware of the event and ask for their support.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE USE OF TOWN ROADS IN SUPPORT OF THE LINDSEY JO HAILE WALK-RUN-ROLL ON OCTOBER 13, 2007 FROM 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM AS LONG AS ALL SAFETY CONCERNS ARE MET. ALL AYES.

Correspondence relative to education funding and budgeting

The Selectmen reviewed the Board of Selectmen's Column for publication in Town Times.

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE THE COLUMN AND SEND TO TOWN TIMES FOR PUBLICATION. ALL AYES.

Review of the Five Year Local Capital Improvement Plan

Maryjane Malavasi prepared a draft 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the years 07/08 through 11/2012 for review by the Selectmen. Renee Edwards explained that M. Malavasi stated the 5-Year Capital Plan is included in the budget process and was approved at the annual budget meeting, but that she wants to continue to use the worksheet as a planning tool. A question of the amount of \$25,000.00 in the reserve account earmarked for the removal of an underground tank on the Library property was discussed. James McLaughlin stated that there are (2) oil tanks on the Library property currently in use, one being an underground tank. He stated that he would like to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to remove the underground tank and replace it with one that would be housed above ground. Laurie Stevens questioned if it was necessary to remove an empty tank or if there was another less expensive option. J. McLaughlin stated that the RFP's would give the town options of how to abandon the tank that would be best suited to the DEP. Maryann Boord requested a copy of last years Capital Improvement Plan to review.

Set Special Town Meeting date

The Board discussed the need for a Special Town Meeting to correct the error made at the Annual Budget Meeting. The Town Clerk had informed the Board the morning after the Annual Budget Meeting that she was mistaken about Dom DeVecchio's term expiration and Tom Russell's term was the expiration that should have been voted at the meeting.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO SET SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DATE OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2007. ALL AYES.

Approval of the Call to Special Town Meeting

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO APPROVE THE CALL TO SPECIAL TOWN MEETING. ALL AYES.

Discussion of Siena request of land transfer

James McLaughlin stated that he spoke with Town Planner, Geoff Colegrove and it was suggested if Mr. Sienna agrees to pay legal costs to draw up a drainage easement and deed preparation, then the Board of Selectmen could bring it to town meeting. Maryann Boord expressed concern that the project was to be completed by the end of the school year and asked if the deadline would be met. She also stated that J. Siena should be notified of the timeline status necessary to get all the proper paperwork done. J. McLaughlin stated in his conversation with G. Colegrove that the Board of Selectmen could go to town meeting to approve the transfer of the land with the language of conditions and Planning & Zonings 824 review. R. Edwards questioned the process and suggested that J. McLaughlin confirm this again with G. Colegrove.

Legal services expense associated with the Municipal Water Project

A bill from Lang & Corona, P.C. in the amount of \$15,260.00 for professional services rendered on behalf of the Durham Agricultural Fair Association for the Municipal Water Project was presented for review. Maryann Boord requested an itemized billing that represents the total bill and asked why the town was not billed monthly. The question of the bill spanning different budget years also was of concern. R. Edwards suggested contacting the Board of Finance to see what funds were available to cover the bill. McLaughlin stated that he would contact Fran Korn and John Corona.

Crooked Hill Road and 345kV Transmission Line updates

R. Edwards made reference to Brian Ferris's remarks at the last Board of Selectmen's meeting that after 1 year, he still has heard nothing from Brian Curtis regarding his proposal for the amount of bonding. Correspondence from Brian Curtis indicated that Anderson Associates submitted the initial bond estimate in the amount of \$583,614 on July 11, 2006. On August 30, 2006 Anderson Associates revised bond estimates responding to comments in the amount of \$703,731. On April 9, 2007 B. Curtis requested that Anderson Associates meet with CL&P to determine costs for their work and also asked them to touch base with telephone and cable companies for related costs. No revised bond estimates have been received since that request.

Correspondence from Attorney, Rebecca E. Adams was reviewed in reference to the transfer of land that needs to be approved before the work can start.

Maryann Boord asked if anyone had seen Skeet Club Road where the new power line is going through. J. McLaughlin stated that several people are upset about the 185-foot poles with enormous bases, but that because these 185-foot poles were selected by residents over the shorter ones, he doubted that anything could be done to switch the poles at this late time.

Approval of May 14, 2007 meeting minutes

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE MAY 14, 2007 MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED. ALL AYES.

Old/New Business

In a memo Attorney Charles Andres notified J. McLaughlin that Tom Arcari had agreed to the revision of the Agreement and Release between Quisenberry Arcari Architects, LLC and the Town of Durham in order to resolve a claim in the total sum of \$10,000 as full and final settlement of all claims related to the elevator shaft.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO GIVE PERMISSION TO THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AND RELEASE BETWEEN QUISENBERRY ARCARI ARCHITECTS, LLC AND THE TOWN OF DURHAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 AS FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ALL CLAIMS RELATED TO THE ELEVATOR SHAFT AT TOWN HALL. ALL AYES.

Correspondence dated November 22, 2005 to Community Development Services (CDS) from Maryann Boord in reference to property on Wallingford Road was reviewed. Maryann Boord questioned their 501©3 status and asked if they applied for open space. She suggested that Jean Myers of CDS be contacted and ask if they responded to the recommendations of completing an application for classification as open space. J. McLaughlin responded that his office would follow up on her suggestion.

A bid for Town Wide Sweeping was discussed. Three bids were received, (1) stating that they would not be bidding, (1) received at the appropriate time indicated by the bid, and (1) received after the indicated time. The Board of Selectmen decided that this item should be put out to bid again and to add language to the general bid document about disclosure if only one bid is received.

Selectmen's comments

R. Edwards asked the other selectmen if they would give a Hartford Courant article she clipped to Brian Miller (Economic Development Commission Consultant) regarding the projected population growth in Durham over the next 25 years. Brian Miller would be meeting with the commission at a Stakeholders meeting on May 22.

Public comments

NONE

Executive Session

Party not available. Executive Session not held.

Adjourn

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO ADJOURN AT 8:35 P.M. ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata