

*BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 P.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2007
TOWN HALL, 3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM*

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order and Roll Call

Renee Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Maryann Boord present. James McLaughlin absent.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Public Comments

None

Senior Tax Relief Committee Appointment

Tabled until next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Recreation Committee Resignations

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF ANN FIGORAS AND ANN BENJUNAS WITH GRATITUDE FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE. ALL AYES.

Durham Democratic Town Committee Request to Serve Alcohol at DDTC Fundraiser, Saturday, March 3, 2007

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO APPROVE REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT DDTC FUNDRAISER, MARCH 3, 2007. ALL AYES.

Name Members to the Washington Trail Marker Restoration Committee

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO NAME FRANK BEHRENS, JIM LEDFORD, AND CHRIS BRONSON TO THE WASHINGTON TRAIL MARKER RESTORATION COMMITTEE. ALL AYES.

Set Special Town Meeting Date, February 5th, 2007 to:

- a. Accept Durham Fair Easement
- b. Accept Olde Yankee Way
- c. Approve Transfer Re: Economic Development Strategic Plan

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO SET SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DATE, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2007. ALL AYES.

Approval of the Call to Special Town Meeting

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

CALL TO A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF DURHAM

A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING of the Electors and Citizens qualified to vote at Town Meetings of the Town of Durham will be held in the Durham Town Hall Meeting Room, on Monday, February 5th, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

1. To authorize the Town of Durham to acquire an easement from the Durham Agricultural Fair Association Incorporated in a parcel of land upon which the Town proposes to construct, maintain, and operate a water storage and pump house facility.

2. To authorize the First Selectman to execute any and all documents necessary or appropriate to acquire the easement referred to in No. 1 above.
3. To appropriate \$11,000.00 from undesignated fund balance to line item #2015 Economic Development Commission for the purpose of developing an Economic Development Strategic Plan.
4. To accept Old Yankee Way as an approved town road.

James W. McLaughlin
First Selectman

Renee P. Edwards
Selectwoman

Maryann P. Boord
Selectwoman

Crooked Hill Road Update

Renee Edwards read aloud correspondence received from Brian C. Curtis, Town Engineer, stating that he spoke with Brian Ferris and asked him about the current status of the Northern Heights subdivision in Guilford and plans for reconstruction of Crooked Hill Road in Durham. Mr. Ferris indicated he is still planning to proceed with the project this spring but he is still working on finalizing financing for the project and it is taking him a little longer than expected. Mr. Ferris said that he would get back in touch with him once the project financial arrangements have been finalized.

345kV Transmission Line Update

Renee Edwards stated that (2) separate expenses for the month of November 2006 in the amount of \$525.00 have been spent in legal fees.

Approval of Meeting Minutes January 8th, January 9th, and January 16th, 2007 Board of Selectmen's Meetings

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO APPROVE JANUARY 8TH, 2007 MEETING MINUTES WITH CHANGES. ALL AYES.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO APPROVE JANUARY 9TH, 2007 MEETING MINUTES. ALL AYES.

January 16th, 2007 meeting minutes not approved.

Old/New Business

Renee Edwards read correspondence from the Public Safety Committee received from Susan Viccaro, Superintendent of Schools in reference to a question the Public Safety Committee posed about the Mica Hill school bus route. Ms. Viccaro stated that in discussions with Dattco, Regional District 13 school buses should avoid the use of Crooked Hill Road at anytime. Mica Hill, although narrow at the S-curve is still the safer choice for coming in as well as going out.

Renee Edwards discussed a letter received from the Durham/Middlefield Exchange Club dated January 17, 2007 stating they were conducting a search for a recipient of their Book of Golden Deeds Award. Renee stated that she had someone in mind, Maryann Boord agreed. Renee asked that this be acted upon quickly as the correspondence needed for nomination has to be sent in by February 10, 2007.

Renee Edwards stated that she would like the Board of Selectmen to take a look at the new town charter to see what changes affect the Board of Selectmen so they can discuss. Two issues that she was aware of were the formation of an ethics committee and town acquisition policy. Beth Moncata stated that she thought Finance Director, Maryjane Malavasi had done some research already on an acquisition policy. Renee Edwards suggested that Maryjane Malavasi attend the next Board of Selectmen's meeting to bring them up to date with her research.

Maryann Boord stated that the Regional Health District Exploratory Committee has made no final choice yet and the committee may file for an extension of time. The two final towns that they have selected have suggested that the committee meet with the directors.

Selectmen's Comments

Maryann Boord stated that State Representative, Raymond Kalinowski introduced a bill to name a portion of Route 17 to the Guilford town line to Charles Wimler. She suggested that the First Selectmen draft a letter of support and present it at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Renee Edwards commended Ellen Mauro and the Public Works Employees for doing a good job preparing for the Wimler funeral services.

Maryann Boord commented on an email that she received from Attorney George O'Brien, Town Counsel stating that he will be leaving the employment of Tyler Cooper, and asked the question of how this would affect the Town of Durham. Renee Edwards commented that Attorney O'Brien had assured her that the transition will be effortless on the town's part and that key people within the firm who have already been working with the town will continue to do so.

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

Renee Edwards adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata