

Town of Durham
Board of Selectman's Meeting
Monday, June 12, 2006
6:45 p.m., Strong School Library

Call to order and Roll Call

James McLaughlin called the meeting order at 6:47 at the Strong School Library.

Selectmen Members Present

Renee Primus Edwards, James McLaughlin
Maryann Boord arrived 7:07

Pledge

James McLaughlin asked Sue Wimler to lead the meeting in a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS, SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED WITH 2 AYES.

Public Comments

No Public Comments.

Volunteer Day, October 21, 2006; Volunteer Recognition Reception

PALS, Public Association of Library Supports, are planning to hold a Volunteer Job Fair at the Durham Public Library on Saturday, October 21, 2006. Laurie Stevens stated that they would like the Board of Selectmen to support this event by declaring October 21st, "Volunteer Day" in Durham with a proclamation and consider coordinating a "Volunteer Recognition Reception" with the Volunteer Job Fair. Laura Francis has agreed to help publicize the event on the town website and has given the association a contact list.

MOTION BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN, SECONDED BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS TO DECLARE OCTOBER 21ST VOLUNTEER DAY IN DURHAM WITH A PROCLAMATION. MOTION PASSED WITH 2 AYES.

Statement of Understanding; Town of Durham and Middlesex Central CT Chapter of the American Red Cross

James McLaughlin stated that the purpose of the statement of understanding is to provide for the cooperation and coordination between the Town of Durham and the Middlesex Central CT Red Cross in carrying out their respective responsibilities in the event of a natural or man made disaster. It is designed to define the fields of Red Cross responsibility and thereby help avoid confusion and the duplication of effort. Ultimately it is designed to ensure the effective and efficient provision of the services to the citizens of the Town of Durham in the event of a disaster.

MOTION BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS, SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO SIGN THE STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN OF DURHAM AND MIDDLESEX CENTRAL CT CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. MOTION PASSED WITH 2 AYES.

Tax Refunds

The Tax Collector requested fifteen Tax Refunds in the total of \$2,437.28.

MOTION BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS, SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,437.28. MOTION PASSED WITH 2 AYES.

Maryann Boord Arrived 7:07

EMS Committee; appointments

Renee Primus Edwards stated that the EMS Committee requested the Board of Selectmen to reconstitute the EMS Committee. The Charge for the committee was discussed as follows:

- Balance Bill; How can they (EMS) offset the balance due from Medicare costs that are incurred by the Elderly so that the Elderly will not hesitate to use the services?
- How can they provide the best service?
- How can they become better integrated with the town?

Potential candidates for the committee were given: Harry Hall, Dave Steele, Irv Leining, Scott Wright, Susan Wimler, Marshall Bragg, Fran Korn, and Brad Wilkinson. Renee Primus Edwards stated that she would like to be seated on the committee also and asked if Maryann would also be interested.

Maryann Boord stated that she would like a formal charge for the committee and a better definition before assigning members. She also would like to have a better look at volunteers. Sue Wilmer reiterated that the original purpose of the EMS Committee was the Bundle Billing issue, which continues to be an area of concern. She questioned why it has to take so long to come to a conclusion on the committee since they need to move forward with the Medicare item.

Renee Primus Edwards indicated that she would have Scott Wright come up with a formal charge and that the Board of Selectmen would readdress appointments on the next BoS agenda.

Offer to Sell Land to the Town of Durham

James McLaughlin was presented an offer from Durham resident, Jay Meadows to purchase 2 acres of land. Maryann Boord suggested getting a written proposal/estimate from Mr. Meadows and readdress this on the next BoS agenda. James McLaughlin agreed and also suggested that it should be held in executive session.

Crooked Hill Road Update

James McLaughlin presented an update on a meeting held at the town hall on Friday, June 9th, with himself, Attorney Richard Adams, Attorney Rebecca Adams, Attorney John Corona, Brian Ferris, and Brian Curtis in reference to an agreement that was presented to Attorney John Corona regarding the road improvements required of Brian Ferris by Guilford Planning and Zoning. The Town of Durham is waiting for Mr. Ferris to agree to the recommendations that the Guilford Planning and Zoning have made before going to the Board of Selectman for approval. Attorney Corona stated that he was not agreeable with the 3% bond for engineering costs, as he believes that the improvements to Crooked Hill Road are not part of a new road. The Town of Durham considers the improvements to be a new road that will include property transfers. The Town of Durham is now waiting to hear back from Attorney Corona and Mr. Ferris on the status of the agreement.

Jim McLaughlin also stated that he will be requesting a bill from Attorney Adams for Friday's meeting and that he will discuss the issue of not having both Attorney Richard Adams and Attorney Rebecca Adams at meetings in the future to be more cost effective.

345kv Transmission Line Update

James McLaughlin discussed the Siting Council Meeting on June 7th in which he attended. The proposal to bring the transmission lines around the edge of the Royal Oak subdivision was rejected. The bypass was too close to the Royal Oak neighborhood and was not in accord with earlier CSC decisions. The Siting Council will be working with CL&P on a new plan for the Royal Oak Bypass.

James McLaughlin also notified the BoS of billing received from Halloran & Sage for services from 4/3/06-4/28/06, in the amount of \$2,128.75.

Approval of the May 22, 2006 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Correction of Steve Levy to Dr. Steve Levy.

Also, need clarification of last (2) lines on page 6.

Old/New Business

James McLaughlin stated that he received a memo from the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, dated 6/12/06, in reference to Local Distribution Points and Emergency Power Requirements in a Catastrophic Disaster. The memo with attachments will be forwarded to Dr. Steve Levy to complete and return.

James McLaughlin also stated that he contacted Dr. Betty Sternberg, Commissioner of Education, via written letter that the Charter Revision Commission was trying to locate a copy of the original plan for RSD13 and could she help.

He also stated that a letter was drafted to Robbin Cabelus, Executive Director of the State Traffic Commission in reference to the elimination of the Passing Zone in the area of the Hitching Post Restaurant and the Quick Stop convenience store.

Adjourn

MOTION BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS, SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:35.
MOTION PASSED WITH 2 AYES.

Submitted by Beth Moncata