

Board of Selectmen Meeting
December 11, 2006
6:30 p.m., 3rd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Call to Order and Roll Call

James McLaughlin, Maryann Boord, Renee Primus in attendance

Approval of the Agenda

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Scott Wright led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

None

Town of Durham WPCS/Durham Rod & Gun Update

John Corona stated a site walk of the property had taken place on December 9, 2006 in which James McLaughlin and Maryann Boord attended. The Club had provisional approval from the DEP, a public hearing was being held December 11th with Inland/Wetlands, and Planning & Zoning would be having a public hearing soon.

Maryann Boord commented that the property owners were willing to gift a 13-acre piece of the southwesterly corner for a senior center.

John Corona stated that the Senior Center Site Committee has looked at the property but has made no determination yet, but are considering it. They have been talking to the Town Engineer, Brian Curtis about potential costs.

Planning & Zoning Appointments

Maryann Boord nominated Mike Geremia for the alternate position.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO APPOINT MIKE GEREMIA TO THE ALTERNATE POSITION ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION TO FILL JACQUILINE SNOWS VACANCY, TERM TO EXPIRE 12/11/2007. ALL AYES.

End of Year Appointments

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO REAPPOINT ROGER KLEEMAN TO THE BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR A 5-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/11/2011. ALL AYES.

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO REAPPOINT RALPH CHASE TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR A 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/11/2009. ALL AYES.

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO REAPPOINT FREDERICK HUNTLEY TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR A 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/11/09. ALL AYES.

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO REAPPOINT RICHARD HANLEY TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A 2-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/11/08. ALL AYES.

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO REAPPOINT CARL MONTAGNO TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A 2-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/11/08. ALL AYES.

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO REAPPOINT JERRY LIPCHUS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A 2-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/11/08. ALL AYES.

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO REAPPOINT TIMOTHY MACK TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR A 2-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/11/08. ALL AYES.

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO REAPPOINT DUNCAN MILNE TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR A 5-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/11/2011. ALL AYES.

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO REAPPOINT GEORGE ZEEB TO THE INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY FOR A 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/11/09. ALL AYES.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO APPOINT PAT DINATALE TO THE INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY FOR A 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/11/09. ALL AYES.

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO REAPPOINT SHIRLEY BIELEFIELD TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD FOR A 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/11/09. ALL AYES.

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO REAPPOINT HENRY ROBINSON TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD FOR A 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/11/09. ALL AYES.

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO REAPPOINT HOWARD KELLEY TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN BOARD FOR A 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/11/09. ALL AYES.

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO REAPPOINT RAYMOND BAHR TO THE WATER COMMISSION FOR A 3-YEAR TERM EXPIRING 12/4/09. ALL AYES.

Approval of the 2007 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE 2007 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING SCHEDULE. ALL AYES.

Approval of the Bid for Roof Repair of 51 Main Street Property

James McLaughlin explained that a bid was formulated with the town Building Inspector supplying the specifications. Several bids were requested with one submission. He also went on to say because of December meeting schedule changes, he went to the Board of Finance meeting on the 6th of December to request \$11,900.00 for the repair. The Board of Finance approved the transfer from the Emergency Services Facility Reserve Fund.

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO APPROVE THE BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,900.00 FOR THE REPAIR OF THE ROOF AT 51 MAIN STREET. ALL AYES.

Set Special Town Meeting Date, December 27, 2006

- a. To Approve Final FY 2005-2006 Budget Transfers
- b. To Approve Carryovers
- c. To Approve the Transfer of \$11,900.00 from Reserve to Repair Roof at 51 Main Street

To be readdressed at next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Public Act No. 03-254 (Health Insurance for Volunteers)

James McLaughlin discussed Public Act No. 03-254 as an act concerning participation of volunteer firefighters and ambulance personnel in municipal employee health insurance programs.

Scott Wright addressed the board stating that he felt strongly about keeping volunteers in town. He stated that volunteers are being faced with rising health care costs making current health care options

financially impossible. He felt that the Public Act was a win, win situation for everyone with no cost to the town. Volunteers pay 100% of the premium of options they select.

James McLaughlin stated that this act was passed specifically for volunteers to keep them in town.

Maryann Boord referred to the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of 12/1/03 when this was previously discussed ending with questions that were unanswered. She had concern about making the right choice for the town. James McLaughlin stated that he had a conversation with the Town of Southington who offered this option to its volunteers in 2003 and commented that they are very happy with the program.

Scott Wright commented that a meeting was held with Darlene Kish-Thomson, the towns' insurance representative, and she stated that she has done this as a subgroup for other associates.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO OFFER HEALTH INSURANCE FOR TOWN VOLUNTEERS. ALL AYES.

Crooked Hill Road Update

James McLaughlin stated that the Town Engineer, Brian Curtis has been in communication with Mary Ryan and to date no activity has been started.

345kV Transmission Line Update

Maryann Boord discussed an email from Dean DelVecchio addressed to Attorney General Blumenthal dated December 7, 2006 quoting comments from the DPH and recommendations.

Approval of November 20, 2006 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 20, 2006 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES. ALL AYES.

Old/New Business

Maryann Boord brought the selectmen up to date on a meeting she attended with Sue Viccaro, Chet Raczka, Jon Brayshaw, and Robert Gourley. Jon Brayshaw stated that he talked to DMIAAB about the possibility of parking the school buses on their property. M. Boord also commented that Robert Gourley wants to meet with the Board of Selectmen to review the pension plan. She also shared Renee Edwards's thoughts about the elections of Board of Education Members. John Brayshaw commented that Middlefield would be voting on their charter revision in the spring. Sue Viccaro reported that they had two final candidates for the Business Manager position.

James McLaughlin commented that he plans to attend the December meeting of DMIAAB and that he has a meeting scheduled with Milliman Consultants to discuss the current pension plan and will then contact J. Gourley.

James McLaughlin commented on the 75th anniversary in 2007 of the Washington Trail Markers and that more will be discussed at the next meeting.

Donia Viola asked James McLaughlin about the status of her request for assistance in changing the existing Regional School District 13 policy on negotiations and spending. James McLaughlin stated that the Board of Education was a separate political entity and that the Board of Selectmen has no power to make these changes. D. Viola asked if he could make change through our political leaders. J. McLaughlin stated that he meets with the Board of Education monthly and that he would send letters to everyone who he thinks could help.

Joan Zito stated that she supports Donia Viola. The Board of Education does not account for dollars spent and that they should be held accountable.

Adjourn

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:15 TO ATTEND JOINT MEETING OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. ALL AYES.

Submitted by,

Beth Moncata