

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
7:00 P.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007
TOWN HALL, 3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order and Roll Call

James McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:02.
Renee Edwards in attendance.

James McLaughlin led the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

MARYANN BOORD ARRIVED AT 7:05

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO MOVE ITEM #8 AFTER #3 PUBLIC COMMENTS. 2 AYES.

Public Comments

Donia Viola thanked James McLaughlin for the letters he sent to State Representative Raymond Kalinowski and Senator Edward Meyer in reference to her concern of the lack of local government control of educational spending.

Correspondence from Public Safety Committee on Recommendations:

- A. Mica Hill Road
- B. Sand Hill Road
- C. Maple Avenue

James McLaughlin read the following correspondence into the record.

Comments were as follows:

➤ Mica Hill Road:

Renee Edwards questioned if safety was the reason that the School Board/Bus Company should be contacted to evaluate the direction of travel. Frank DeFelice stated yes.

Frank DeFelice commented that the majority of neighbors on Mica Hill are in agreement with the recommendations.

➤ Sand Hill Road:

Renee Edwards stated that the concern was speed and asked if there were plans for use of the Smart Machine.

James McLaughlin commented that the machine has been in use on Sand Hill but mentioned that the machine is not used in the rain.

Frank DeFelice stated that he spoke with resident Susan DelVecchio and she commented that the Smart Machine has had some effect on speeding. Additional police enforcement was also requested by Frank DeFelice.

Frank also stated that the Public Safety Committee is looking into a capital funds appropriation and that grant money was available to purchase a Smart machine for the town.

➤ Maple Avenue:

Renee Edwards questioned grading as a solution. Frank DeFelice stated that the committee looked at the grading and humps. At their next meeting, the committee will cover long-term recommendations to present to the board. He also stated that it was important that the Board of Selectmen implement the recommendations that the committee has presented.

James McLaughlin commented that he received a phone call from Ken Lussier, traffic engineer with the DOT reporting back on a request made about 2 years ago from Maryann Board.

The study of Route 147 and Maple Avenue revealed that of about 17 accidents identified during the study, 14 of them occurred during rainy weather. The DOT concludes that slippery pavement might be a contributing factor to the accidents and so they are studying the use of skid resistant pavement to make the intersection safer.

The study of Route 68 and Maple Avenue concluded that no changes are necessary except that the sightline-looking west from the northbound direction could be improved by elimination of some summer vegetation.

Donia Viola commented that Ken Lussier also contacted her on the same subject.

Public Safety Committee
Town of Durham, Connecticut
Town House Road, Durham, Connecticut 06422

To: Board of Selectmen
Town of Durham
Town House Road
Durham, Connecticut 06422

Date: December 16, 2006

RE: Improvements to Vehicular Line-of-Sight & Signage - Mica Hill Road

Dear Selectmen and Selectwomen,

At its meeting on December 13, 2006, the Durham Public Safety Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the following improvements be made to Mica Hill Road in Durham:

- 1) Vegetation along the sides of Mica Hill Road (especially at the "S-Curve") impeding vehicular line-of-sight should be removed immediately and regularly throughout the year.
- 2) Existing signage on Mica Hill Road be replaced to include the following:
 - New Speed Limit Signs.
 - Prominent warning of the approaching "S-Curve" using large arrows.
- 3) The School Board / Bus Company should be contacted to evaluate the direction of travel for school buses along Mica Hill Road.

The committee believes that these improvements will reduce the likelihood of motor vehicle accidents. We are available at your convenience to discuss these recommendations.

On behalf of the Durham Public Safety Committee,



Frank C. DeFelice, Committee Chairman

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Public Safety Committee
Town of Durham, Connecticut
Town House Road, Durham, Connecticut 06422

To: Board of Selectmen
Town of Durham
Town House Road
Durham, Connecticut 06422

Date: December 16, 2006

RE: Improvements to Vehicular Line-of-Sight & Signage - Sand Hill Road

Dear Selectmen and Selectwomen,

At its meeting on December 13, 2006, the Durham Public Safety Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the following improvements be made to Sand Hill Road in Durham:

- 1) Vegetation and sand which is currently piled along the shoulder of Route 79 near the intersection of Sand Hill Road and Route 79 should be removed to improve vehicular line-of-sight.
- 2) Signage along Sand Hill Road should be upgraded and speed limit signs added.

The committee believes that these improvements will reduce the likelihood of motor vehicle accidents. We are available at your convenience to discuss these recommendations.

On behalf of the Durham Public Safety Committee,



Frank C. DeFelice, Committee Chairman

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Public Safety Committee

Town of Durham, Connecticut

Town House Road, Durham, Connecticut 06422

To: Board of Selectmen
Town of Durham
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Durham, Connecticut 06422

Date: December 16, 2006

RE: Enforcement & Data Acquisition on Maple Avenue

Dear Selectmen and Selectwomen,

The committee is continuing its research into a variety of "traffic calming" devices which will provide a long-term solution to the excessive vehicle speeds on Maple Avenue and other roads in Durham.

At its meeting on December 13, 2006, the Durham Public Safety Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the following interim actions be taken on both sections Maple Avenue:

- Renewed emphasis on utilization of the "SMART" Machine; to allow for data acquisition which can be used to develop long-term solutions to excessive vehicle speeds.
- Renewed emphasis on speed enforcement by members of by CSP Troop F.

As always, the committee is available at your convenience to discuss these recommendations.

On behalf of the Durham Public Safety Committee,



Frank C. DeFelice, Committee Chairman

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Senior Tax Relief Committee Resignation

James McLaughlin made a motion to send a note of thanks to Rosemarie Naples and accept her resignation.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO SEND A NOTE OF THANKS AND ACCEPT ROSEMARIE NAPLES RESIGNATION FROM THE SENIOR TAX RELIEF COMMITTEE. ALL AYES.

P.A.L.S. Request to Serve Alcohol for 11th Annual Taste of Durham Fundraiser on Saturday, February 3, 2007

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO APPROVE P.A.L.S. REQUEST TO SERVE ALCOHOL FOR 11TH ANNUAL TASTE OF DURHAM FUNDRAISER ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2007. ALL AYES.

Proclamation: Second Annual Winter Wonderland Walk for the Cure for Breast Cancer

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, breast cancer is one of the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women, and more than 211,240 new cases of breast cancer in women and in some men will be diagnosed in the United States in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut has the highest rate of breast cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut is home to 37,000 breast cancer survivors; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,739 Connecticut women are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 875 are expected to die from the disease in 2006; and

WHEREAS, thanks to early detection, the five year survival rate for Connecticut women, estimated to be 97 percent, is one of the highest in the country; and

WHEREAS, the risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer increases with age and early detection is its best defense. The American Cancer Society has set forth guidelines, considered by many in the medical community to be the standard of care, that women aged 40 and older have an annual mammogram; and

WHEREAS, women who are uninsured or underinsured can have access to breast cancer screening and treatment through the national Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut is dedicated to promoting better health for all women through increased community education and community awareness of the breast cancer health crisis in our state; and

WHEREAS, celebrating a decade of success, the Breast Cancer Alliance continues it's mission of seeking to fund innovative breast cancer research and promote breast health through education and outreach, and improving the quality of life for breast cancer patients; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2007, the Outing Club, Eastern Mountain Sports Connecticut stores will sponsor a fundraising and awareness event, the Winter Wonderland Walk For the Cure To Benefit Breast Cancer Research and the Susan G. Komen Foundation Connecticut Affiliate Breast Cancer Alliance; now

THEREFORE WE, the Board of Selectmen, of the Town of Durham, of the State of Connecticut, in recognition of the need to increase awareness about breast cancer, do hereby officially join our Governor, M. Jodi Rell, of the State of Connecticut, in proclaiming January 20, 2007 as Winter Wonderland Walk For The Cure Day.

James W. McLaughlin
First Selectman

Renee Primus Edwards
Selectwoman

Maryann P. Boord
Selectwoman

Dated in Durham, Connecticut, this 8th Day of January 2007

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO ACCEPT PROCLAMATION FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL WINTER WONDERLAND WALK FOR THE CURE FOR BREAST CANCER. ALL AYES.

Approval of Tax Refunds

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE EDWARDS TO APPROVE 21 TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,281.87. ALL AYES.

(See attachment last page for details)

Correspondence from Lieutenant Stephen P. Castagliuolo, Troop F, Westbrook

James McLaughlin read a letter dated December 26, 2006 from Lieutenant Stephen P. Castagliuolo, Commanding Officer from Troop F, Westbrook. The letter stated that at the Durham's Board of Selectmen's meeting of September 11, 2006 there was a discussion among the Selectmen regarding the need for an additional Resident State Trooper for the Town of Durham. Upon a review of criminal, motor vehicle and calls for service statistics for Durham, as well as increasing population considerations and discussions with the current Resident State Trooper and current Resident Trooper Supervisor, he strongly urged the Town of Durham to consider the addition of at least one Resident State Trooper.

Maryann Boord spoke about both the Public Safety Committee (P.S.C.) and Troop F having expressed strong feelings in opposition and favor, respectively, of an additional resident state trooper and suggested that the Board of Selectmen arrange a meeting to hear both sides.

Frank DeFelice stated that the letter from Troop F mentioned a large increase in "calls for service". What the letter doesn't say is that in 2005 the State Police changed the criteria of what a service call is.

Frank DeFelice commented that he had a conversation with the Lieutenant and thought that they were on the same page. Renee Edwards asked if the P.S.C. had received statistics for 2006. Frank commented that Troop F was to supply the statistical data by 12/5/06 and has not received it yet. Once this data is received, the committee would like to review it to see if they would have a change in opinion. The next step would be to arrange a meeting with Lt. Castagliuolo and Peter DiGioia to discuss their findings. If the data indicate that the town needs additional support, the P.S. C. would recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the town access programs funded by grant money. Frank recommended to the Board of Selectmen not to appropriate any money at this time for another resident state trooper.

James McLaughlin commented that the Board of Selectmen has encouraged RST Peter DiGioia to apply for any/all grant money that is available to him.

Discussion of Washington Trail Markers; Ad Hoc Study Committee

James McLaughlin discussed naming an ad hoc study committee to determine what is needed to keep the tradition of the Washington Trail Markers alive as it nears its 75th anniversary in 2007.

Frank Behrens spoke about the committee that was formed in 1982 that examined and refurbished all the markers at no cost to the town noting that some of the original members of that committee are available. He stated that over the years some plaques were damaged and some mysteriously have disappeared. In 2007, there will be a grand march from New Jersey through Durham and he would like to have the trail markers repaired by then.

The Board of Selectmen agreed that this is important and will name members of the committee at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 11th, December 20th, and December 27th, 2006 Board of Selectmen's meetings

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2006 AS AMENDED. ALL AYES.

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

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 27, 2006. 2 AYES. RENEE EDWARDS ABSTAIN.

Old/New Business

James McLaughlin read a letter dated December 29, 2006 addressed to Mr. John Corona, on behalf of the Durham Senior Citizens Board, from Lainey Melvin, Chairperson, concerning the 13-acre parcel of land on the DR&G Club LLC and JRD Development LLC property on Rt. 79 in Durham. The letter stated that the Senior Citizen Board has some concerns regarding the property i.e.; is the probable high cost of developing the site and if the site line was coming from Rt. 79 south. The committee felt that if the offer could be extended for at least 5 years it would provide the committee the opportunity to investigate other possibilities, but also allow some time to have an engineering cost study conducted.

Maryann Boord mentioned that the Regional Health District Exploratory Committee will be ready to present at the February 5th Board of Selectmen's meeting.

James McLaughlin stated that he will be on vacation January 18th through January 29th, 2006 and Renee Edwards will be acting selectperson in his absence.

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

MOTION BY RENEE EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:55 P.M. ALL AYES.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata

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OWNERS NAMES

YEAR/CAT/BILL
PROPERTY

REFUND AMOUNT

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE
OR CHECK NUMBER

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AM SUZUKI AUTO CREDIT
P.O. BOX 680020
FRANKLIN, TN 30348
LOC:

2005 30 20050136
619RMA 01
PAYMENT DATE 08/03/2006
REASON: 02 MV REFUND

PRINCIPAL 117.15
TOTAL 117.15
CUSTOMER TOTAL

117.15

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ARRIGONI DION R
1439 SW DYER POINT RD
PALM CITY, FL 34990
LOC: CREAM POT RD

2004 20 99
A0008113
PAYMENT DATE 03/02/2006
REASON: 01 OVERPAYMEN

PRINCIPAL 29.42
TOTAL 29.42
CUSTOMER TOTAL

29.42

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BECKER FREDERICK
219 JACKSON ROAD
HIGGANUM, CT 06441
LOC:

2003 30 50434
57629C
PAYMENT DATE 04/04/2005
REASON: 02 MV REFUND

PRINCIPAL 41.80
TOTAL 41.80
CUSTOMER TOTAL

41.80

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BOYD, BRENDA L.
368 BLUE HILLS AVE
Durham, CT 06422
LOC:

2005 30 20050766
968LDN 01
PAYMENT DATE 08/08/2006
REASON: 02 MV REFUND

PRINCIPAL 88.46
TOTAL 88.46
CUSTOMER TOTAL

88.46

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CHASE MAN AUTO FIN CORP
14800 FRYE ROAD
FORT WORTH, TX 76155
LOC:

2005 30 20051220
329RHN 01
PAYMENT DATE 09/15/2006
REASON: 02 MV REFUND

PRINCIPAL 342.22
TOTAL 342.22
CUSTOMER TOTAL

342.22

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CHASE MAN AUTO FIN CORP
900 STEWART AVE
GARDEN CITY, NY 115304855
LOC:

2005 30 20051227
659REA 01
PAYMENT DATE 10/20/2006
REASON: 02 MV REFUND

PRINCIPAL 232.39
TOTAL 232.39
CUSTOMER TOTAL

574.61

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CLARK ELMER E
20 CLARK RD
DURHAM, CT 064222200
LOC:

2005 30 20051318
552579 11
PAYMENT DATE 08/14/2006
REASON: 02 MV REFUND

PRINCIPAL 2.34
TOTAL 2.34
CUSTOMER TOTAL

2.34

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COTRONE RAY P
490 NEW HAVEN RD
DURHAM, CT 064222513
LOC:

2005 30 20051477
427LCY 01
PAYMENT DATE 08/01/2006
REASON: 02 MV REFUND

PRINCIPAL 28.48
TOTAL 28.48
CUSTOMER TOTAL

28.48

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CUSHING DUANE E
37 MEETING HOUSE HILL RD
DURHAM, CT 06422-2808
LOC: 37 MEETING HOUSE HILL R

2005 20 20050683
C0060800
PAYMENT DATE 12/15/2006
REASON: 01 OVERPAYMEN

PRINCIPAL 312.59
TOTAL 312.59
CUSTOMER TOTAL

312.59

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DANIELS SUSAN V
BOX 542
DURHAM, CT 064220542
LOC:

2001 30 51468
893DNT
PAYMENT DATE 03/25/2003
REASON: 02 MV REFUND

PRINCIPAL 82.82
TOTAL 82.82
CUSTOMER TOTAL

82.82

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DEMO DAWN M
50 IRONWOOD LN
DURHAM, CT 064221406
LOC:
2004 30 51774
335RLT
PAYMENT DATE 06/23/2006
REASON: 02 MV REFUND
PRINCIPAL 9.01
TOTAL 9.01
CUSTOMER TOTAL
9.01
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EDWARDS PATRICIA K
140 HADDAM QUARTER RD
DURHAM, CT 064221608
LOC: 140 HADDAM QUARTER RD
2004 20 859
E0085700
PAYMENT DATE 01/27/2006
REASON: 01 OVERPAYMEN
PRINCIPAL 10.64
TOTAL 10.64
CUSTOMER TOTAL
10.64
12

FORD MOTOR CREDIT CO
C/O COMERICA BANK
39200 SIX MILE ROAD
DEPT. 231601
LIVONIA, MI 48152
LOC:
2003 30 52225
J44548
PAYMENT DATE 07/23/2004
REASON: 02 MV REFUND
PRINCIPAL 151.59
TOTAL 151.59
CUSTOMER TOTAL
151.59
13

FORD MOTOR CREDIT CO
C/O COMERICA BANK
39200 SIX MILE ROAD
DEPT. 231601
LIVONIA, MI 48152
LOC:
2004 30 52324
J44548
PAYMENT DATE 08/04/2005
REASON: 02 MV REFUND
PRINCIPAL 435.10
TOTAL 435.10
CUSTOMER TOTAL
435.10
14

GIANCOLA MARK C
38 CASA LANE
DURHAM, CT 06422
LOC:
2005 30 20052682
496CNA 03
PAYMENT DATE 10/02/2006
REASON: 02 MV REFUND
PRINCIPAL 13.73
TOTAL 13.73
CUSTOMER TOTAL
13.73
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HONDA LEASE TRUST
600 KELLY WAY
HOLYOKE, MA 01040-9682
LOC:
2005 30 20053278
374SED 01
PAYMENT DATE 08/07/2006
REASON: 02 MV REFUND
PRINCIPAL 15.88
TOTAL 15.88
CUSTOMER TOTAL
15.88
16

KEN MARINO SALES + SERVICE
C/O KEN MARINO
15 CHAMBERLAIN RD
MIDDLETOWN, CT 0645700000
LOC: 422 MAIN ST
2004 25 40155
4011500
PAYMENT DATE 01/27/2006
REASON: 01 OVERPAYMEN
PRINCIPAL 3.00
TOTAL 3.00
CUSTOMER TOTAL
3.00
17

RUCK, LISA J.
16th HOUSE WAY
RALEIGH, NC 27511
LOC:
2005 30 20055900
592PXD 01
PAYMENT DATE 12/06/2006
REASON: 01 OVERPAYMEN
PRINCIPAL 4.41
TOTAL 4.41
CUSTOMER TOTAL
4.41
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SAAB LEASING CO
BOX 7101
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72223
LOC:
2005 30 20055980
966SOF 01
PAYMENT DATE 08/14/2006
REASON: 02 MV REFUND
PRINCIPAL 173.41
TOTAL 173.41
CUSTOMER TOTAL
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VYNALIEK, DOUGLAS E.
368 BLUE HILL RD
Durham, CT 06422
LOC:

2005 30 20057077
241NSE 01
PAYMENT DATE 08/08/2006
REASON: 02 MV REFUND

PRINCIPAL 123.63
TOTAL 123.63
CUSTOMER TOTAL

123.63

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WOODWARD KEITH A
17 CASA LANE
DURHAM, CT 064222617
LOC:

2003 30 81239
7CV604
PAYMENT DATE 02/03/2005
REASON: 02 MV REFUND

PRINCIPAL 63.80
TOTAL 63.80
CUSTOMER TOTAL

63.80

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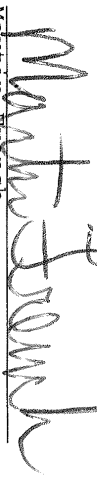
TOTAL REFUNDS PRINCIPAL 2,281.87
INTEREST .00
INT EXP .00
TOTAL ----- 2,281.87

TO: Board of Selectmen

Date:

1/2/2007

It is recommended that refunds of property tax in the amounts listed be made to the above named taxpayers in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-129 of Ct. Gen. St.



Martin French
Tax Collector, Town of Durham, CT

Board of Selectman Action: approved

not approved

Date: 08 Jan 07

signed:

