

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2005 Revised

Call to Order

First Selectwoman Maryann P. Boord called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Durham Public Library. Board of Selectmen members present: Maryann P. Boord, Ernie A. Judson, and Renee J. Primus.

Also present: Jim McLaughlin (First Selectmen-elect), Darlene Kish-Thomson, Martin French, Dave Monroe, Matt Engelhart (*Middletown Press*), Sue Vanderzee (*Town Times*), John Szewczyk, and several others.

M. Boord reported that there would be a change in the order of agenda items to allow the presentation of the presenters that are present and then move on to other items on the agenda.

A Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Health Insurance Plan will be offered to Town of Durham retirees at their own expense in order to be consistent with the Regional District #13 and Town of Middlefield policy.

Darlene Kish-Thomson Agent of Record and health care advisor for the Town of Durham recommended the town offer employees a plan that would cover retirees if they choose to move out of the State of Connecticut. Currently the plan in place does not give that option. M. Boord suggested adding the wording "who live out of state." D. Kish-Thomson stated this wording could be added. M. French stated that a retiree could remain on the original plan and travel out of state and return for medical appointments. D. Kish-Thomson agreed but stated that an emergency care visit for the person out of state under the current policy would be covered.

MOTION BY R. PRIMUS, SECONDED BY E. JUDSON TO ADD A PREFERRED PROVIDER ORGANIZATION (PPO) HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF DURHAM RETIREES, WHO LIVE OUT OF STATE, AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

E. Judson stated "As I'm leaving the BOS I just want to thank Darlene for the work she has done as our Insurance Agent of Record. Your presentations to our Board have always been professional, informative and with the best interest of the town in mind, this is in addition to saving us money over the previous methods of securing our insurance needs."

Skating Pond Committee update and decision on contractors for project.

Dave Monroe presented to the committee two bids that have been obtained for construction at the Skating Pond.

- Planeta Electric Company to install eight lights, eight poles, in addition to the setting and wiring of the poles. After speaking with Kurt Bober & Brian Curtis, who both have worked with Planeta Electric Company in past projects, in addition to Planeta having installed the initial lights at the pond, the Skating Committee found this to be the best choice for the town.
- Northford Enterprise will install a concrete wall and a weir, provide the fill needed, install silt fencing, plant vegetation to maintain the soil, build steps and benches around the pond, in addition to the labor and machinery.

R. Primus stated that these were the vendors that were voted on and approved at the Annual Town Meeting (ATM)..

M. Boord agreed, however, stated that due to questions at the ATM about bidding those items in excess of \$5,000, the Committee agreed at her request to solicit bids for those components of the project. Also, it is the Board of Selectmen who normally approves contracts.
MOTION BY M. BOORD, SECONDED BY E. JUDSON TO APPROVE THE WORK TO BE DONE BY PLANETA ELECTRIC COMPANY AND NORTHFORD ENTERPRISE AT THE SKATING POND. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

Dave Monroe concluded with giving thanks and appreciation to Board of Selectmen for the work that has been done on behalf of the town. He continued with stating his appreciation for all the time that has been given.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOTION BY E. JUDSON, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2005 AND NOVEMBER 14, 2005 AS PRESENTED, MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES. R. PRIMUS ASKED THAT THE CHANGES ON NOVEMBER 1ST, 2005 MINUTES BE MADE.

R. Primus asked that the changes in the November 1, 2005 minutes, which were approved at the November 14, 2005 meeting, be made.

Tax Refunds

MOTION BY M. BOORD, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,467.06; MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

1. V.W. Credit, Inc.
Attn: Tax Dept
1401 Franklin Blvd
Libertyville, IL 60048
Account #57053; List Year: 2004; Reason for refund: Sold '02 Audi A6; \$595.08
2. Joseph Millo
55 Sycamore Drive
Durham, CT 06422
Account #54684; List Year: 2004; Reason for refund: plate return- '81 Yamaha Spec; \$4.26
3. James/Robin Maletta
270 Maiden Lane
Durham, CT 06422
Account #54225; List Year: 2004; Reason for refund: plate return- '73 Stat Starlyle; \$2.24
4. Jayne Joyce
20 Laurel Terr
Durham, CT 06422
Account #53489; List Year: 2004; Reason for refund: plate return- '94 Toyota Paseo; \$18.62
5. Derek Harris
650 Wallingford Road
Durham, CT 06422

- Account #53023; List Year: 2004; Reason for refund: Sold '95 Volkswagen;
\$16.00
6. Catherine Gerace
314 Foot Hills Road
Durham, CT 06422
Account #52597; List Year: 2004; Reason for refund: plate return- '95 Honda;
\$8.02
 7. Heather Galli
23 Bear Rock Road
Durham, CT 06422
Account #52506; List Year: 2004; Reason for refund: Vehicle Junked- 88 Honda;
\$38.27
 8. Gary Flynn
27 Hi-Lo Road
Durham, CT 06422
Account #52298; List Year 2004; Reason for refund: Sold '00 Maxima
\$122.78
 9. Stevin Deangelis
233 Higganum Road
Durham, CT 06422
Account #51717; List Year 2004; Reason for refund: Plate returned '99 Chevy
\$54.45
 10. Jennifer Deangelis
223 Higganum Road
Durham, CT 06422
Account #51714; List Year 2004; Reason for refund: Plate returned '93 Acura
\$16.45
 11. Stevin Deangelis
223 Higganum Road
Durham, CT 06422
Account #51716; List Year 2004; Reason for refund: Plate returned '03 Super Tri
\$11.44
 12. Chase Man Auto Fin Corp
Box 5210
New Hyde Park, NY
Account #51205; List Year 2004; Reason for refund: Vehicle taxed twice-
\$405.84
 13. Jeffrey Zajac
26S Woods Lane
Durham, CT 06422
Account #57457; List Year 2004; Reason for refund: Over Payment '04 Dodge
\$173.61

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the first Selectwoman to sign a contract to investigate the formation of a Regional Health District.

M. Boord explained to the board that there are three steps for the application. The final approval will be made at Town Meeting.

MOTION BY E. JUDSON, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS AUTHORIZING THE FIRST SELECTWOMAN TO SIGN A CONTRACT TO INVESTIGATE THE FORMATION OF A REGIONAL HEALTH DISTRICT. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

Authorize the First Selectwoman to apply for a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for repairs and improvements to the Durham Center Water Company

M. Boord explained to the board the process of the application for a STEAP Grant and that this Grant will compliment the \$750,000 DECD Grant for the same project.

MOTION BY E. JUDSON, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRST SELECTWOMAN TO APPLY FOR A STEAP GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FOR REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DURHAM CENTER WATER COMPANY. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

Set the agenda for a Special Town Meeting December 5, 2005

MOTION BY E. JUDSON, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS TO SET THE AGENDA FOR A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DATED DECEMBER 5, 2005 TO INCLUDE DISCUSSION ON OLD YANKEE WAY AS A TOWN ROAD AND FILLING A VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

Resignations / Appointments

M. Boord accepted the resignation of Ralph Chase as Planning and Zoning Alternate with gratitude and pleasure that he will become a full member as the result of the recent election.

Currently there are three vacancies on the Economic Development Commission. Carl Montagnano of Durham has asked to be appointed to the committee. C. Montagnano spoke on his own behalf and stated that he is currently employed with Aetna for 13 years. In addition he is a member of the Notre' Dame Church and Knights of Columbus. He is looking for another way to get involved with the community

MOTION BY M. BOORD, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS TO APPOINT CARL MONTAGNANO AS A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO FILL THE BEADOIN VACANCY, TERM ENDING IN '06; MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

MOTION BY M. BOORD, SECONDED BY E. JUDSON TO APPOINT GERRY LIPHUS AS A MEMBER OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO FILL THE CONWAY VACANCY, TERM ENDING IN '06; M. BOORD ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER NOMINEES? NONE HEARD; MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

M. Boord spoke with Deborah Hoyt about obtaining a seat on the board. Ms. Hoyt stated that she would like to attend a couple meetings and might have an interest after the first of the year.

MOTION BY M. BOORD, SECONDED BY E. JUDSON TO NOMINATE TRISH BRADLEY AS A MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSE AGENCY; M. BOORD ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER NOMINEES? NONE HEARD; MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

MOTION BY M. BOORD, SECONDED BY E. JUDSON TO NOMINATE SUE WOODSON AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION; M BOORD ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER NOMINEES? NONE HEARD; MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

M. Boord reported there is a vacancy for an alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Jackie Snow was a full member and lost her seat in the recent election, but was the next highest vote getter. was

MOTION BY M. BOORD, SECONDED BY E. JUDSON TO NOMINATE JACKIE SNOW TO FILL THE PLANNING AND ZONING ALTERNATE SEAT; M BOORD ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER NOMINEES? NONE HEARD; MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

Approval of EDC brochure

M. Boord reported that she met with the committee last week. The indicated a willingness to accept suggestions for improvements from the new administration if so desired. None mentioned.

MOTION BY M. BOORD, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS TO APPROVE THE EDC BROCHURE AS PRESENTED; MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

Old/New Business and Update from the First Selectwoman

- Ground breaking for the Town Hall will be held Tuesday November 29, 2005, 10 AM at the Durham Town Hall on the Green.
- Wednesday, November 30, 2005 Connecticut Sitting Council Hearing
- Join the Durham Recreation Committee on the Green on Saturday, December 3, 2005 for the holiday tree lighting. The Durham Recreation Committee will also be collecting used coats at the holiday tree gathering. Festivities begin at 4:00pm.
- Swearing-in Ceremony for Elected Officials of the Town of Durham December 4, 2005 2:30 p.m. at the Durham Public Library Maple Avenue
- M. Boord suggested that Thursday, December 8, 2005 there will be a joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen and the Water Commission at 7:00 PM at the Durham Public Library, Maple Avenue to discuss the Senior Housing development on Stage Coach Road. Connecticut Water Company has the Exclusive Service Rights in that area and is considering signing those rights over to The Town of Durham. No commitment from new Board members at this time.

- A letter was received from Anita Guarino commending the efforts by Bruce Rau and Marty Rau in the efforts in finding her lost 15-year-old Dalmatian who is deaf and arthritic.
- Connecticut Yankee has completed 83% of the decommissioning and is on schedule for a completion upon the end of 2006.
- M. Boord reported the response from CL&P regarding options proposed by the Town during the Development and Management (D&M) Phase were disappointing. She will respond in writing by the deadline of Friday, December 2, 2005

Public Comments

- Donia Viola asked if there is a new location for the seniors to be picked up by the bus during the winter months. The lower lot at United Churches is slippery. M. Boord stated that she would check with Jan Muraca for an update.
- Donia Viola also expressed concern with the quality of Middletown water if the Town of Durham pursue that option for the Superfund site.
- John Szewczyk thanked the board for their four years of hard work and asked for M. Boord & R. Primus to continue the good work.
- M. Boord replied that she has loved it, and enjoyed serving the Town of Durham and looks forward to continuing to serve on the board.

Adjourn

MOTION BY E. JUDSON, SECONDED BY R. PRIMUS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:10 PM; MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamey Ahrens