

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 8, 2006

Call to Order and Roll Call

First Selectman Jim McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Durham Public Library.

Selectmen Members Present: James McLaughlin, Renee Primus Edwards, Maryann Boord

Pledge

J. McLaughlin led the meeting in a Pledge of Alliance to the flag.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Public Comments: No Public Comments. First Selectman J. McLaughlin thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Roger Newton Proclamation



OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

JAMES W. MCLAUGHLIN
First Selectman

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Roger B. Newton*, a life-long resident of this town, having devoted much of his life to serving his community; and

WHEREAS, he was for many years a member of the Durham Grange, serving as Master and also Master of Pomona, and a member of the Durham Fair Association promoting the importance of agriculture in Durham and in the state of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, he was committed to the education of the youth of this community and served as an assistant Boy Scout leader and also spent ten years as a member of the Board of Education and volunteered on building committees guiding the construction of Coginchaug High School, additions to Brewster School, Korn School, Coginchaug High School, John Lyman and Memorial School; and

WHEREAS, he was the recipient of Regional District 13's Friends of Education Award in 2006 and the National Exchange Club's Golden Book of Deeds Award in 1998; and

WHEREAS, he was a devoted member of the United Churches of Durham; and

WHEREAS, he was the unofficial town historian, collecting, documenting and sharing his knowledge through the Durham Historical Society, and through countless informal and formal presentations about his town to the citizens of Durham; and

WHEREAS, he was a tireless, positive presence in his community, offering guidance and support, always giving of himself but never seeking recognition,

NOW THEREFORE: We, by Town Meeting action, do hereby extend our deepest admiration and respect to, *Roger B. Newton*, and are grateful for the privilege we had of knowing and working with him.

James W. McLaughlin
First Selectman

Renee Primus Edwards
Selectman

Maryann P. Boord
Selectman

Dated in Durham, Connecticut, this 8th day of May, 2006



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R. Primus Edwards thanked Carolyn Wallach for her time as she was the primary source in the creation of the Roger Newton Proclamation. R. Edwards suggested that Mrs. Wallach be asked to read the Proclamation at Annual Budget Meeting.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS TO APPROVE AND BRING THE ROGER NEWTON PROCLAMATION TO ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

United Churches Proclamation



OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

JAMES W. MCLAUGHLIN
First Selectman

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2006 marks the tercentenary of the first public Christian worship service in Durham; and

WHEREAS, on May 23, 1706, Nathaniel Chauncey, a student at the Saybrook Academy offered public Christian worship for the Congregational believers of the settlement of Coginchaug; and

WHEREAS, Nathaniel Chauncey would Shepard the flock in Durham, overseeing the building of the first meeting house; and

WHEREAS, Nathaniel Chauncey oversaw the formation of the ecclesiastical society, until his death in 1756; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Durham take this occasion to honor and celebrate Rev. Mr. Nathaniel Chauncey and those first believers who gathered with him that day three hundred years ago.

Signed this 8th day of May 2006

James W. McLaughlin
First Selectman

Renee Primus Edwards
Selectwoman

Maryann P. Boord
Selectwoman



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MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE UNITED CHURCHES PROCLAMATION. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO AMEND THE AGENDA AND ADD THE GABRIAL RESOLUTION. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

Approval of the Five-year Local Capital Improvements Plan

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE TOWN OF DURHAM FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROPOSAL WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES.

Local Projects

Chalker Road	FY 2008/2009	FY 2009/2010	FY 2010/2011
	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000

Conservation Commission

Open space acquisition	FY 2008/2009	FY 2009/2010	FY 2010/2011
\$	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000

MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

Salary Survey Consultants Review

M. Boord asked if references had been contacted on the salary survey proposals that were received. J. McLaughlin replied not at this time because he was looking for further direction from the other selectmen after they had an opportunity to review the responses to the bid notice, of which there were two consultants. The board members agreed to hold off of this item until references have been contacted.

Municipal Director Appointment/Reappointment; Len Baginski

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS TO REAPPOINT LEN BAGINSKI AS MUNICIPAL DIRECTOR. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

Economic Development Commission (EDC) Resignation; Scott Douglas

J. McLaughlin read the letter or resignation presented from Scott Douglas announcing his resignation from the Economic Development Commission.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS TO ACCEPT HIS RESIGNATION AND THANKED MR. DOUGLAS FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE TOWN. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

R. Edwards explained that an error in appointments to the EDC had been previously in that the vacancy due to Roger Conway's resignation, who is a democrat, was filled with a republican. Per Charter, vacancies are to be filled with a person of the same party that is vacating the seat. R. Edwards stated that there are now 2 vacancies due to resignations that require action. The 2 vacancies are from republicans; however, one of these seats should go to a democrat in order to correct the error made with the Roger Conway vacancy appointment.

Public Safety Committee; request for incorporation of specific language into the towns' municipal ordinance re: Deposit of Snow, Ice, Leaves or Other Debris on Public Roadways

M. Boord advised Town Council would need to approve and/or amend the existing ordinance that addresses removal of snow from sidewalks and suggested having Town Council review and make any necessary changes. J. McLaughlin replied he would turn it over to Town Council and report back to the Selectmen at the next meeting; however, he stated that a new ordinance may be created if the existing ordinance is not an appropriate location for the new language regarding deposit of snow, ice, leaves or other debris on public roadways.

Durham Historical Society; Electrical Box Move Request

J. McLaughlin read for the record a letter addressed to the Durham Board of Selectman from the Historical Society stating their dissatisfaction with the installation of the electrical box in front of the Sabbath Day House. J. McLaughlin reported that he has since spoken to Kurt Bober and they have discussed the options of either moving the box or the installation of a fence to satisfy the Historical Society. M. Boord suggested scheduling a meeting with all interested parties to come to an agreement as to how to resolve the issue. J. McLaughlin stated he would schedule the meeting and let the board know of the date.

Durham Garden Club request site for Blue Star Marker

J. McLaughlin reported the Durham Garden Club would like to honor all men and women who have served, are serving, or will serve in the Armed Forces of the Unites States with a Blue Star By-Way Marker.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE DURHAM GARDEN CLUB BLUE STAR MARKER. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

President of the Durham Garden Club addressed the Selectmen with some questions on the gardens that are going to be outside the Town Hall Offices. M. Boord suggested putting together some options and they can discuss in more detail.

Tax Refunds

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LISTED TAX REFUNDS. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

Grem Yvette
93R Camera Road
Durham, CT 06422
REFUND: \$19.53

Honda Lease Trust
600 Kelly Way
Holyoke, MA 01040
REFUND: \$266.03

Huang Hong
475 Powder Hill Road
Durham, CT 06422
REFUND: \$72.20

Mazda American Credit
PO Box 680020
Franklin, TN 37068
REFUND: \$340.40

O'Keefe, Christian V or Anamaria A
58 Canterbury Drive
Durham, CT 06422
REFUND: \$49.17

Roger A Passavant
39 Old Blue Hills Rd
Durham, CT 06422
REFUND: \$13.77

Patricia A Vitali
PO Box 226
Durham, CT 06422
REFUND: \$24.24

VW Credit Leasing LTD
1401 Franklin Blvd
Libertyville, IL 60048
REFUND: \$380.15

Rodney M Williams
56 Brittany Dr
Durham, CT 06422
REFUND: \$775.69

Charles Wimler Jr.
54R Buckboard Rd
Durham, CT 06422
REFUND: \$12.05

Brian Dumont
34 Wilcox Dr
Durham, CT 06422
REFUND: \$1.48

Patricia S Paganetti
645 Saybrook Road Apt 309
Middletown, CT 06457
REFUND: \$184.45

Approval of the April 24, 2006 Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

MOTION BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS, SECONDED BY MARYANN BOORD TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES DATED APRIL 24, 2006. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

Public Comments

A townspeople addressed the Board of Selectmen with gratitude that the flag pole in front of the Durham Post Office has been replaced. She explained that she had stated at the previous Board of Selectmen meeting that she had contacted the Post Master and Ray Kalinowski about replacing the flag pole, but nothing had been done. Following her request that the Board of Selectmen look into the matter, the flag pole was changed during the past couple of weeks. She thanked the Board for their speedy response, but the Board could not take credit as it was pointed out that Ray Kalinowski organized the replacement.

Adjourn

The Board of Selectman adjourned at 7:55 to attend the Annual Budget Meeting. Board of Selectman will reconvene.

The Board of Selectmen reconvened at 9:18 pm.

Old/New Business

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS TO AMEND THE AGENDA IN ORDER TO ACT ON THE REQUEST FROM L. MELVIN ON BEHALF OF THE DURHAM CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY J. MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE REQUEST BY DURHAM CO-OP NURSERY SCHOOL TO CONDUCT A TRIKE-A-THON FOR ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT ALLYN BROOK PARK ON MAY 22 AND 23 FROM 8:45 TO NOON. MOTION INCLUDED A REQUIREMENT THAT APPROVAL FROM THE RECREATION DIRECTOR ALSO BE OBTAINED. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY RENEE PRIMUS EDWARDS TO AMEND THE AGENDA IN ORDER TO ACT ON THE ELECTRICAL GENERATION CHARGES RESOLUTION. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

MOTION BY MARYANN BOORD, SECONDED BY J. MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE ELECTRICAL GENERATION CHARGES RESOLUTION. MOTION PASSED WITH 3 AYES.

Selectmen's Comments

M. Boord received information that the State Budget Municipal Revenue Sharing amount will be \$25,831.00 for Durham and \$20,419.00 for Middlefield.

M. Boord asked about the status of attorney's fees for the Crooked Hill Rd. issue. J. McLaughlin stated that he had asked for a bill, but hadn't received one. He stated that he thought we were over \$5,000.00, but he didn't know by how much. R. Edwards suggested that once we obtain this information that a Special Board of Selectmen meeting be called to address M. Boord's initial request that the Town be informed if additional legal fees above \$5,000.00 would be necessary. J. McLaughlin stated that an agreement between developer and the Town is in final stages of preparation and a meeting with the developer's attorney has been requested.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamey Ahrens