

SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MAY 9, 2005

Call to Order

First Selectwoman Maryann P. Boord called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. at the Coginchaug Regional High School auditorium. Present: Maryann P. Boord, Renee J. Primus and Ernie A. Judson.

Tax Refunds

MOTION BY M. BOORD, SECOND BY R. PRIMUS, TO APPROVE WITH THREE AYES, THE FOLLOWING TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$188.40:

PHILIP N. SAWYER

PO Box 671

Durham, CT 06422

Account #55708; List Year: 2002; reason for overpayment: vehicle sold - 1987 Ford Ranger; tax refund in the amount of \$18.51

SCOTT AND PATRICIA DOUGLASS

107 Black Walnut Drive

Durham, CT 06422

Account #51883; List Year: 2002; Reason for overpayment: Bd/Assessment Appeals Reduction – Ford Escape; tax refund in the amount of \$69.01

NICKY M. AND THOMAS GILMORE

146 Royal Oak Drive

Durham, CT 06422

Account #524976: List year: 2002; Reason for overpayment: overpayment – 1998 Ford Windstar; tax refund in the amount of \$7.83

MICHAEL P. WEIR or LAUREL F. APPEL

31 Hemlock Court

Durham, CT 06422

Account #56236; List year: 2003; Reason for overpayment – vehicle replaced – 1992 Toyota Camry; tax refund in the amount of \$93.05

Minutes

MOTION BY R. PRIMUS, SECOND BY M. BOORD, WITH TWO AYES (R. Primus and M. Boord) AND ONE ABSTENTION (E. Judson), TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2005 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: Under Old/New Business, #13, 4th line, change 'aks' to ask.

Approve the Five-Year Capital Plan

The Board reviewed the proposed Five Year Capital Improvement Plan. M. Boord noted that the line items were accurate through 3/1/05, but some of them will change by 7/1/05 due to expected re-allocations. Specific line items in the Reserve Fund that are expected to experience reductions include, \$50,000 from the Highway fund, \$50,000 from the Open Space fund and \$35,000 from the Public Works Department for Miscellaneous Projects.

R. Primus asked why the document was needed and what approval of this document signifies. M. Boord responded that the Town must provide a 5-year plan in order to receive Local Capital Improvement (LOCIP) state funds. M. Boord also noted that some large expenditures are not Capital Improvement projects, but are actually part of the operating budget. Examples included money allocated to Planning and Zoning for a new Plan of Development, as well as funds targeted for the upcoming revaluation. M. Boord also noted that once the open space debt service is paid off in 2007, the town could begin allocating money toward other projects, such as the senior/community center and central emergency operations. M. Boord further noted that the Capital Improvement Plan is simply a road map and/or forecast, and should not be considered as line items etched in stone.

MOTION BY E. JUDSON, SECOND BY R. PRIMUS, WITH THREE AYES, TO APPROVE THE FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AS SUBMITTED.

Old/New Business and Update from the First Selectwoman

MOTION BY E. JUDSON, SECOND BY R. PRIMUS, WITH THREE AYES, TO APPROVE NEW DATES FOR THE ODYSSEY OF THE MIND TAG SALE TO TAKE PLACE ON THE TOWN GREEN, SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2005, WITH A RAIN DATE OF SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2005.

M. Boord reported that the Tax Collector and Town Council have successfully collected on two significantly overdue Real Estate accounts.

Ann Bartosewicz of Northeast Utilities contacted M. Boord this week to report that the utility company would be conducting a survey, starting at the end of this week, to verify the company's monuments and GPS along the existing right of way.

M. Boord received a letter from Pam Katz, Chairman of the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC), regarding the upcoming Development and Management (D&M) Phase of the transmission line project. Durham and Middlefield are in Segment One of the proposal and the design will be submitted to the CSC sometime this fall on placement of the poles.

Attorney Peter Boucher contacted M. Boord to report that Wallingford's Town Council may decide this evening whether or not to appeal the Siting Council's decision. There has been no further indication thus far as to what other area municipalities may decide on this issue.

The Board will schedule a Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting for May 19, 2005, 6:30 PM to discuss a possible appeal by Durham. The meeting will be held at the Durham Public Library.

M. Boord reported that about 50 people from Durham and Middlefield attended the National Day of Prayer, which was held on the Durham Town Green.

M. Boord reported that she had received a copy of a letter from the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding a Cease and Desist order for Greenland Realty. E. Judson reported that a proposal by another company to re-zone the Mountain Road area to Heavy Industrial had been defeated at a recent Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

Selectmen's Concerns

None

Public Comments

Sue Vanderzee, reporting for the Town Times, asked if there were any truth to the rumor that Stop & Shop Supermarkets was considering building a new super store center at the south end of Main Street by Cozy Corner Restaurant. No members of the Board had heard any such rumors.

Adjournment

MOTION BY M. BOORD, SECOND BY R. PRIMUS, WITH THREE AYES, TO ADJOURN THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING AT 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Dynia
Acting Recording Secretary