

**BOARD OF SELECTMENS MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2005
FRANK WARD STRONG SCHOOL LIBRARY
7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT WERE: Maryann P. Boord, First Selectwoman, and Renee Primus, Selectwoman.

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M. by the First Selectwoman.

M. Boord asked to delay agenda item #4 until E. Judson and S. Levy arrived.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: THE FOLLOWING MINUTES WERE APPROVED WITH 2 AYES: March 2, 2005, May 9, 2005, May 19, 2005, June 2, 2005. May 23, 2005 minutes were put on hold until the arrival of E. Judson.

APPROVAL: for wine to be served in the library on August 19th from 5 p.m. until the PALS reunion closes. **MOTIONED TO APPROVE, R. PRIMUS AND SECONDED BY M. BOORD. 2 AYES.**

APPROVE A RESOLUTION: which will allow the First Selectwoman to execute a contract with the State of Connecticut, Department of Public Safety, for the services of a Resident State Trooper for the period of July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007. **MOTIONED TO APPROVE, R. PRIMUS AND SECONDED BY M. BOORD. 2 AYES**

E. Judson entered the meeting at 7:10 P.M. The minutes of May 23, 2005 with one correction, a typo on page 2, last paragraph. The correct word should be big, not bid. **MOTION TO APPROVE, R. PRIMUS AND SECONDED BY E. JUDSON, WITH ONE CORRECTION. 2 AYES AND ONE ABSTENTION: M. BOORD.**

CROOKED HILL CONCERNS: M. Boord read from a chronological list of events that took place regarding information on the proposed Crooked Hill subdivision in Guilford. According to national studies per Geoff Colgrove, Town Planner, a 34-lot subdivision will generate approximately 325 trips per day. Several residents questioned the placement of the equipment to record the traffic. They are concerned that travelers/commuters will use Durham's roads to cut through on their way north. The roads are narrow and winding and pedestrians would be in too much danger. M. Ryan and J. Finley have been communicating through emails to the First Selectwoman with their concerns.

S. Levy said that he had not received the May 21st email regarding the subdivision. He also stated that he would like important notices hand delivered, not left in their mail slots only. They cannot get to Town Hall everyday because of their very busy schedules.

Since he has not been asked for any input, he would like more time to talk with his people before this decision is final.

E. Judson stated that Durham has a formal mutual aid agreement with Guilford, (as well as other towns) to extend aid to each other when needed. S. Levy did not know about it being a formal agreement, but a courtesy. He said that they would assist when or where needed. He would like to see a hard copy of May 21st email. His greatest concern is accessing the narrow roads and not having a safe way to exit. He would like to see 2 entrances and 2 exits to the subdivision for emergency vehicles. He would like M. Boord, as Chief Executive to say no to the use of Durham's roads until due diligence has been exercised.

Several residents questioned how could plans have gotten so far without their knowledge. The first they heard about the plans for the use of Crooked Hill Road was through a letter received from the developers. They want the Board of Selectmen to take a strong stand and attend Guilford's Planning & Zoning Commission meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2005.

Several residents spoke of their concerns and fears. Those present felt that Guilford was responsible for an entrance into the subdivision and not the Town of Durham. There could be different ways to approach from Route 77 and they felt that not all of them were adequately looked into.

It was also mentioned that about 10 years ago, a developer wanted to put in a golf course and several upscale homes but that could not happen because of septic system concerns. Wouldn't these same concerns apply now and how did the developer overcome them? M. Boord said that she did not know about that, but would get information.

E. Judson and R. Primus said they would be in attendance at the Guilford meeting. M. Boord said that she would try her best to attend, but has prior commitments.

The meeting was recessed at 8 P.M. in order to convene the Special Town Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen's meeting resumed at 8:15 P.M.

E. Judson offered to email residents with the proceedings from the Guilford P&Z meeting. Several residents gave him their addresses.

M. Boord had several handouts for the residents. She read from Town Attorney K. Antin's legal opinion. (See attached).

The residents were thanked and left the meeting at 9:11 P.M.

APPROVE A PROCLAMATION: celebrating Constance Goodwin's 100th birthday.
MOTION TO APPROVE M. BOORD, SECONDED BY E. JUDSON. ALL IN FAVOR.

MOTION TO APPOINT: Dr. Brad Wilkinson to Health Director, as of July 1, 2005 to complete term left vacant by Dr. L. Willett's resignation, which would have run to 12/31/05. **MOTION TO APPROVE R. PRIMUS, SECONDED BY E. JUDSON. ALL IN FAVOR.**

MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE TWO TAX ABATEMENT REQUESTS: for Aesthetic Structures and Adams Commons. No action taken at this time. E. Judson asked if the requests would be taken under advisement. M. Boord said yes.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: M. Boord presented new budget amounts from the State Legislature per CCM. Cuginchaug Little League would like to install new lights at the major league field. They are gathering information. They will present to the Board of Selectmen since the field is on town property. K. Bober and M. Boord will make a site visit on June 14, 2005 to meet with Little League representatives.

The courts favored the Town of Durham in a summary judgment on the Ryan Terrenzi lawsuit. According to the letter received from Williams, Walsh & O'Connor, LLC, an appeal can be made within twenty (20) days of the decision, dated May 18, 2005.

FEMA has approved the application for reimbursement of \$38,286.27 for snow removal.

A letter was received from the Department of Economic and Community Development in response to a letter written by M. Boord. DECD agreed to waive the condition that the water project go out to bid prior to them processing the grant for ADA compliance in the Town Hall Renovation (see attached).

Four bids were received for the town hall renovations: LaRosa Building Group at \$1,453,250.; J.A. Rosa Construction at \$1,525,000.; Rudolph Netsch Construction at \$1,699,900.; and ACMAT at \$1,395,000.

There was a pre-bid meeting for the firehouse repairs. R. Primus asked if there was a start date. M. Boord said not yet, that the date the bids are due is June 24, 2005. R. Primus asked who was on the committee, M. Boord does not know, but stated that T. Arcari is handling it for the town.

M. Boord read from the schedule of the Town Hall move. The town clerk's office cannot move yet because the new vault's door is not ready to be installed until June 20, 2005. There will be a "split" move. M. Boord said that Public Works is doing a marvelous job "fitting out" the temporary Town Hall at Adams Commons. E. Judson joked that the town should get the tax abatement; public works did all the work.

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS: E. Judson expressed concerns about the condition of the water storage tank. R. Primus stated that she did not receive, via email, the minutes for March 3, 2005.

MOTION BY E. JUDSON TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY M. BOORD. ALL IN FAVOR.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Murphy
Recording Secretary