

Water Commission Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2005, Durham Public Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm. In attendance were M. Boord, B. Milardo, R. Bahr, G. Durkee, and R. Primus. L. Willett arrived at 8:00 pm. C. Denunzio and B. Dynia were absent.

MOTION TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED FOR MARCH 10, 2004 MADE BY G. DURKEE AND SECONDED BY R. BAHR. All Aye.

Update on Water Project

M. Boord reported that in total, 3 wells have been drilled on White's Farm in search for an alternate location to the originally identified well site. Unfortunately, two of these new wells yielded very little water (2 gallons/minute and 3 quarts/minute, respectively) and one well was dry. As a result, only two options remained on the table, one being the original well location and the other being the Durham Fair's well. However, Lori Mathews from the Department of Public Health (DPH) recently visited White's Farm, Durham Fair property, and the specific sites of these two wells during very rainy weather, and discovered that while the Durham Fair well was above any sitting water, the other well was below sitting water. This finding, together with the preference by the DPH to pursue the Durham Fair well, led to the decision to pursue negotiations between the Fair and the Town for possession by the Town of the Durham Fair well.

A contract was drafted and presented to the Durham Fair Association membership. The contract outlined the terms of agreement for possession by the Town of the Fair wells (there is actually one site, but two wells). M. Boord reported that following brief statements by the Board of Selectmen at the Durham Fair Association meeting, the membership voted unanimously to accept the draft contract. The Board of Selectmen will vote to approve the contract at their next meeting.

After review of the contract, B. Milardo noted that the term 'well' should be plural to reflect the two Durham Fair wells, and R. Bahr noted that a statement should be included that protects the town from responsibility for weather-related closings of White's Farm that may affect Fair parking. M. Boord reported that she along with B. Milardo, DECD, DPH, OPM, EPA, and others will meet on April 18th to discuss many topics including need for additional project time per DECD grant due to complications in well location,

potential need for diversion permit during Durham Fair, and potential need for extra storage capacity to cover both Fair and Town needs during Durham Fair.

Review of the draft Rules and Regulations was postponed to April 27th at 7:30. The entire commission is expected to attend this special meeting. The next regularly scheduled Water Commission meeting will be held May 12.

Adjournment at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Primus, Secretary