

*Board of Selectmen's Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, April 12, 2010
3rd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall*

Meeting Minutes

Call to order and roll call

Laura Francis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led with the pledge of allegiance. John Szewczyk and James McLaughlin present.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

Public Comments

Joan Zito stated she felt the rent for an Activity Center is not acceptable; not many seniors would be coming out in the winter or during evening hours and asked that this be put on the back burner. L. Francis responded that the Board of Selectmen along with the Board of Finance want the residents to make this decision.

Donia Viola stated she felt the residents are getting the short end of the stick. She takes issue to the following budget items; proposed activity center, payroll increases, crossing guard, and MAT bus. J. Szewczyk stated he felt the Board of Selectmen overall presented a good budget but noted he felt they could have realized additional savings by eliminating a portion of the capital budget.

Joe Pasquale asked if work was being planned for the bridge (culvert) on Indian Lane and if so he felt that the culvert on Parmelee Hill should be done first. L. Francis stated that she not was aware of any planned work.

Request for an extension to complete Crooked Hill Road Improvements by Brian Ferris

In a letter dated March 31, 2010 Brian Ferris Construction asked for an extension of time to complete the road improvements of Crooked Hill Road until May 31, 2010. The reason for the extension request is the delay by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation in issuing a required encroachment permit. L. Francis asked Brian Ferris if he would be done in the seven weeks he was requesting. B. Ferris stated yes, but noted that he would be contacting line striping and catch basin contractors as soon as possible; he will need to work with them to fit this into his extension of time. B. Ferris also noted he has since received the encroachment permit from the state. L. Francis reviewed a punch list of items that was prepared by Town Engineer Brian Curtis and confirmed that B. Ferris was not requesting any bond money at this time.

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO GRANT EXTENSION TO COMPLETE CROOKED HILL ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO MAY 31, 2010. ALL AYE

Proclamation; Silver Star Banner Day

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Durham has always honored the sacrifice of the men and women in the Armed Forces, and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America was formed to make sure we remember the blood sacrifice of our wounded and ill by designing and manufacturing a Silver Star Banner and Flag, and

WHEREAS, to date The Silver Star Families of America has freely given thousands of Silver Star Banners to the wounded and their families, and

WHEREAS, the members of The Silver Star Families of America have worked tirelessly to provide the wounded of this City and Country with Silver Star Banners, Flags and care packages, and

WHEREAS, The Silver Star Families of America's sole mission is that every time someone sees a Silver Star Banner in a window or a Silver Star Flag flying, that people remember the sacrificed for this City, State and Nation, and

WHEREAS, the people and Board of Selectmen wish that the sacrifice of so many in our Armed Forces never be forgotten.

NOW, THEREFORE WE, the Board of Selectmen, of the Town of Durham, by virtue of the authority vested, do hereby proclaim our appreciation of The Silver Star Families of America and honor their commitment to our wounded Armed Forces members. We hereby declare May 1st "SILVER STAR BANNER DAY" the permanent and official day to honor the wounded and ill Soldiers of the Town of Durham.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Durham in the State of Connecticut, April 12, 2010.

Laura L. Francis
First Selectman

John T. Szewczyk
Selectman

James W. McLaughlin
Selectman

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO PROCLAIM MAY 1ST SILVER STAR BANNER DAY. ALL AYE

Historic District Commission appointments

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPOINT ONA MCLAUGHLIN TO FILL AN IN DISTRICT ALTERNATE VACANCY ON THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR A 5 YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE 2014. ALL AYE

MOTION BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED BY LAURA FRANCIS TO APPOINT GEORGE (CHIP) WILLIAMS TO FILL AN OUT OF DISTRICT ALTERNATE VACANCY ON THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE 2010. ALL AYE

Planning & Zoning Commission resignation

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE THE ALTERNATE MEMBERSHIP RESIGNATION OF MARK LAUDANO FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. ALL AYE

Approval of traffic plan for Memorial Day festivities on May 31, 2010

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE MAY 31, 2010 MEMORIAL DAY TRAFFIC PLAN. ALL AYE

Approval of request from Durham/Middlefield Exchange Club for special use permission to sell snacks and hot dogs from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Monday, May 31, 2010 at Allyn Brook Park

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE REQUEST TO SELL SNACKS AND HOT DOGS FROM 10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 31, 2010 TO THE DURHAM/MIDDLEFIELD EXCHANGE CLUB. ALL AYE

Approval of request from Durham/Middlefield Exchange Club for annual Washington Trail Road Races on Monday, May 31, 2010 at 11:00 am starting at Coginchaug Regional High School

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE REQUEST FOR ANNUAL WASHINGTON TRAIL ROAD RACE ON MONDAY, MAY 31, 2010 AT 11:00 AM STARTING AT CRHS TO THE DURHAM/MIDDLEFIELD EXCHANGE CLUB. ALL AYE

Approval of Resolutions pertaining to the Town of Durham Defined Benefit Plan

L. Francis explained that the resolutions are required by the IRS; the resolutions allow Town of Durham pretax contributions from employees to the contribution plan.

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED PERTAINING TO THE TOWN OF DURHAM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN. ALL AYE

Approval to enter into a 60 month lease between De Lage Landen Financial Services and the Town of Durham for a Sharp MX-C311 copier to be used at the Durham Library

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO GRANT APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A 60 MONTH LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVICES AND THE TOWN OF DURHAM FOR A SHARP MX-C311 COPIER TO BE USED AT THE DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY. ALL AYE

DECD Grant discussion

L. Francis explained that part of the DECD qualifications to be eligible to participate in the rehab program was to demonstrate need and the town only received (3) letters from residents. After discussion by the Board of Selectmen it was decided to advertise the program again before determining to shelve to another time.

LTA - Intersection of Haddam Quarter and Johnson Lane

Request for signs indicating a (2) two way stop sign at the intersection of Haddam Quarter and Johnson Lane were discussed. L. Francis stated that according to State traffic authority guidelines there is no such signage but she noted she would request additional enforcement in the area.

Approval of Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of March 22nd and 25th, 2009

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPROVE MARCH 22, 2010 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE MARCH 25, 2010 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. L. FRANCIS, J. MCLAUGHLIN; AYE. J. SZEWCZYK; ABSTAIN

Old/New business

L. Francis discussed the following old business.

- The public works crew and Dick McManus completed the OSHA 10 hour training course hosted in Durham. They also attended Workplace Violence training.
- Congratulations to the Town Clerks office for participating in National Passport Day on Saturday, March 27th; 39 passports were processed.
- Thank you to Greenbacker Farm who hosted the town's Congressmen, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, and State Representative Matt Lesser to discuss issues related to dairy farming.
- On May 30th the Durham Fair will be holding B.O.M.B. (bring our music back) Fest. L. Francis is working closely with the Durham Fair Association, Promoters, and all town Public Safety officials. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, April 13th.
- The 2nd Annual Pet Fair will be held on May 16th at Allyn Brook Park. L. Francis met with organizers and town Public Safety officials.
- The Supplemental Environment Project has been approved by the Department of Environmental Protection; the towns of Durham and Middlefield will be sponsoring a free rain barrel program on May 22nd.
- L. Francis met with Consultants Charles Golden & Associates, neighbors surrounding the Blue Trail Range, the Department of Environmental Protection, and the Attorney General regarding conclusions of the final report. She also had telephone conversations with the Department of Environmental Protection Commissioners, Lt. Col Fields, and the Connecticut State Police She also met with Town Counsel and is waiting for an update on legal recommendations.

L. Francis discussed the following new business.

- March 2010 Resident State Trooper Status Report; 2 major investigations, larceny at Commerce Circle with 3 arrests, 1 pending. Armed robbery at TD Bank. 499 calls for service, 14 criminal investigations, 18 motor vehicle accidents; 4 with injuries, 2 criminal arrests, 85 motor vehicle infractions issued, 19 motor vehicle warnings issued. Motor vehicle enforcement was conducted on the following roads; Parmelee Hill Road and William Drive, Maple Avenue and Talcott Lane, Route 17 near Townhouse Road, Route 17 near Winsome Road, Route 17 and Little Lane, Route 17 near Coe Road, Maiden Lane near Bear Rock Road, Higganum Road near Strawberry Hill, Higganum Road near Blue Hills, Route 77 near Creamery Road, and Route 79 near Shunpike.
- The Town has applied for almost \$60,000 for storm damage with recent rain storm; FEMA came last week to inspect damage. L. Francis thanked Francis Willett, Kurt Bober and Jen Keogh for compiling

the data and touring with FEMA officials. She is waiting to hear if there will be a disaster declaration.

Selectmen's comments

None

Public comments

Joan Zito asked if the new development on Route 17 and Meeting Hill House would be exiting onto Route 17. L. Francis responded that they would be exiting onto Meeting Hill House.

Joan Zito said that town residents supported paying taxes for two years for the renovation of the Town Hall and asked why the taxes didn't decrease once the building was completed. J. McLaughlin stated that part of the \$600,000 was capital items that were not funded during that time period. L. Francis stated that the town reallocated those funds.

Adjourn

MOTION BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED BY LAURA FRANCIS TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:45 P.M. ALL AYE

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata