

*Board of Selectmen's Meeting
7:00 p.m., Monday, May 18, 2009
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 asked the Eagle Scouts to lead the pledge of allegiance.

John Szewczyk and James McLaughlin present.

Approval of the agenda

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO AMEND AGENDA TO INCLUDE REQUEST FROM DURHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY. ALL AYE

Public comments

NONE

Ethics Commission appointments

J. McLaughlin nominated Margery E. Stahl to fill a regular membership vacancy. M. Stahl commented that she was very pleased to be nominated; she looks forward to taking on this new role and being active in the community. J. McLaughlin recommended the re-appointment of Bruce Chaplin as an alternate member stating B. Chaplin committed to attending meetings.

MOTION BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED BY LAURA FRANCIS TO APPOINT MARGERY E. STAHL TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION AS A REGULAR MEMBER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE MAY 1, 2012. ALL AYE

MOTION BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED BY LAURA FRANCIS TO RE-APPOINT BRUCE CHAPLIN AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE MAY 1, 2012. ALL AYE.

Request for permission to use town roads for benefit motorcycle ride, Saturday, June 13, 2009 from the New Haven EMS Professionals Signal 4 Committee

L. Francis received a request from the New Haven EMS Professionals Signal 4 Committee to use Town Roads, Routes 17 and 79, for a Benefit Motorcycle Ride, Saturday June 13, 2009. She noted that Resident State Trooper, Peter DiGioia reviewed and approved the request.

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE NEW HAVEN EMS PROFESSIONALS SIGNAL 4 COMMITTEE TO USE TOWN ROADS FOR BENEFIT MOTORCYCLE RIDE, SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009. ALL AYE

Request for permission to use property surrounding the Firehouse to park cars during Durham Fair from the Durham Volunteer Fire Department

L. Francis stated that the monies raised to park cars are used to fund the Length of Service Awards for Volunteers of the Fire Department.

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE DURHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO USE PROPERTY SURROUNDING THE FIREHOUSE TO PARK CARS DURING THE DURHAM FAIR, SEPTEMBER 25,26, AND 27, 2009. ALL AYE

Proclamation Eagle Scout Colin Turley

L. Francis presented Colin Turley with Proclamation.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Colin F. Turley, has created a life of service to his town, his schoolmates, and within the scouting heritage, and

WHEREAS, he has been active in Scouting for ten years, and

WHEREAS, he planned and organized the renovation of landscaping at the Durham Public Library taking over 100 man hours to complete, and

WHEREAS, he supervised as many as fourteen people to remove and replace existing mulch, removed and replaced plants and redefined edges, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Selectmen, of the Town of Durham, on behalf of the residents of Durham, congratulate Colin and extend our sincere appreciation for this Project, and hereby present this proclamation to **Colin F. Turley** in recognition of attaining the rank of:

EAGLE SCOUT

Laura L. Francis
First Selectman

John T. Szewczyk
Selectman

James W. McLaughlin
Selectman

Dated in Durham, Connecticut, the 18th day of May 2009

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE PROCLAMATION. ALL AYE

Fiscal analysis April 2009

Tabled until next month

Tax refunds

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK TO APPROVE TWO (2) TAX REFUNDS AS PRESENTED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$13,869.98. ALL AYE

Approval of Board of Selectmen meeting minutes May 11, 2009

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS SECONDED BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN TO APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2009 AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

Old/New business

L. Francis discussed the following old business.

1. The Ambulance Building Working Group will be meeting with Architect, Tom Arcari on Thursday, May 21st.
2. A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance has been scheduled for May 28th for a presentation of Public Works Report by Randi Frank.

L. Francis discussed the following new business.

1. L. Francis reviewed Resident State Trooper Monthly Status Report for April 2009 which included the following:
 - Motor vehicle enforcement was conducted on Haddam Quarter Road, Pent Road, Parmelee Hill Road, Howd Road, Maple Avenue, and Routes 68, 77, 79 and 17.
 - 91 Motor vehicle infractions
 - 26 Motor vehicle warnings
 - 1 Motor vehicle DWI
 - 1 On sight DWI
 - 7 Motor vehicle accidents without injuries

2. Due to a steady stream of people expressing their concerns about White's Farm, L. Francis and Casey Cordes will be working together to bring about a community meeting to address activities, the roadway, parking area and flooding. They will be inviting individuals from the Durham Fair Association, dog walkers, neighbors, Skating Pond Committee members, Seth Lerman of the NRCS, Jane Browerman from the Ct River Coastal Conservation District, original members of the Coginchaug River Watershed project, along with other town committee members. J. McLaughlin asked was the specific complaints were. L. Francis stated that over the past 2-3 years the flooding has increased and the flow of the water has changed. She noted that improvements at the skating pond may have changed the direction of the water flow. J. McLaughlin said he was told in the past that this was a natural flood plain and hopes there is a way to get it resolved and supports calling for a meeting to discuss possible solutions.
3. The Board of Education was going to make an announcement at their meeting tonight that 2 out of the 5 unions have agreed to concessions; the nurses and administrators. The town should have a budget number tomorrow for referendum question.
4. Governor Rell has signed into law, May 15, 2009, Senate Bill #997 which will allow towns and cities the option to delay local property revaluation until 2011 that is strictly optional. Passage of this law allows communities the ability to make individual decisions based on their situations. L. Francis will be asking the town Assessor for an analysis to decide if it is a good idea for Durham.

Selectmen's comments

L. Francis asked the Selectmen to review service requests for the next meeting.

John Szewczyk asked for an update on the crossing guard. L. Francis stated that her request was on the State Traffic Commission agenda May 19th and she also received approval from POST for training when ready.

Public comments

Laurie Stevens commented that the Pet Fair held this past weekend was fabulous and thanked the town for their help. L. Francis stated it was a very successful and thanked all the EMS providers and acknowledged Dr. Kumar, from Durham Veterinary Hospital, and Mark Paturzo for all their work. She also stated that Mark Paturzo would be talking to the Durham Fair Association about next year's event.

Adjourn

MOTION BY JAMES MCLAUGHLIN SECONDED BY LAURA FRANCIS TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 7:30 P.M. ALL AYE

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata