

# TOWN OF DURHAM

Connecticut 06422



## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MTG.

March 16, 1978

REC'D 3-21 1978 AT TOWN CLERK  
A.M.  
P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. by First Selectman, Gregory G. Curtis. Lewis G. Hinman and Betty C. Wakeman were present. Others present: R. Reilly, O. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kelsey and D. Rizzo.

On a motion by L. Hinman, second by B. Wakeman, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. 3-0

Mr. Reilly reported for the Payloader Committee that a demonstration by 3 payloader machines was held during this past week at the town garage. The recommendation by the committee was to purchase the 45B Michingan loader at \$32,775.

Mr. Kelsey expressed his displeasure at what he considered was a poor demonstration. He also mentioned that the serial number on the Michingan is not a 1978 machine and that it only has one door.

Much discussion and comparison of specifications followed as to the pros and cons of the Hough and Michigan machines. Mr. Rizzo stated that his company will outfit the payloader with whichever bucket is desired and give us a 1978 machine at the same price.

Expressing his distaste at the way this bidding process had developed, Mr. Curtis stressed that a lesson had been learned. The next time a bidding process is begun three or four firms will be invited to bid. He offered his apologies to any firms that had been irritated by the bidding process. In trying hard to get the best price and be fair, the Board and Mr. Reilly had opened themselves to unanticipated pressures.

On a motion by L. Hinman, second by B. Wakeman, the Board moved the purchase of the 1978 45B Michigan loader (with the bucket to be selected by Mr. Reilly.) 3-0

### Correspondence:

On a motion by L. Hinman, second by B. Wakeman, Stuart Keating's resignation from the Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Agency and as representative to the Midstate Regional Planning Agency was accepted with regret. 3-0

A letter from John Berten, Firehouse trustee Chairman, was read informing the Board that they are no longer interested

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in a Town Hall dispatcher for answering the fire phone.

Mr. Eugene O'Neil, District Manager of HELCO, informed the Board by letter that the new 47 MVA transformer at Dooley's Pond has resulted in better service for Durham during recent heavy storms.

After discussion by the Board, Mr. Curtis will ask the members of the Insurance Committee, M. F. Mather, D. Pearson, and W. Levee, to continue as a committee to advise the Board of Selectmen.

The Selectmen's Meeting was recessed to meet with the Board of Finance to discuss additions to the budgets of the Office of the First Selectman<sup>and</sup> Town Hall Maintenance. A complete presentation of the Highway Budget was given by Mr. Reilly and Mr. Curtis.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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