

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S
MINUTES

The Board of Selectmen's meeting was held January 13, 1972, at the Town Hall, 8:00 P.M..

Bills were paid.

Several concerned townspeople from the Haddam Quarter Road area came to discuss the road conditions. Their question was in regards to the improvement of surfacing their road. Town Meeting on roads will be held in May of this year, and they will voice some of their problems here.

Norman Fisher will be in charge of snow removal for Haddam Quarter Road, near Foot Hills, and Donald Guire will take care of Haddam Quarter Rd. near Johnson Lane.

A truck acquired through civil defense, was brought to Durham from Fort Devans in Massachusetts.

For approximately \$240.00, Civil Defense Director, Malcolm Pearce, will set up radio dispatch for our road crew. Citizen band radios will be employed. One base station donated by Dr. F.E. Korn will be put in the Town Hall. A second base station, donated by Malcolm Pearce will be installed from another dispatching point. One mobile unit will be placed in the First Selectmans car and one in a Town Truck.

A preliminary report was sent in by the Road Committee. Their report was on general conditions as they exist. A complete report will be forth coming.

First Selectman, Kerschner presented a letter from Regional District #13, which indicated the State of Conn. may not meet their commitment on A.D.M. payments which are due February 1, 1972. This would mean Durham would be forced to borrow money to make up this money. Mr. Kerschner will persue this matter and bring whatever pressures he can.

The board approved the holding of a Snow-mobile rally Feb. 6th, by the Exchange Club, and the Recreation Committee. Proper insurance will be acquired for this event. The board also voted to close Maple Ave., from Allyns Brook to the Green, for this event.

After discussion with Mr. Churchill, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commâssion, Mr. Kerschner sent a request to the Board of Finance for funds to hire a Town Engineer. This Engineer would be used by the Board of Selectmen and Planning & Zoning to insure strict adherence to town regulations. Permission was granted to pay \$100 per month from the contingency fund. Mr. David Mylchreest has been hired, and was given several immediate assignments with priorities as required. The Board approved this action.

A vote was made and passed to pay membership dues of \$10.00 to join the Association of Local Administrators of General Assistance.

Mr. Thomas A. White was appointed as the Town Counsel.

The Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen will attend a demonstration of various copying machines, at the Town Hall on January 20, 1972, at 7:30 P.M..

The Planning and Zoning Commission must act upon a sub-division of James Clementel, by the end of this month. The town of Wallingford would like to purchase this land for reservoir.

A letter was sent to the Conn. State Traffic Division and David Lavine, concerning the intersection of Rt. #17 and #79. In answer, the State Traffic Commission will be contacting Mr. Kerschner, by a representative of the Dept. of Transportation.

We have purchased three snow blades at the Rossi Construction Co. for \$44.00 each.

Mr. Kerschner reported that he has been trying to get the monies due from the purchase of the bulldozer used at the dump. An answer should be forth coming soon. In the same vain, Mr. Kerschner reported that the Gypsy MOTH money was finally received. The payment was prorated because more monies were requested than was allocated by the State of Conn. Durham received \$2,179.88.

On road conditions, Mr. Kerschner reported several roads in very poor condition, due to the unusual thaws at this time of the year. Several complaints were reviewed:

1. Gas storage tank on Side Hill Drive.
2. Cars parked on roads - Side Hill Drive and Tuttle Road.
3. Sight line at the intersection of Tuttle Road and Rt. #68. (looking west).

A letter concerning the sightline at the intersection of Rt. #79, and South end Avenue was sent to the Dept. of Transportation. The highway dept. then proceded to correct the sightline, and the board of selectmen has now received a letter from the Dept. of Transportation, stating that the work has been completed.

It was approved and passed to have all the members on the Recreation Committee re-appointed. They are as follows:

William Cicchese- Chairman

Donald Annino

William Cahill, Jr.

Walter Gregg

Helmuth Brown

Walter Camp

George Paganetti

The school board and budget committee meetings will be attended by Mr. Kerschner, and Reed Havyes. They will request a complete break-down, and agenda of these meetings.

Next week the school road on Maiden Lane will be closed at specific times of the day. A special constable will be posted if needed.

Regarding the planned addition to the Coginchaug High School, Reed Hayes said this plan should be thought out very seriously and all alternatives investigated.

An adding machine has been purchased for \$110.00, with a five year warranty.

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The Board of Selectmen appointed a fifteen member Charter Commission. A letter will be sent to each person asking them to serve. Those members appointed are as follows:

Gregg Curtis	Carl Otte
Helen Pearce	Marjorie Hatch
Howard Pease	Dr. F.E. Korn
Pa David Werblow	David Bascom
Arved Larsen	William Moore
Elinor Carr	Thomas Marshall
Linda Charest	Craig Pearson
Paul Haake	

The Open Space Committee^{report} was given by their Charirman, A. Reed Hayes, was accepted by the Board of Selectmen. The Open Space Committee was discharged, and thanked for a job well done. Their report may be used by the State of Conn. as a pilot progress report on open spaces. A motion was made and passed that the report be printed at a cost not to exceed \$170.00, and mailed to the boxholders of Durham. The Board of Selectmen voted to endorse the recommendation of the Open Spaces Study Committee regarding tax recapture, and to urge support of an amendment to PA 490, providing for recapture of previously exempted taxes when open space land is sold into development.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Kyoko Frozier, Clerk

REC'D	1-19-	1972	AT 10:30	A.M.
ATT:	<i>McHatch</i>			P.M.
			TOWN CLERK	

Addition: It is moved that the Town of Durham should establish new stringent road standards such that new roads built by the town should be of the highest quality and should serve the town maintenance free for a period of time consistent with the greatest economy, further that the town engineer should be asked to recommend such new standards by March 15th.