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AT 2:30 P.M.
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TOWN OF DURHAM

Office of the Selectmen - Connecticut 06422

Carl N. Otte
First Selectman

Betty Wakeman
Selectwoman

Joel N. Davis
Selectman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 13, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 8:11 P.M. with the following members of the Board present: Carl N. Otte, Joel N. Davis, and Betty C. Wakeman*

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the inclusion of the word "school" before the word construction in the paragraph dealing with building permit fees. Vote 2-0 (Otte, Davis)

As part of his report, the treasurer reported \$1299.86 in the Dog Account and \$29,000 in the General Fund.

The Board of Selectmen met with Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, Linmar Drive, who requested help from the town regarding snow removal and water related problems. *Mrs. Wakeman arrived.

Mr. Otte reported that due to breakdowns and related problems, one third of the town was not slush plowed, and when the slush froze, serious problems arose.

The First Selectman agreed to accompany the truck plowing Linmar Drive, if at all possible, during the next storm to see that the road is plowed properly.

The Board voted to pay the bills for the week. Vote 3-0

There was no further report on town hall remodeling as David Smith has been working for Manpower.

Re 1977-78 budget: The First Selectman reported that no one is doing the town a favor by putting in a deficit budget. He recommends a 2 mill increase for the highway department and the placement of \$40,000 in a capital equipment account (to include a 4 wheel drive pickup with plow and other new trucks.) The state services 6.1 miles with each truck and the town presently services 15.1 miles per truck. We also need a town garage and a sand and gravel supply.

The letter regarding a new directive re CETA employees was reviewed. It effects the time period, effective October 1, 1976, a person may be employed by CETA: not more than 1 year.

The First Selectman further reported that up to Monday, Jan. 10, \$6,000 had been spent on winter storms for materials. It costs the town 60¢ a mile to run a truck. The \$6,000 does not include the road crews' straight time but overtime is included.

The Board discussed the receipt of \$3806.00, the Town of Durham's Antirecession payment. The Board voted to request the Board of Finance approval to make the money available to the Board of Selectmen to pay for the cost of the preparation of the EDA application that was denied. Vote 3-0

Although the Board of Selectmen recognizes the significance of Martin Luther King day, no provision has been made in the Town of Durham's Personnel Policy for this year regarding the holiday; therefore, no paid holiday will be called for town employees this year. The policy will be made to conform to state law. Vote 3-0

The Board of Selectmen have been invited to attend the Firemen's Banquet on January 15, 1977. Mrs. Wakeman and Mr. Otte will represent the Board.

No action was taken re the Charter Revision Commission.

Re: Town of Durham Food Bank: The welfare administrator, Noel K. Higgins, has been instrumental/initiating a food bank in the Town of Durham for needy people and for use in case of emergency. Cans of non-perishable items will be stored beneath the new town vault. The Board of Selectmen voted to endorse the concept of a food bank. Vote 3-0

The First Selectman reported that a Family Practitioner, Arnold Berman, has expressed interest in settling in Durham. Dr. Byrne, a dentist, also will be sent information he's requested. This is a need that should be filled in the Town of Durham and it is a desirable thing.

Mr. Davis reported that the Exchange Club is interested in erecting a band shell (tentatively) at the Recreation area to promote summer musical program.

The Board of Selectmen voted to adopt a policy of broadening the recreational opportunities in the town of Durham and to give their approval to the concept of a band shell and related programming. Vote 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Donna White
Secretary to the Selectmen