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TOWN OF DURHAM

Office of the Selectmen · Connecticut 06422

A. Reed Hayes,
First Selectman

Carl N. Otte,
Majority Selectman

Richard C. Parmelee, Jr.
Minority Selectman

Board of Selectmen Minutes January 14, 1974

Present: A. Reed Hayes
Carl N. Otte
Richard Parmelee, JR.

1. RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen will recommend to the Board of Finance that the sum of \$800. be appropriated from the Revenue Sharing Fund to underwrite the cost of a preliminary engineering survey on a parcel of land being considered by the Town Property Site Selection Committee as the desirable site for a new firehouse. (Proposal letter attached.)
Vote 3-0.
2. RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen will recommend to the Board of Finance that the sum of \$5,000. be appropriated from either the General Surplus or the Revenue Sharing Fund to underwrite the cost of a wood chipper for the Town. The wood chipper is currently on lease to the town under a lease/purchase agreement, and the economics of the situation indicate that purchase would be desirable and sensible. Vote 3-0.
3. RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Durham opposes the inclusion of Durham in the CATV franchise area now being proposed and asks instead that Durham be included in the Middletown franchise area. Specifically it is the feeling of the Board that the interests of the Town would be better served if Durham were included in the same franchise area as Middlefield, with whom many common interests are shared, particularly education. Vote 3-0.

(The above resolution is to be forwarded to the Connecticut Public Utilities Commission for consideration during their review of competitive proposals for the down-county franchise area in which Durham is currently included.)
4. The First Selectman reported that he has forwarded to the Durham Industrial Development Commission information regarding a proposed Connecticut Museum of State History with the request that the Commission make every attempt to attract this proposed museum to the Town of Durham. The First Selectman indicated that the Town of Durham was ideally located in terms of state requirements and was historically appropriate. He also indicated that, if the town were successful, the museum would eliminate 100-150 acres from possible residential development. (Copy of Connecticut Historical Commission letter of December 28, 1973 attached.)
5. RESOLVED, that the regular meetings of the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year shall be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 8:00 P.M. in the First Selectman's Office in the Town Hall and that the Town Clerk be so notified. Vote 3-0.

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6. RESOLVED, that the sand supplies of the Town of Durham shall be made available to town residents, as identified by a Dump Sticker, on Saturday, January 26, 1974 between the hour's of 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 noon. The sand is located at the dairy barn on the Durham Fair Grounds and residents are limited to 5 gallons each. Vote 3-0.
7. RESOLVED, that Mr. George Schaeffer be, and he hereby is, appointed to the 1976 term on the Building Code Board of Appeals. Vote 3-0.
8. RESOLVED, that the First Selectman be, and he hereby is, authorized to call a town meeting for Monday, February 4, 1974 at 8:00 P.M. at Strong School for the purpose of acting on town meeting items as previously or concurrently approved for consideration by this Board. Vote 3-0.
9. RESOLVED, that an hourly rate of \$4.00 is hereby established for snow plow drivers hired in a time of snow emergency to augment and assist the regular road crew. Vote 3-0.
10. The Town Road Foreman reported that he had received estimates from the State Highway Department on the cost of replacing with more adequate structures the culvert systems under Guire Road and Creamery Road, and that both estimates exceeded \$100,000. for structures which would meet state standards. Action was tabled indefinitely since sums of this magnitude are not currently available to the town. The Planning & Zoning Commission will be notified of this development in order to encourage them to require substantial bridge structures in the future where large acreage is to be accomodated.
11. RESOLVED, that the Town Road Foreman be instructed to obtain engineering plans and cost estimates from the State Highway Department for improvements to the troublesome culvert stem on Blue Hills Road adjacent to the Knox property and further, that the First Selectman apply for any available state federal funding. Vote 3-0.
12. RESOLVED, that an item be added to the call of the next town meeting authorizing the Board of Selectmen to proceed with preliminary plans to establish local speed limits on all town roads. Vote 3-0.

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