

REC'D 1-24 1977 AT 10:30 A.M.  
 ATT: [Signature] TOWN CLERK

# 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 20, 1977

The Board of Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 8:06 P.M. with the following members of the Board present: Carl N. Otte, Betty C. Wakeman, and \*Joel N. Davis.

The Board voted approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Vote 2-0 (Otte, Wakeman voting)

\*Joel N. Davis arrived.

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

The treasurer reported that sales tax on services rendered by the town to certain groups has not been billed or collected as it should be. On a motion by Carl N. Otte, the Board voted to make an attempt to collect sales tax on services provided by the town. Vote 3-0

Bill Moore further reported that he will be opening a new account for Anti-Recession receipts. So far \$8,736 has been received.

Mrs. Wakeman submitted a rough sketch of a way to remodel the town hall.

The Board authorized the First Selectman to pursue the Midstate Regional Committee on Aging's request for \$100 with Dr. Leo Willett. Vote 3-0

The Board read a letter dated January 10, 1977, requesting \$221.00 for services rendered by the MCT Midstate Regional Elderly and Handi-capped Transportation system for the January to March, 1977, quarter. Said request will be forwarded to the Exchange Club.

The First Selectman reported on the following storm expenses to date:

|               |         |                  |          |
|---------------|---------|------------------|----------|
| sand          | 2476.25 | plastic          | 45.00    |
| salt          | 2076.85 | incidentals      |          |
| overtime      | 1800.00 | Calcium Chloride | 150.00   |
| truck mileage | 1350.00 | Repairs, chains  | 150.00   |
| contractual   | 200.00  | plow materials   | 100.00   |
| plow repairs  | 400.00  | Total            | @8750.00 |

The Board of Selectmen voted to take a firm stand re illegally parked cars. As a courtesy Carl has been calling owners, if possible, before towing but this will no longer be done. Vote 3-0

Re Charter Revision Commission: The First Selectman will be in contact with the present members and town committee chairmen for suggestions on appointments. On Jan. 27, 1977, at the Board of Selectmen's meeting, names for appointment will be considered and on Feb. 3, 1977, a new Charter Revision Commission will be appointed.

The Board read a letter dated Jan. 15, 1977, from the Historic District Commission advising the Board that a suggestion has been made to amend the Ordinance so that Commission members would be appointed by town meeting rather than the Board of Selectmen. The Committee has scheduled a special meeting for Jan. 24, 1977, at the town hall at 7:30 P.M.

Two letters by Foster Mather were read and discussed. Copies of said letters are attached to the minutes.

The Board of Finance Budget Schedule was also reviewed and a copy of the schedule is attached to the minutes.

The Board voted to place the 1977-78 Budget on each agenda until its accepted. Vote 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna D. White  
Secretary to the Selectmen

January 17, 1977

TO: Members of the Board of Finance

FROM: M. Foster Mather

Here is our Budget Schedule. Please put the dates on your calendars and please save this memo! Dates that are underlined are meeting dates.

Jan. 19 Letter & forms sent to Boards and Commissions  
Feb. 3 Regular Meeting  
Feb. 16 Budget Requests due from all Boards  
Feb. 17 Regular Meeting

Joint meetings with Boards or, Commissions for review of Budget Requests - Feb. 24, Mar. 1, 3, 8 and 10

Mar. 17 Regular Meeting  
Mar. 21 Final draft to Beth for typing  
Mar. 26 Proposed Budget to printer  
Apr. 1 Budget to Post Office and Legal Notice  
Apr. 7 Regular Meeting  
\* Apr. 11 BUDGET HEARING  
\* Apr. 12 Setting Final Budget  
\* Apr. 14 Setting Final Budget  
Apr. 18 Regional District #13 Budget Hearing  
Apr. 18 Final Budget to Beth for typing  
Apr. 21 Regular Meeting  
Apr. 22 Final Budget to printer  
Apr. 28 Short label sticking session  
Apr. 29 Final Budget to Post Office  
May 2 Regional District #13 Budget Meeting  
May 9 BUDGET MEETING

*M. Foster Mather*

cc: Town Clerk  
✓ Carl Otte  
Howard Kelley  
C. Hess Haagen  
Colonial Press

Just a reminder. These are the most crucial decision making nights - please plan on full Board attendance.

RECEIVED 5-20 1977 AT 1:31 P.M.  
ALL *D. White* OFFICE OF THE SELECTMEN

January 20, 1977

Mr. Roger Knight, Adjuster  
Underwriters Adjusting Company  
924 Farmington Ave.  
West Hartford, Conn. 06107

Dear Mr. Knight:

In reference to File No. 0263B3282, we acknowledge the fact that the Town of Durham is at fault for not having supplied Continental Insurance Company with proper notification of legal action regarding this case. Furthermore, we accept the responsibility of the bill for our attorneys who defended the case in court. Nonetheless, had you received proper notification and your attorneys had defended the case, you would have incurred substantial expense. In this light, we would ask that you might consider paying fifty per cent.

I am enclosing another copy of the original bill from our attorneys.

Thank you for considering this matter.

Sincerely,

M. Foster Mather, Chairman  
Board of Finance  
Parmelee Hill Road  
Durham, Conn. 06422

cc: Carl Otte, 1st Selectman

MFH/sc

January 20, 1977

Mr. A. Thomas White, Jr.  
Attorney at Law  
176 Court Street  
Middletown, Conn. 06457

Dear Mr. White,

Several areas of the Town Government have considered offering tax exemption incentive for the incoming businesses and industries. The Board of Finance has decided to initiate the gathering of information leading to this possibility.

In this respect, I am asking you for possibilities that exist within the scope of State Statutes and other legal problems that might arise from this program.

The Town is not in a position to offer businesses substantial fringe benefits such as, police protection, sewage disposal or anything that results in "out of the pocket expenditures", so we feel that something like offering them 3 years tax exemption would be a most likely incentive possibility.

Very truly yours,

M. Foster Mather, Chairman  
Board of Finance  
Parmelee Hill Road  
Durham, Conn. 06422

cc: Carl Otte  
First Selectman, Durham

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