

TOWN OF DURHAM

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MTG. February 2, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. by First Selectman, Gregory G. Curtis. Betty C. Wakeman and Lewis G. Hinman were present. Others present: Ira Kerschner, Robert S. Reilly.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written. 3-0

Mr. Kerschner addressed the board on several issues. As a Board of Fire Trustee member he requested the board consider making provision in town hall for answering the fire phone. He stressed the urgency in this matter.

As president of the group writing the history of Durham, Mr. Kerschner requested funds be made available to print the history of Durham from a point where Fowler's history ends to the present time. The original history as prepared by Fowler was paid for by the town. Mr. Kerschner requested that funds up to \$10,000 be allocated as soon as possible. The Board of Selectmen will, for the present, seek a way to have \$2,000 allocated for the project to begin the editorial work on the project.

Mr. Kerschner questioned the board as to their public position on the plowing of quasi-public roads. Marina Place, Forline Drive, Salted Lane were among those mentioned (totaling 3 miles). The board stood firm in their position to plow and sand the quasi-public roads for humanitarian and emergency reasons. No other maintenance will be provided. The board further was in agreement to settle the quasi-public road situation on a one by one basis, hopefully bringing each road up to town specs to be accepted as a town road. Mr. Kerschner stated that he represented a group that will pursue legally the prevention of any kind of maintenance on these roads. The board stated that each side must do what it must do.

Mr. Curtis discussed the purchase of a loader with Mr. Reilly and the board. Mr. Curtis's original proposal (as reported in the Jan. 26, 1978, minutes) was altered to meet the specs outlined in the attached letter to the Board of Finance. So voted to take this proposal to the Board of Finance later in the meeting along with the history reprinting issue. 3-0

Mr. Hinman asked the press to mention the snow shoveling sidewalk ordinance. Mr. Curtis added that Main Street merchants should be

asked to be sure sidewalks are kept open after the parking lots are cleared.

Mrs. Dean presented folders to the board from the Durham Women's Club that will enable the Town Hall offices to dispense information about various problems such as epilepsy, mental retardation, etc.

Mr. Curtis reported that Mr. Vance will be patrolling the town three hours a day for two days this week as several new breakins have been reported. Mrs. Dudley will back him up on a portable. The present budget however will be unable to support patrolling beyond this week. Mr. Curtis added that he is discussing the release of weekly reports by the state police relating to criminal activities in town.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna D. White
Secretary