

TOWN OF DURHAM

Office of the Selectmen • Connecticut 06422

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First Selectman

A. Reed Hayes
Selectman

Joel N. Davis
Selectman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 5, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. with Carl N. Otte, Joel N. Davis, and A. Reed Hayes present.

Richard C. Parmelee, Jr. read his letter which brought to the attention of the Board of Selectmen the violations regarding snow removal of sidewalks on Main Street. The Selectmen voted to conduct a survey of sidewalk maintenance by owners; to send 2 crew members to shovel the specific sidewalk in question and to render a bill; and to publicize, again, the responsibility of residents of Main Street to keep their sidewalks clear.

Vote 3-0

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the attached report outlining financial arrangements relative to the White Farm Improvement Project. (They met with the Board of Finance after their regular meeting.)

The First Selectman reported that the payloader has cost over \$8,000 in repairs since February 10, 1975, to make the Board of Selectmen aware of the problem.

It was noted that the Red Cross has requested \$800 from the 1976-77 Budget and one CETA driver for the Elderly Transportation Program.

It was also noted that a figure of \$75,000-\$100,000 has been presented to the Board of Selectmen to fix the Harry Knox culvert.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a request from the Exchange Club for a bell on the Green, symbolic of the Liberty Bell. It would be permanently located near the existing monument on a space of 10'x6' to commemorate the Bicentennial Year. Action by the Board of Selectmen was tabled until they can further review the base and mounting.

Vote 3-0

William Moore placed his request to the Board of Selectmen for permits for the Memorial Day Parade on May 31, 1976, and the Coginchaug Ancients' Muster on June 5, 1976. It was voted to take care of this matter.

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The First Selectman reported to the other members of the Board that Paul Hemberger of HELCO had requested a meeting with the Board of Selectmen. It was voted to set the first meeting in April (April 1, 1976) for that discussion.

Vote 3-0

The following people were appointed to the Charter Revision Commission: Ed Higgins, William Bixby, James McLaughlin, Barney Bourschke, Leslie M. Hayes, George Trapp, Ron Swan, Marjorie C. Hatch, J. Richard Taylor, L. W. Seeton, Jr., Geoffrey Colegrove, Joseph Feeney, Athan Pappas, Lois Schilling, and Dr. Gail Chandler.

Vote 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M. so the Board of Selectmen could talk to the Board of Finance about the finances of the White Farm Improvement Project.

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WHITE FARM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The following table represents the breakdown of the estimated cost of improving the White Farm Area by sub projects in the order in which they will be presented to town meeting upon approval of the Board of Finance. One of the conditions of grant approval is that the total project be labor oriented to 70% of the total cost or \$105,000 for labor. This restriction means hiring a maximum number of people for 8 months with a minimum use of machine rental time. Example: the skating area would be almost completely done by hand work.

This restriction makes the costs higher, completion time longer and estimates difficult. The estimates are purposely high and based on minimum information. Where needed, seeding and landscaping are included in the respective sub projects.

White Farm Improvement Project

	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Fed. Share</u>	<u>Town Share</u>	<u>Completion Time</u>
1. Drainage area & Access Road	60,038	45,028.50	15,009.50	60
2. Skating Area	22,000	16,500	5,500	30
3. Service Area	13,200	9,900	3,300	20
4. Picnic Area	1,500	1,125	375	20
5. Fish Pond	14,680	11,010	3,670	30
6. Softball Field	7,200	5,400	1,800	20
7. Stream Improvement	5,000	3,750	1,250	20
8. Pavilion	8,456	6,342	2,114	20
9. Bridge	8,400	6,300	2,100	20
10. Access Road & Parking Area	9,340	7,005	2,335	20
	149,814	112,360.50	37,453.50	

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Proposed Financing White Farm Project

It is possible to obtain an advance from Federal Funds for each month's estimated costs with about a 1-week lag time. This would be 75% of the estimated costs per month, with the town responsible for 25%.

The following table represents the estimated cash flow by date and fund source with some work, engineering and design to start March 1.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Monthly Total Costs</u>	<u>Fed. Funds</u>	<u>Town Funds</u>
April 1	3,000		3,000
May 1	40,000	30,000	10,000
June 1	20,000	15,000	5,000
July 1	20,000	15,000	5,000
August 1	20,000	15,000	5,000
Sept. 1	20,000	15,000	5,000
Oct. 1	15,000	9,000	3,000
Nov. 1(final)	<u>12,000</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
	150,000	112,500	37,500

Costs to Town

<u>Borrowing at Assumed 6% interest rate:</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2,500 7 months x .035	87.50
10,000 6 months x .03	300.00
5,000 5 months x .025	125.00
5,000 4 months x .02	100.00
5,000 3 months x .015	75.00
5,000 2 months x .01	50.00
<u>5,000 1 month x .05</u>	<u>25.00</u>
37,500	762.50

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Proposed Schedule of Payments

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Fair Assoc.</u>	<u>Net Town</u>
*Nov. 1, 1976	7,500	762.50	3,000	5,262.50 *
Nov. 1, 1977	7,500	1800.00	3,000	6,300.00
Nov. 1, 1978	7,500	1350.00	3,000	5,850.00
Nov. 1, 1979	7,500	900.00	3,000	5,400.00
Nov. 1, 1980	7,500	450.00	3,000	4,950.00
	37,500	5,262.50	15,000	*27,762.50

Taxable Net Grand List \$27,474,747 as of January 27, 1976

One mill equals \$27,474.00

Spread over 5 years equals .2 of a mill per year based on this year's Grand List.

* The first year's net cost to the town can be reduced by the following monies from present and new budgets:

Office of the Selectmen	6,000
Town Engineer	1,000
Conservation Commission	1,000
Use of Town Equipment	<u>1,000</u>
Total	\$9,000

Therefore the additional net cost to be raised by borrowing can be reduced by this amount during the first year but covering 2 fiscal year periods. The proposed schedule of payments was not reduced as there is no way of predicting when these inputs from budgeted monies will occur. Naturally, if the town meeting deletes some of the sub projects all of the figures will be reduced by these deletions.

I would appreciate the suggestions of the Board of Finance to the method of financing the town's share of the cost of the project. I would suggest that the town establish a credit line with CBC for a sum not to exceed \$37,500 until Nov. 1, when the first payment will be made and then borrow the balance on notes for payment as the schedule.

All monies to be placed in an interest bearing account and notes payable in advance if it is feasible and to the town's advantage.

Please note that the stabilization of Herzig Brook has been deleted from the proposal as we can not justify the expense on the basis

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of the benefits to the White Farm. Other projects have been combined to a total of 10.