

TOWN OF DURHAM

Connecticut 06422



REC'D 2-14-1978 AT 3:30 A.M.
ATT: M. DiNella ASST. TOWN CLERK P.M.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 9, 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. Additional persons present: M. Foster Mather, Carl N. Otte, and Robert S. Reilly.

Note + Check
On a motion by L. Hinman, second by B. Wakeman, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written. 3-0. An omission in the minutes of the Jan. 26 minutes was corrected to read: Cleveland Stannard, Jr. and Edward O'Connor were appointed to two-year terms on the Economic Development Commission. 3-0

The Board discussed the Call for the Special Town Meeting on Feb. 15, 1978, with the 2 members of the Board of Finance present. Amendments to clarify the items will be proposed at the time of presentation.

Road Foreman Robert S. Reilly reported to the board on the recent snow storm. Going into the fourth day of the storm, costs are close to \$12,000. Federal funding will be available for outside equipment on a 75%-25% basis. There were several equipment failures and additional help was required. Mr. Reilly felt that the situation is now 90% trouble free.

Mr. Curtis commended the town crew for their excellent performance. Mr. Curtis added that the mechanic has quit because he's had such cold conditions to work in. It points out again our need for a heated garage. Mrs. Wakeman suggested having a "town crew reserve" whereby former employees who have expertise in a needed field can be called upon.

Mr. Curtis said that the addendum to the proposed agreement between Regional District #13 Board of Education and the Education Association had been received. The board postponed a decision on calling a town meeting in regard to this agreement until townspeople had a chance to make their wishes known to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Curtis reported that Brewster School was broken into during the recent storm and that an estimated \$1,000 damage was done. The board is asking any residents having knowledge of this breakin to call the State Police or Selectmen's Office. Mr. Hinman

requested the press again publicize criminal activity in town and to keep townspeople alert.

On a motion by L. Hinman, second by B. Wakeman, Bernard Baruschke was appointed Municipal Agent for the Aging. 3-0 Mr. Curtis recommended that \$500 be put in the next year's budget for the Agent's expenses.

On a motion by L. Hinman, second by B. Wakeman, David Montgomery was appointed to the Recreation Committee for a two-year term. 3-0

Mr. Curtis mentioned Mr. Kerschner's request for fire phone coverage in the town hall. He will talk to present fire phone operators before asking the board for any action.

The installation of a pay phone in the lobby of the town hall was suggested. The matter will be pursued.

Action relative to printing Durham's history as requested by I. Kerschner: The Board of Selectmen sympathizes with the efforts of the history writing committee but also recognizes the difficulty of getting \$10,000 allocated out of next year's budget. The Board recommended the committee seek a sponsor or sponsors such as the Historical Society or various service clubs for funding. 3-0

Mr. Hinman reiterated his wish to see publicity about the sidewalk shoveling ordinance.

On a motion by L. Hinman, second by B. Wakeman, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna D. White
Secretary