

February 10, 1972

The Board of Selectmen met at the Town Hall at 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Daniel Guire, a resident of Haddam Quarter Road, attended. He voiced his concern on how much State-Aid money was expended for the Town of Durham. New Road Construction is over expended. Mr. Guire also, wants a tree removed, which is a barrier to the access to his road. A motion was made and passed by the Selectmen to look into this matter with our Town Counsel, and abide by their recommendations.

Reed Hayes suggested not feeling we should think about saving money, but to move ahead with doing a thorough job of snow removal for the town. Mr. Kerschner stated, that it is not a case of saving money, but not a snowstorm goes by, without having to do repairs on our trucks, and State money doesn't go out for equipment or repairs.. The Selectmen will also look into salt, as a mixture with our sand for future snowfalls. A suggestion was made, to travel over to Middlefield for salt, since this would be a closer and more advantageous place to pick up.

The Board of Finance, are getting prices from Oil Companies for bids to repair our Town Hall furnace.

The Recreation Committee will have to pay \$77.40 for five lights, costing \$387.00 a year, plus additional costs for extra lighting. These lights entail Main St. up to the Tennis Courts.

A letter was sent by Mr. Kerschner to all constables informing them about top training courses in Clinton, on Monday evenings.

MR. Kerschner read a letter from the Durham Garden Club. Several recommendations were made at their last meeting for the "quaintness" of Durham. They would like to meet with the Selectmen to discuss this matter. A motion was made and passed to write a letter to the Durham Garden Club inviting them to our next Selectmen's meeting. Also, to invite Mr. Churchill and Gregory Curtis.

Bills were paid.

Mr. Kerschner has investigated the specific date of a town meeting. He found from records, that it not legal to state that the town meeting will always be the 2nd Monday of May. The municipality should fix a date for next year, at the annual Budget meeting.

\$150,000, had been invested in our bank. The Selectmen will check with the Treasurer to see how much she has in her account.

Our Budget dead-line for the Board of Finance, is February 15, 1972.

The Board of Finance will pay for a copying machine out of their contingency fund.

The \$650.00 legal fee owed to the Interlocal Agreement was brought up. Mr. Kerschner checked past Selectmen minutes and found no record of our paying half of this sum. It was approved and passed to have the Selectmen ask the Board of Finance to take this sum out of their contingency fund.

Mr. Kerschner sent a letter to the Mattabasett District informing them of our two carriers, and 130,000 to 150,000 to carry. We should receive word from them concerning this.

The School Board has agreed to meet with "Project Learn" to discuss drug problems. They will make up an eight man board on this, and will have their first discussion and luncheon, in Terrytown of this month. Mr. Kerschner suggested asking Mrs. Flanner to be one of Durham's representatives, as she is very active in this field.

A Middlefield Taxpayers Association letter was read in conjunction with a Emergency Employment letter.

Reed Hayes presented a report of resolutions, they were approved and passed.

A motion was made and approved to look into costs for wall paneling for the Selectmen's office.

It was agreed to check into the legal way of making motions, approvals, etc. with our Town Counsel, for future Selectmen Meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Kyoko Frazier
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Clerk

Resolutions from
Selectmen's Meeting
February 10, 1972

REC'D February 18, 1972 AT 2:20 P.M.
ATT. Mr. H. H. TOWN CLERK

It is RESOLVED that volunteer effort is an important feature in the life of the town. More cooperation between town government and these volunteer organizations would be in the interest of the town. Therefore,

it is MOVED that the Selectmen's office compile as complete a list as possible of groups involved with public service projects and that each be written a letter offering the assistance of the Selectmen's Office.

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It is RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen should be an active policy-planning body in the town and that the Board must be the formal link between all town agencies, offices, boards, and commissions. To do this properly, the Selectmen must be aware on a formal basis of all the activities and plans of each. Therefore,

it is MOVED that all town agencies, special committees, boards, and commissions be requested to provide a copy of the minutes of each meeting to the First Selectman for distribution to the Board of Selectmen. Further,

it is MOVED that the Board of Selectmen schedule a one-half hour session (to be held at a specified time during a regular Selectmen's meeting) with at least one town official each month to hear a report of activities and to discuss problems and future plans.

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It is RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen should give special attention to the effort being made by the Durham Volunteer Fire Department to build new, modern facilities through a fund-raising campaign. Therefore,

it is MOVED that the Board of Selectmen publicly endorse the fund raising effort and that the Fire Department be written a letter offering the assistance of the Selectmen's office.

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It is RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance should give greater attention to the way in which taxpayer's money is collected and managed. Therefore,

it is MOVED that the Town Treasurer be requested to furnish a report to both Boards by the 20th of each month which includes a summary of the following items for the previous month:

- general fund transactions showing at least opening balance, income by category, total expenditures, and closing balance
- investment transactions showing at least amounts invested, duration of investment, financial instrument employed, and interest earned

Further,

it is MOVED that the Tax Collector be requested to furnish a report to both Boards by the 20th of each month which includes the following:

- estimated cash income for the next month
- total back taxes and additions and collections for the month (also showing total write-offs)
- an updated estimate of the collection ratio for the tax year

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It is RESOLVED that our residents deserve to have more complete and timely information about the business transacted by and before official town boards and commissions. Therefore,

it is MOVED that a full report of Selectmen meeting business be submitted to local newspapers no later than one week following each meeting. Further,

it is MOVED that such report include (verbatim) motions adopted by the Board of Selectmen and a summary of substantial discussions held by the Board such that the conclusion reached is clear. Further,

it is MOVED that the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Finance in particular be requested to provide similar information to the local newspapers.

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On motion of

A. Reed Hayes
Selectman