

TOWN OF DURHAM

Connecticut 06422



REC'D 3¹ 27¹ 1978 AT 11:15 A.M.
ATT: M. DiMella TOWN CLERK P.M.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING February 23, 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. Other townspeople present: P. Albert, R. Reilly, W. Moore, L. Dean.

On a motion by L. Hinman, second by B. Wakeman, the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written. 3-0

On a motion by L. Hinman, second by B. Wakeman, Community Banking Co. was appointed Fiscal Agent for the Town of Durham for the issuance of bonds for the new firehouse. 3-0

The bids for the payloader were opened by the Board of Selectmen. See Payloader Bid file for complete listing of all bids. No action was taken.

A check for \$5000 was received from the will of Sarah Burr for the establishment of an "Ellen and Nehemiah Burr Memorial" trust fund, the income from which is to be used for the library. Mr. Hinman will forward the check to the Library Board of Directors.

Action relative to correspondence from the Personnel Policy Bd.: Mrs. Wakeman moved that the reading and discussion of the letter be tabled until an Executive Session could be called later in the meeting. 3-0

The First Annual Durham Washington Trail Road Race as suggested by J. Lynch of the Recreation Committee was discussed by the Board. Mrs. Wakeman moved, second by L. Hinman, to give the board's approval of the concept of the idea. 3-0

Mr. Curtis reported that he has met with Alex Girtanner, CETA field agent, relative to instituting a new CETA program of CETA employees. The first phase will start March 1 and last until September 30. No one presently involved in CETA could participate. It is a labor intensive program utilizing several persons under a crew leader to tackle specific work-oriented problems. Several suggested projects were: canoe trail on the Coginchau River, improving all forestry aspects of the White Farm. and other open spaces areas of the

Town of Durham, improvement of all roadsides (brush removal, site-line work) and/or the erection of a bridge over Allyn's Brook.

On a motion by L. Hinman, second by B. Wakeman, the board voted to hold a Special Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, February 27, 1978, 4:35 P.M. in the town hall to discuss and approve purchase of a payloader and to decide what action to take relative to the above mentioned CETA program. 3-0

Correspondence was read from residents of Side Hill Drive requesting the reconstruction of their road. Mr. Hinman moved to take it under advisement. Second by B. Wakeman. 3-0

Mr. Curtis reported that the local sidewalk ordinance is enforceable according to the town attorney. He had advised, however, that the board consider its enforcement carefully to avoid endangering elderly homeowners. Mr. Curtis stated that he will not recommend any action on the matter until the board members have had a chance to think about it and talk it over. The members agreed that this matter must be publicized prior to snowfall next winter. On a motion by G. Curtis, homeowners will be asked to alleviate the snow on their sidewalks this year as soon as the present heavy accumulation has softened. 3-0

Mrs. Wakeman requested the board consider adding the expense for a public pay phone onto the 78-79 budget request. It was agreed to consider it. 3-0

Mr. Curtis reported ~~XXXXXX~~ that Mr. West's insurance coverage for the town's protection is being checked by Mr. Behrens.

Mr. Hinman reported that the Library Needs Study Committee wants to poll townspeople by phone and a mailing and they are requesting a sum of money for this project. Mrs. Wakeman advised the committee apply to the Board of Finance for funds from the Contingency Account.

The Board voted at 9:17 P.M. to go into Executive Session to discuss a letter from the Personnel Policy Board relative to union negotiations. P. Albert was present. 3-0 The Executive Session and meeting were adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna D. White
Secretary