

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
March 2, 1972

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

The Selectmen discussed the problems of repairs to dirt roads. The Board cannot afford renting equipment. Some roads that need immediate attention are: Haddam Quarter Road, Mica Hill, and Powder Hill Road. It was decided to spend \$1,000. for repairs.

The Board of Selectmen then met with the Durham Garden Club Representatives. Mrs. Herbert Patterson said the letter sent to Mr. Kerschner summarized their thoughts. She also read a summary of the minutes of their last meeting. Mrs. George Atwell presented some of their recommendations. The first, was to establish a colonial historic district committee. This would prevent the demolishing of historical buildings here in Durham, without the legal permission of this historic committee. It was approved and passed by the Selectmen to bring up the establishment of a District Committee for the next Town Meeting. Their representatives suggested the Pythian Building as an example for restoration. The second recommendation was for the creation of a design review board. Mr. William Churchill, Planning and Zoning Chairman, stated that a Design Board would only be able to advise, not to enforce laws, and that a Historic District should be formed first. Another recommendation was trying to enforce laws for the riddance of clutter and litter that cover-up Durham's beauty. It was reminded, that Durham cannot over-ride State Laws. Perhaps, after forming a District Committee, laws can be formed to prevent this. They also, suggested involving more adults in their May "Red Litter Day". Mr. Kerschner said he would like to have the Durham Garden Club organize this project, and draw up a proclamation. They will contact Lester McCall who has headed this project in past years. The Club then extended their thanks, and contributed their services whenever needed.

Monday, March 6th at 7:30, the Board will meet with the Road Committee, and the "Slurry Seal Co.", to discuss road specifications.

By going over our bills, a list of equipment should be drawn up of what we own. This should be brought up at our next meeting. A formal inventory of equipment should be sent to Joel Davis and Reed Hayes. An inventory should also be taken on repairs of roads and equipment. Reed Hayes has invited several Equipment and Construction people to check our equipment, and give their opinions on the condition of such.

The Board of Selectmen will have a Gypsy Moth Meeting, March 20, 1972, at 8:00 P.M. with Mr. Anderson, State Entomologist.

The Board of Selectmen, set up March 27, 1972 as a date for the next Town Meeting. Following are some of the items that will be brought up:

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1. Repair Furnace.
2. Forming a Historic District Committee.
3. Proposal of the Land-Fill Advisory Board.
4. Changing the date of the annual ~~board~~ meeting.
5. Accepting part of Wagon Wheel Drive.

The appropriation for the copying machine cost would come under "unexpended surplus". The Board of Selectmen will meet with the Board of Finance March 14, 1972, at 7:30 to discuss Selectmen's budget.

Mr. Kerschner thought we should look into the selling of three (unoperating) town trucks. One, has a ~~blown~~ engine, which is down at John Nedobity's Garage. The other two are down in the Wimler Yard.

Mr. Kerschner read letter from Joseph Suchanek, Building Inspector, regarding his concern over damage suits to members of Committee's and Commissions. A copy of Public Act No. 726 was sent to him, assuring him that all public officials are protected from law suits on their personal property.

A repair job on the payloader worth \$98.50 from the Mid-State Tractor Co., was done without cost to the Town.

The Board set-up a second meeting date with the Road Committee for March 13, 1972 at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 A.M.

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