

TOWN OF DURHAM



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING March 11, 1982

The meeting opened at 7:35 p.m. Those in attendance were: M. Foster Mather, Maryann Boord, Gregory Curtis, Sherry Forline, Bob Reilly, Charles Mauro, Joy Boone, Pat Marshalek, and Arnold Monday.

Corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting were made by Maryann Boord. In reference to the letter from Northeast Utilities: "the town street lights will be replaced as they burn out by a new type of yellow light...". Also, "The Historic District Commission has requested that the present lights be replaced with the same kind of lights in the historic district."

In the "Notes" at the conclusion of the minutes, it should be noted that the Board of Selectmen will meet with Sherry Forline, Recreation Director, for the purpose of discussing the Recreation budget.

Maryann Boord moved the acceptance of the minutes as corrected. Gregg Curtis seconded the motion; 3 ayes.

A discussion of the Recreation budget ensued with Sherry Forline, Recreation Director, and Robert Reilly, Chairman of the Recreation Committee present. S. Forline explained each of the increases and decreases in the various categories and it was noted that her salary could not be accurately inserted in lieu of union negotiations. S. Forline was complimented on the fine job she has done in the past year, and encouraged to keep us informed in the future.

The poor attendance at Recreation Committee meetings is a concern. It was suggested by B. Reilly that there be something in the rules governing the committee about attendance at meetings. G. Curtis feels it is the chairman's responsibility to encourage attendance. S. Forline stated that the members have been called and reminded about the meetings. B. Reilly said that attendance will be monitored from now on. M. F. Mather requested either a note or a phone call to confirm the heresay that certain members have resigned. Mike Tigner, Jim Gibbons, and Karen Swan were suggested as possible new members to that committee.

A letter from B. Reilly in reference to a request by Little League was discussed, with representatives from Little League participating. The request is for an estimated \$8000 for a new girls' softball field plus \$4000 in maintenance and repairs

for present fields. This relates to budget request #448. B. Reilly suggested that once a year the town work in conjunction with the volunteers to help bring the fields up to par. It was noted that the backstop in the senior girls' field, on the right coming in from Main St., is in bad repair.

At 8:20 p.m. M. F. Mather moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing recreation committee matters. G. Cutis seconded; 3 ayes. No votes taken.

At 9:00 p.m. M. F. Mather moved to come out of executive session. G. Cutis seconded; 3 ayes.

M. F. Mather moved the appointment of George Eames to the Library Building and Site Committee. G. Cutis seconded; 3 ayes. The committee is requesting that two alternates be appointed at a future date. It was noted that one site under consideration is the pavilion site on the Coginchaug School Road, which is also the site suggested by the Little League for the new girls' softball field.

Higganum Road is in bad repair. M. F. Mather checked with the State and discovered that we cannot stop trucks from using that road with a No Thru Truck ordinance if they have a scheduled stop in Durham. We can make weight restrictions, however, according to the Connecticut State Statutes, Section 7-148. This would be difficult to enforce, however. We will contact Permatreat in Durham and ask the Selectman from Higganum to contact Rossi for their cooperation.

After further discussion on the Little League matter, M. Boord moved that we increase the budget request #448 to \$4000 instead of the previous \$3000. G. Curtis seconded; 2 ayes, 1 nay.

M. F. Mather will request that Jan Muraca will institute the 9% pay increase, due to the contract agreement, to the union members and the three non-union employees retroactive to July 1, 1981.

It was noted that the Town Attorney's charge will be \$50 per hour in the next budget year.

G. Curtis brought forth a request by Pete Grippo of the Shell Service Station that the Board of Selectmen put out bids on gasoline used for highway department vehicles. If this is not possible, maybe a rotation procedure could be initiated. Gregg also noted that other gas stations in town might be interested in a similar arrangement. M. F. Mather ^{stated} that we not only purchase gas from ARCO, but that we also receive special considerations for emergency use; availability in the evenings; use of special equipment, etc. Gregg requested that we check out the particulars so that he could explain the situation to Pete.

M. F. Mather moved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m.; G. Curtis seconded; 3 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryann P. Boord
Maryann P. Boord, Selectwoman