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TOWN OF DURHAM

Office of the Selectmen · Connecticut 06422

Carl N. Otte
First Selectman

Betty Wakeman
Selectwoman

Joel N. Davis
Selectman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETINGMarch 24, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 7:46 P.M. with Carl N. Otte and Betty C. Wakeman present. Joel N. Davis arrived at 8:10 P.M.

The minutes were approved as written. Vote 2-0

The bills were paid for the week. Vote 2-0

Larry Pratt reported to the Board about the war memorial plaques. He stated that the plaques will be identically the same on the back of the existing stone as on the front. One plaque from the front will be moved to the back to make it even. No landscaping will be needed as no other stone will be used. The price includes everything. He further stated that there are no names for the Korean War and all spelling of the names will be checked for accuracy. Mr. Pratt credited Mr. Tyler Smith with doing all the leg work and recommended that Mr. Smith be recognized for his efforts.

Town Hall remodeling: Mrs. Wakeman reported that David Smith, Cornell School of Architecture student, will send along some plans he has been working on.

Pisgah Road: The Selectmen's office will find out when the new Pisgah Road was put in.

Dog Warden: Mr. Otte reported that he has not talked further to Bruce Rau about keeping the position. Mr. Otte also reported that he has permission from the Mayor of Middletown to discuss contractual services directly with their dog warden.

The March 7, 1977, letter from Janet Moore, Chairman of the Library Board, formally requesting appointment of a committee to investigate the need for a new public library. The membership of the present Ad-Hoc Building Study Committee was reviewed; action was tabled until the April 7th meeting. Vote 2-0

Mr. Davis arrived.

Mr. Otte reported that the Town Vault Building Committee has not responded to the Board's request to immediately begin insulation of the new vault.

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The Board discussed Clearidge Subdivision I with interested residents. Some highlights were: review of copies of easements and some of the deeds of the land and waterways in question. Also, there never was a map filed on Section B. Mr. Otte reported that he discussed the matter with former First Selectman Charles Wimler who stated that it was not at the time the practice to take formal acceptance of these drainage easements, with the implication that we are in possession and responsible. Planning and Zoning is apparently in possession of the only map. All parties feel there is no question that the waterway is an established water course; the question is whose responsibility is it? Re recent court decision relative to Clearidge I: no one seems to understand what the judge's decision includes and what it doesn't include. It was the consensus of the Board of Selectmen that a public hearing will be called as soon as information is received about the judge's decision that will make it worthwhile to meet. The State of Connecticut, Regional School District #13 and Mr. Reskin will be notified by letter when the hearing is set.

It has been reported to the Selectmen's Office by the Fire Chief that 12 cellars were pumped by the fire department since the last storm including the Grange and a United Church building that had never had a problem before.

The Board was reminded that they will meet with Mr. Feeney of Stonegate next week, March 31, 8 P.M., town hall.

The Board accepted the attached Resolution by a vote of 3-0.

A letter regarding Shunpike and Chalker Roads was read and is attached. The Board voted to meet with them on a Thursday night and correspondence shall be to the effect that we will be able to meet with them but in so doing no acceptance of the roads is implied. Vote 3-0.

Carl Otte will contact the First Selectman's office in Higganum for further information on a plan for 10% town funds toward road repair and 90% abutting residents' participation.

A proposed contract, with the Fair Association, typed in a form of memorandum of understanding, was reviewed and approved. Vote 3-0.

The Board voted to discuss with DMIAB and Donald Lee a request by Al Withey, landfill operator, to be made a Special Constable at the landfill site. Vote 3-0.

Items for a town meeting were again discussed as in last week's minutes.

Mr. Otte reported that the CETA freeze on hiring is over.
The meeting adjourned at 11:18 P.M.

Donna White