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# TOWN OF DURHAM

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 1, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. with Carl N. Otte and Joel N. Davis present.

The Board voted to pay the bills of the week.

Vote 2-0

A special meeting between the Highway Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen was held prior to the Public Hearing on the roads scheduled for April 5, 1976. The Highway Advisory Committee was represented by Mrs. Rene Anderson and Mr. Louis Garbarino. Mr. Ron Westfort, who had originally been requested as a member of the Committee, has declined the appointment.

Carl Otte reported that the town decided to apply for federal funding for roads in 1932; was granted approval in 1935. Many town roads were built during the 1930's and many more during the 1940-45 period. Some of the local roads are now 40 years old. Very few have been built during the recent years. During the last years, the P & Z and the Board of Selectmen have established new specs for road construction which guarantees better, longer-lasting roads. It was also noted that 1 mile of rebuilt road reduces maintenance by \$2,000 a year.

The Town Engineer, David Mylchreest, has prepared, in conjunction with the First Selectman, a booklet outlining the financial aspect and work involved in a road repair program. The Highway Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen reviewed the booklet together; noting that some needed repair work was not listed in the booklet, i.e., a section of Foot Hills Rd., a section of Parmelee Hill Rd., Walt Herzig's to Johnson Lane. It was also noted that regular oiling of the roads renews the condition of the road and is deemed very important. Regular maintenance is very important and Mr. Garbarino felt that the use of a grader would greatly help many of the problem areas. The unanimous opinion is that the base of the road is of prime consideration in the long-term permanence of the road surface. The First Selectman estimates that if the townspeople agree to a rebuilding program for the town roads, it would take 1½ years before construction can begin.

Carl Otte reported that the DCA is conducting another road survey of the town roads (in addition to the one prepared by Mr. Mylchreest); however,

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the town will need to furnish the traffic counters for the survey.

The First Selectman feels that the road having the top traffic volume should be given first repair priority. Mr. Garbarino feels that the road with the top maintenance problem should be first. Hopefully, the town will be able to do all of it.

Conservatively speaking, it seems that the Town of Durham is going to have an increase in the mill rate.

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Mr. Stu Keating requested the Board of Selectmen's attention to a drainage problem on his property. The headwall is broken and very dangerous. Mr. Otte and Robert Reilly, Road Foreman, will visit the site in question in the morning.

The Board of Selectmen granted the request of the Firehouse Building Committee to hold a town meeting on April 26, 1976, for the purpose of voting a go-ahead with the building of the new firehouse. The Board of Selectmen will request the Committee to prepare the Call to the Meeting.

Vote 2-0

The Board of Selectmen appointed Mr. Geoffrey Colegrove to another term on the CAGM.

Vote 2-0

Mrs. Rene Anderson, representing the Durham Women's Club, reported that the Women's Club would like to erect town-organization signs on major arteries coming into the town (as the City of Middletown has on Route 17, near the Long Hill School.) Mr. Garbarino cautioned that a highway right-of-way exists and that this may prevent erection of the sign. Mr. Otte suggested that a sign could perhaps be erected on the Green, to avoid the highway right-of-way problem.

Mr. Otte reported that he has arrived at a solution to the CETA Employees/Workmen's Comp. Insurance policy problem. We can recover from CETA funds the money that the town provided for Workmen's Comp. at a rate of 1.71 per \$100 payroll from 3/8/75 to 3/8/76. The CETA Employees have been deleted from the Town's Workmen's Comp. since 3/8/76.

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The appointment to the Charter Revision Commission, to replace Mrs. Lois Schilling, was tabled.

Vote 2-0

The appointment to the Highway Advisory Committee was tabled until next meeting.

Vote 2-0

Mr. Joel Davis has agreed to be the Chairman of the Public Hearing to be held Monday evening, April 5, 1976.

The report of the Vault Building Committee, prepared by Mr. Greg Curtis, was read. It was voted to ask the Town Engineer, David Mylchreest, to come and survey the drainage problem relative to the new vault, and to ask him to prepare a definite estimate as to corrective measures.

Vote 2-0

Downstairs Floor Plans of the Town Hall, prepared by CETA Carpentry Foreman, John Daly, were received with approval by the Board of Selectman.

A letter was read from the Bicentennial Committee relative to the question of Vendors in the town during the Bicentennial Week of August 1-7, 1976. The Board of Selectmen will get an opinion from the town attorney.

Vote 2-0

The meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna White*

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Secretary