

TOWN OF DURHAM



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 1, 1982

The Board of Selectmen's Meeting of April 1, 1982, was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by First Selectman M. Foster Mather; G. Curtis present; Maryann P. Boord absent. No townspeople present.

Motion by G. Curtis to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting of March 11, 1982; seconded by F. Mather; 2 ayes. There were no questions on the weekly disbursements.

Correspondence:

Motion by G. Curtis to approve a Proclamation setting May 23-31, 1982, as a Week of Celebration to honor George Washington; seconded by F. Mather; 2 ayes.

The First Selectman advised that the unemployment rate in Durham has risen to 6.1%, according to state figures.

The Board noted a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reilly's new attorney (dated 3/30/82) relative to the correction of a drainage problem.

Letter reviewed from Frank Behrens, Sr., Tree Warden, dated 3/25/82 recommending the removal and replacement of 2 spruce trees and 2 yews on the town green. G. Curtis requested that action be postponed until he can look over the matter.

The Board reviewed a 3/10/82 letter from Bill Nelson relative to White's Farm ". . . being used as an airport for individuals flying ultra-light aircraft." F. Mather stated that John Patterson had also called him about this. The First Selectman recommended waiting until the Conservation Commission takes a stand although he noted that he is unsure of the commission's power in this regard; town counsel may have to get involved.

Letter from Joanne Salva, Tax Collector, dated 3/17/82 so noted. She is asking Town Counsel to proceed in the collection of taxes.

Request noted from CAGM (dated 3/12/82) for a \$79.50 contribution to enable the continuation and expansion of sending Midstate Senior News to the 530 elderly residents of Durham. Action tabled.

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Motion by F. Mather to appoint Vincent Marino as an alternate member of the Library Building and Site Committee; seconded by G. Curtis; 2 ayes.

\$8,492.37

The First Selectman reported that expenses will total \$473.86 for the 2/6/82 Haddam Neck Exercise; \$1,250 had been made available by the state to the town to offset out-of-pocket expenses. The unused balance will remain in the town's account for future exercises which will likely occur on a weekday next time -- a likelihood that will incur a higher payroll. G. Curtis approved of the listed expenses provided by the First Selectman, although not of a weekday exercise.

The Board discussed and approved the following names to a TRUCK SELECTION COMMITTEE, conditional upon their acceptance: Robert Reilly, Frank Behrens, Jr., Richard Vynalek, Charles Arrigoni, Jr., and Anton Zimmer.

The Board of Selectmen, in its roll as the Water Pollution Control Authority, discussed the First Selectman's report that certain wells on Main Street have been contaminated by an unnamed industrial facility. The First Selectman further reported that well water at the DeMoro property is now clear but is still not good water. Additionally, he noted that Town Counsel has prepared a writ for delivery to Robert Moore re DEP's proposed decision in the matter of an Appeal Hearing Regarding Order Number 3073 Issued to Durham Poultry Farm, Inc.

G. Curtis commented that he appreciates the responsive manner in which F. Mather follows up on his suggestions offered at the Board's meetings. Comments for this meeting were: E. Vance has had a stroke, Wilcox Drive area will be spraying for gypsy moths, suggested newspaper article re gypsy moth survey.

Motion at 8:01 P.M. by F. Mather to adjourn; seconded by G. Curtis; 2 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna White

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Secretary