

REC'D April 25, 1977 AT 11:30 A.M.
ATT: TOWN CLERK

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 MEETING

April 21, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. with the following members of the board present: Carl N. Otte, Betty C. Wakeman, and Joel N. Davis.

The board met with A. Thomas White, Jr., Town Counsel, and Attorneys Hunt and Kuhn who represent owners on Chalker and Shunpike Roads. A copy of their presentation is attached. A map dated 1821 by James Wadsworth was also studied.

Mr. Davis felt that because there has been no town maintenance on the road in 40-50 years, it constitutes "effective discontinuance." Attorney Kuhn argued that under case law failure to maintain a road does not discontinue it.

Attorney White will research "abandonment" and "discontinuance" and will also get more information on the "Gallagher case" (Haddam) agreement.

The Board of Selectmen discussed among themselves the finances of the highway maintenance account and prepared and endorsed a memo to the Board of Finance requesting the appropriation of \$11,177.65 of Anti-Recession money for the completion of the Parmelee Hill Rd. Project. The memo further proposed a public hearing on Monday, May 2, 1977, 7 P.M. and a second hearing to be combined with the public hearing on the use of General Revenue Sharing Funds, 7:30 P.M., May 9, 1977, in Thayer Auditorium, prior to the Annual Budget Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen met with the Board of Finance mainly to discuss the finances relative to the town's highway department. Procedures in handling Anti-Recession and Federal Revenue Sharing monies were also discussed. Mr. Mather stated that \$11,000 in uncommitted General Revenue Sharing funds will be put into the 1977-1978 Reserve fund for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenses for highway capital expenditures.

The Call for the Public Hearing, May 2, 1977, 7 P.M. in the town hall will have 3 items: 1. The expenditure of anti-recession funds, 2. The expenditure of G.R.S. monies of \$3,500 for a tank truck, 3. Additional GRS. money.

The Call for the Public Hearing May 9, 1977, 7:30 P.M. in Thayer Auditorium: 1. The expenditure of anti-recession funds, 2. The expenditure

of G.R.S. monies of \$3,500 for a tank truck, 3. The expenditure of remaining G.R.S. money into the Non-Recurring Capital fund.

The Call to the Annual Budget Meeting will include the first two items of the hearings. The third item would be included in the Board of Finance budget.

To Mr. Mather's question on how to do the bookkeeping to retrieve money for strip patching, Mr. Otte responded "from the town aid account." He stated that it is the towns to do with as it wants as it is their own money. Mr. Otte further stated there is a town aid balance of \$31,000 to which trucks and materials can be charged.

Mr. Baginski stressed the importance of leaving a good paper trail and was endorsed by all other officials present.

Mr. Otte pointed out to Mr. Mather an article in the Federal Register regarding municipal expenditures to clarify handling of Revenue Sharing funds.

Six hundred and eleven dollars (\$611.00) in anti-recession money sent by the Governor will be added to the Anti-Recession money for the purpose of the public hearing.

Mr. Mather questioned the actual amount of the deficit in the highway account. Mr. Otte stated he must figure on at least \$10,000 a month to run the highway department to the end of June.

That concluded the joint meeting of the Boards of Selectmen and Finance.

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting. Vote 3-0

The weekly bills were voted to be paid. Vote 3-0

The Board tabled discussion of town hall remodeling. Vote 3-0

Preparation of the Call to the Annual Budget Meeting was tabled. Vote 3-0

The appointment of the Library Needs Study Committee was tabled. Vote 3-0

Action on the dog warden was tabled. Vote 3-0

The appointment to fill a vacancy on the Recreation Committee was tabled. Vote 3-0

Action on accepting the resignation of the Recreation Director or appointing a new one was tabled pending clarification of the "Articles of Authority" and the Director's position. The First Selectman will notify other members of the Recreation Committee that Mr. Cicchese has resigned as Director and seek their recommendations for Director. Mr. Cicchese has recommended Jim Stannard who he has been training as Director. In the meantime the Board of Selectmen will consider revisions to the "Articles of Authority." Vote 3-0

Action to update the Civil Preparedness Plan was tabled. Vote 3-0

On a motion by Carl N. Otte, May 7th was designated as Town Wide Clean Up Day. Vote 3-0 The Fair Association will subsidize refreshments and use of the toilets was granted. Mr. Otte further reported the town crew may pick up the garbage. Recycling will not be done, just cleanup. The town will likely furnish plastic bags.

Mr. Otte reported that he has not heard from John Lyman regarding the Town of Durham patching Regional District #13 roads in Durham. Therefore, further action was tabled. Vote 3-0

A fact sheet for 1977 Winter Storm costs was reviewed by the Board of Selectmen and is attached. The feeling is that the town needs their own sand pit.

Approval was given to the Ambulance Corps to use the green on May 22 instead of May 1 as previously requested. Vote 3-0

Attorney Richard Parmelee has suggested that the Board of Selectmen meet with him and the following people regarding the Pisgah Rd. corner problem: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dale, Remy Morosani, and Mrs. DeCrosta.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna D. White
Secretary to the Selectmen

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Overtime pay	2,841.61
Sand	4,987.50
Salt	2,947.81
Gas*	1,819.28
Plow blades	1,200.00
Insurance, \$250 Deductible	250.00
Chains	357.60
Tires	294.00
Contract	1,393.50
Durham Radiator	118.75
Welding repairs	456.00
Bolts to plow frame	123.84
Total	16,789.89

*Gas is the cost over the summer month average.

We have \$1,000 in sand that is available for oiling.

No costs for materials as a result of washouts is included.

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