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TOWN OF DURHAM

Office of the Selectmen · Connecticut 06422

Carl N. Otte
First Selectman

A. Reed Hayes
Selectman

Joel N. Davis
Selectman

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 22, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 8:17 P.M. with Carl N. Otte, A. Reed Hayes, and Joel N. Davis present.

Selectman A. Reed Hayes officially presented his resignation from the Board of Selectmen, effective May 1, 1976.

It was voted to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Vote 3-0

Mr. Ed Higgins was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to fill a full position on the Planning & Zoning Commission vacated by Mr. William Manchester. The term expires in 1976. (Davis, no)

Vote 2-1

The appointment of an alternate to the Planning & Zoning Commission was tabled.

Vote 3-0

Mr. Henry Berten was appointed Municipal Agent (for the Elderly) for an indefinite term.

Vote 3-0

The Washington Trail Guard was granted use of the Green on May 15, 1976, for a tag sale.

Vote 3-0

The Washington Trail Guard has submitted a request to the Board of Selectmen that they be allowed to create, adopt, and present to the town a flag of their design in commemoration of the Bicentennial Year. Tabled.

Mr. Hayes left.

It was noted that a formal ceremony will take place on the Green May 8, 1976, which will designate the Washington Trail Guard the official representative of the town of Durham in the Bicentennial Year. The Board of Selectmen agreed to close Town House Road from 3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on that date.

Vote 2-0

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The Board voted on a letter from the Middlesex County Special Olympics and will designate May 22, 1976, as Special Olympics Day. Ceremonies will begin at 9:00 A. M. at the Coginchaug Regional High School Athletic Field.

Vote 2-0

The Board has received a request to make Maple Avenue a no-thru truck route. It was voted to request the State Traffic Commission to do just that.

Vote 2-0

The Board of Selectmen voted to write to Mr. William Manchester thanking him for his many years' service to the town.

Vote 2-0

It was decided that the First Selectman will prepare, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, an appropriate resolution to be presented to the Gaylord Newton Family. Mr. Newton died on April 19, 1976.

Vote 2-0

The First Selectman will prepare and send to all department heads, letters of caution regarding undue expenses (except those already contracted -) before June 1, or until a cleared picture of the town's financial structure is apparent.

Vote 2-0

The First Selectman reported that there is federal money available, based on safety need which the town may be eligible to apply for, since there are several very dangerous spots in town, i.e., Maiden Lane (between Wheeler Hill and Bear Rock Road), Stagecoach Road (on the bad curve near Eick's), and Parmelee Hill Road. The money, which is part of the Off-Systems Road Grant is a 90/10 apportionment.

Mr. Davis suggested activating the Highway Advisory Committee.

The Board tabled appointment of a Board of Finance vacancy created by the resignation of Greg Cook.

Vote 2-0

It was voted to pay the bills for the week.

Vote 2-0

Because of an inaccurate surveyance of Stagecoach Village, boundaries are wrong. Mr. Davis suggested that the problem be left with the P & Z for the present time.

The First Selectman reported that there are 3 vacancies on the DMIAB, which must be on the Call to the Meeting for the budget meeting on May 10, 1976.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Carl R. Cole