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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 MEETING

April 28, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 8:11 P.M. with the following members of the Board present: Carl N. Otte, Betty C. Wakeman, and Joel N. Davis.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written. Vote 3-0

The Board met with Ed Higgins and Athan Pappas of the Charter Revision Commission in order that the Board of Selectmen may be kept abreast of the Charter Revision Schedule, as attached. May 31 is the latest date to have the revision put into the hands of the Selectmen. Legal counsel will also be consulted. Athan Pappas stressed the availability of the Charter Revision Commission for discussion and negotiation.

The Board voted to pay the bills for the week. Vote 3-0

William Moore, Town Treasurer, questioned the termination of the bookkeeper. Mr. Otte reported that the job which is funded by CETA has been listed with the Unemployment Office. He stated further that 2/3 of the work of this administrative position is CETA work.

Mr. Otte reported that a new program has been added; i.e., a CETA project. The program, of one year duration, requires an application. He will discuss this new program with the CETA Field agent when they meet next week.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Moore feels that the town is in exactly the same fiscal situation as last year and will likely be requesting authorization to borrow funds.

Strong School Construction Cost: (see attached) This was forwarded to the Board so that they will be aware of the action involved. The request for further funding will be on the Call to the Meeting for Regional School Dist. #13 on May 2, 1977.

The Board voted not to take a joint Board position of the matter, although they individually approve of the request. Vote 3-0

Town Hall Remodeling: action deferred. Vote 3-0

Dog Warden: Bruce Rau has counter-offered \$275. a month in salary with the town to assume all expenses. Mr. Otte will meet with the Middle-town dog warden on Tuesday, May 3.

Planting Around the Town Hall: Mr. Otte met with Mrs. Willett of the Durham Garden Club. She reported to him that the Club is about to apply for the Rockfall Co. grant. They have requested a letter of endorsement by the Selectmen which will be sent. Vote 3-0

Mr. Otte warned the other members of the Board that they may be faced with a \$1,000 repair bill on the pay loader (the hydraulic pump that activates the transmission works sluggishly.) With a trade in on our machine, Cookes' Equipment has offered another machine for \$15,000. Since repairs on the payloader have been astounding, Cookes' offer will be

considered.

The Board studied and discussed a "Highway Budget Analysis, Board of Finance Proposals" as prepared by Mr. Otte. A copy will be attached to the original minutes for reference. This was in preparation for the Budget Hearings and the Annual Budget Meeting.

The Board discussed the upcoming 2 budget hearings and the Annual Budget Meeting. The proposed Calls were also reviewed.

The appointment of a 10-member Library Needs Study Committee was tabled. Vote 3-0

No response has been received from the Recreation Committee re the Recreation Director so action relative to the Recreation Committee was tabled. Vote 3-0

Action to appoint a Committee to update the Civil Preparedness Plan was deferred. Vote 3-0

The Board talked over the upcoming townwide cleanup of May 7. The Fire Co. has committed their group to work. Mr. Davis expressed interest in having the groups separate the glass from other refuse. The other members concurred.

Action was deferred regarding patching roads in Regional School Dist. #13. Vote 3-0

The Board voted to endorse a brush chipping program, preferably on Mondays. Vote 3-0

No report on Clearidge.

Pisgah Road: action tabled. Vote 3-0

Mr. Otte reported that he will discuss the Family Service request with Mike Donaluk, CETA field agent, next week when they meet.

The meeting adjourned at 11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna D. White
Secretary to the Selectmen