

TOWN OF DURHAM

Connecticut 06422



BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 7, 1981

The Board of Selectmen's Meeting of May 7, 1981, was called to order at 7:34 P.M. by First Selectman M. Foster Mather; present: Maryann P. Boord, Selectwoman; Gregory G. Curtis, Selectman. Townspeople present: Dr. S. Levy, J. Banack, R. W. Moeller, P. McKillop, M. Clark, W. Moore, J. Moore.

The minutes of the April 16, 1981, Board of Selectmen's meeting were approved; motion by M. Boord, seconded by G. Curtis; 3 ayes. The weekly disbursements were so noted.

J. Banack addressed the Board about various areas of dissatisfaction in the constabulary: one man town patrol, morale, organization, and further he expressed great exception to a recent Hartford Courant article about Durham constables. Mr. Banack resigned and turned in his badge. F. Mather explained the article in the paper as being the work of a reporter and was in no way intended to cut the constables. F. Mather asked J. Banack to reconsider his decision to turn in his badge and to give guidance to the board in straightening out any problems so he can run the group with the best resources at the town's disposal. F. Mather expressed his trust in Mr. Banack but he felt he couldn't set him up as a superior constable when his qualifications are the same as the other men's. Mr. Banack responded that he wishes to remain off the squad until it gets organized.

A letter was read from the 1981 Derby Day Committee requesting the closing of roads. Dr. Levy requested adequate routing of traffic and parking so as not to interfere with his business and also to leave a way open for firetrucks. F. Mather moved to permit that Parmelee Hill Road, from Route 17 to David Road, be closed to traffic from 8 A.M.-4 P.M. on September 12, 1981, for the Annual Derby Day, with September 19, 1981, as the raindate. Adequate traffic control to be included. Motion seconded by G. Curtis; 3 ayes. J. Clifford suggested a traffic detour sign at the Pent Road/Tri-Mountain Road intersection.

An Open Counsel letter written by Stuart H. Dudley, Adjutant, American Legion Post No. 184, copy received in Selectmen's office, was read for the board. The letter requested postponing the road race for at least one hour on Memorial Day so as not to detract from the ceremonies at the monument and the placing of flowers on the graves. The board discussed the matter. G. Curtis suggested

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a ½ hour compromise. M. Boord advised that the time has already been set for this year but next year the committee could be requested to delay the starting time of the race for ½ hour.

F. Mather stated the question has been raised: why does the town pay for state troopers for traffic control on Memorial Day and not at other town events? The First Selectman requested input from the board members. Motion by M. Boord that the State Police protection for the Washington Trail Road Race be paid for out of the Washington Trail Road Race funds; seconded by G. Curtis; approved with 3 ayes.

War memorial plaques were the subject of a letter received from Tyler Smith. The board agreed that Mr. Smith should seek a local group to sponsor this project.

Letter read and discussed from Attorney Yolen representing Mr. Hanks, Mr. DeMorro, Mr. Burkhardt--requesting:

1. more drinking water
2. alternate water supply.

F. Mather alerted the board that \$4,200 has been expended to date on this matter. He asked whether item #2 above should be considered. G. Curtis: yes; M. Boord: yes, utilize Simon's unused well. Motion by M. Boord: to authorize F. Mather to pursue investigation of additional water supply to Mr. Hanks, Mr. DeMorro, Mr. Burkhardt, preferably using Simon's presently unused well; G. Curtis seconded; approved with 3 ayes.

The Department of Environmental Protection letter from Mr. Wallace re COSP #172 was reviewed.

F. Mather nominated Ira Kerschner, Marjorie C. Hatch, and Frank Behrens, Jr. as a committee to serve on the George Washington Trail Committee; seconded by M. Boord; approved with 3 ayes.

It was noted that a Firemen's Parade will be held in town on August 9.

In an effort to collect delinquent taxes the tax collector is seeking the board's opinion relative to foreclosure on Clementel. The votes were as follows:

1. M. Boord: support all her efforts;
2. G. Curtis: although he supports all her efforts to collect back taxes, in this particular case he felt it necessary to abstain;
3. F. Mather: support all her efforts.

Motion by G. Curtis to grant approval of an alcoholic beverages permit to Coginchau Jr. Ancient Fife and Drum Corps for the Annual Muster to be held June 6, 1981, on the grounds of the Frank Ward Strong School; seconded by F. Mather; approved with 3 ayes.

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The board discussed disciplinary actions for the constables, i.e., those who had not taken the training course, unauthorized use of plates, lights, etc. It was agreed to talk to the three constables who did not attend the course to see if they would take it again when it was offered; M. Boord said she is uncomfortable with the one man patrol but that it is not unreasonable to enforce use of plates, lights, etc.; G. Curtis reiterated that we must work within the approved budget.

The Board of Finance joined the meeting to talk about the school budget and its impact on the town budget. Present: J. Clifford, J. Dean, C. Otte, M. Jewczyn, D. Desjarlais, B. Quinlivan. The Board of Selectmen advised:

1. G. Curtis: fine, go as is;
2. M. Boord: look it over, look for possible cuts.

G. Curtis advised the board of a drainage problem at the North Branford/Durham town line. The First Selectman will talk to the Mayor of North Branford to see if it's a worthy project.

G. Curtis requested the carryover of \$3,000 Durham Cemetery Ass'n. funds (for planting stock) into the 81-82 fiscal year. F. Mather moved to send a formal request to the Board of Finance to carryover unexpended cemetery company funds into the next fiscal year; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

M. Boord noted that she will attend the Middlesex Special Olympics to be held May 23. She raised questions re: insurance problems that could arise as a result of use of White's Farm by glider pilots.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna White
Secretary