

BOARD OF FINANCE
Durham, Connecticut 06422

May 9, 1978

Mr. Gregory Curtis, First Selectman
Town Hall
Durham, Conn. 06422

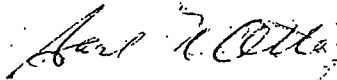
Dear Greg:

The Board of Finance is recommending to the Board of Selectmen that monies set aside for the purchase of a new ambulance in the Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-Recurring Expenses (ambulance) be used toward the purchase of a new ambulance and be brought to Town Meeting for action.

The Board also recommends that the First Selectman pursue the matter of placing the Town Clerk on a straight salary rather than the present method of Town Clerk remuneration.

In addition, the Board recommends the firm of Leshner-Glending Municipal Services, Inc. be contracted for re-evaluation for a sum not-to-exceed \$35,000 and that the Board of Selectmen take this matter to a Town Meeting for action.

Sincerely,



Carl N. Otte, Chairman

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Haddam Quarter Road
Durham, Conn. 06422
May 10, 1978

First Selectman Gregory Curtis
Town Hall
Durham, Conn. 06422

Dear Greg:

The following will call your attention to a serious problem which has become increasingly worse.

As you may know, the power lines which run from Johnson Lane to Arbutus Street have created a 125-foot path over private property, a right-of-way intended for the purpose of power transmission only.

When we moved to Haddam Quarter Road six years ago, the area was full of wildlife and natural vegetation. It was a relatively quiet and peaceful area.

Increasingly, trespassing by motorcyclists has changed the character of the area. Rocky, eroded paths have been gouged in the landscape and our weekends are reminiscent of a day at the Indianapolis 500. Our greatest concern, however, is for the safety of our children who can no longer hike or ride horseback without fear of encountering some of these motorcycle gangs who have adopted this property as their personal speedway.

Most of the traffic comes from out-of-town cyclists who ride unregistered vehicles with illegal mufflers or no mufflers at all. Although I have chased many cyclists and warned them not to return, they seem to multiply in greater numbers each year. Adjacent homeowners like myself have tried to blockade the access areas but the trespassing persists.

Abner Newton, who owns most of the property concerned, would cooperate with any effort to end this abuse of the area. I have reason to believe that Northeast Utilities has previously taken measures in other problem areas to block or fence off these areas to prevent access by motorcycles.

Homeowners in this area pay their full share of taxes and volunteer their services to the town. We all feel that we deserve peace and quiet as well as safety for our

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children who hike and ride horses in the vicinity.

I strongly urge the Board of Selectmen to take prompt and appropriate action to resolve this unfortunate situation and to notify Northeast Utilities of our concern.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Ed' or 'Edwin', written in a cursive style.

Edwin C. Higgins