

TOWN OF DURHAM

Office of the Selectmen - Connecticut 06422

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MINUTES OF MEETING

of

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 15, 1975

Present: Hayes
Otte
Parmelee

1. RESOLVED, that the resignation of Mrs. Susan D. Nelson from the Bicentennial Committee as representative of the Library Board be, and it hereby is, accepted, and further that Mrs. Sandra Poliner be appointed in her place.

Vote: 3-0

2. RESOLVED, that a petition of 50 electors pertaining to the renaming of Daisy Lane be, and it hereby is, accepted as valid by the Board of Selectmen (having been certified by the Town Clerk) and further that said petition shall be known as the "Athan Pappas Petition". A Special Town meeting in connection therewith shall be held at 8:00 P. M. on Monday, June 23, 1975, at Strong School, which is the date of the "next town meeting" as previously contemplated by the Board of Selectmen.

Vote: 3-0

3. ACKNOWLEDGE letter from a Meriden realtor (letter on file) offering land in Durham to the Town. The Board expresses no interest.

Vote: 3-0

4. RESOLUTION CONCERNING FLOOD INSURANCE

WHEREAS, certain areas of the Town of Durham, Connecticut, are subject to periodic flooding from the Coginchaug River, causing serious damages to properties within these areas, and

WHEREAS, relief is available in the form of federally subsidized flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968; and

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WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Selectmen and Planning and Zoning Commission to require the recognition and evaluation of flood hazards in all official actions relating to land use in the flood plain areas having special flood hazards; and

WHEREAS, Chapters 124 and 126 of the Connecticut General Statutes enable the Town Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt land use and control measures to reduce future flood losses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Durham Planning and Zoning Commission assures the Federal Insurance Administration that it will enact as necessary, and maintain in force for those areas having flood hazards, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with the criteria set forth in Section 1910 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations; and
2. The Durham Board of Selectmen vests the Durham Building Inspector with the responsibility, authority, and means to:
 - (a) Delineate or assist the Administrator, at his request, in delineating the limits of the areas having special flood hazards on available local maps of sufficient scale to identify the location of building sites.
 - (b) Provide such information as the Administrator may request concerning present uses and occupancy of the flood plain.
 - (c) Cooperate with Federal, state, and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map, and identify flood plain or mud slide areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities with respect to management of adjoining flood plain and/or mud slide areas in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.

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(d) Submit on the anniversary date of the community's initial eligibility an annual report to the Administrator on the progress made during the past year within the community in the development and implementation of flood plain management measures.

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4. The Durham Board of Selectmen and the Durham Planning and Zoning Commission agree to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the program.

ADOPTED BY DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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ADOPTED: _____, 1975.

ADOPTED BY DURHAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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5. RESOLUTION CONCERNING BUILDING PERMIT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, The Town of Durham, Connecticut, has adopted and is enforcing the State of Connecticut Building Code, and

WHEREAS, Section 113.1 of the aforesaid prohibits any person, firm or corporation from erecting, constructing, enlarging, altering, repairing, improving, moving or demolishing any building or structure without first obtaining a separate building permit for each building or structure from the Building Inspector, and

WHEREAS, the Building Inspector must examine all plans and specifications for the proposed construction when application is made to him for a building permit.

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ADOPTED: _____, 1975

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C. James Gibbons, Chairman

ADOPTED: _____, 1975

ADOPTED BY DURHAM HEALTH DIRECTOR

Dr. Leo Willett

ADOPTED: _____, 1975

6. RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen will, and it hereby does, congratulate Boy Scout Troop 27 in Durham for their civic concern and excellent work in connection with the new fencing installed around the old cemetery. The town is grateful and the First Selectman is instructed to forward a letter expressing this sentiment.

Vote 3-0

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RESOLUTION A

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ADOPTED: MAY 22, 1975.

ADOPTED BY DURHAM PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

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ADOPTED: JUNE 4, 1975.

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C. James Gibbons, Chairman

ADOPTED: JUNE 4, 1975.

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Dr. Leo Willett
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ADOPTED: 9 June, 1975.

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7. RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen will, and it hereby does, grant to the Durham Fair Association the use of the town green on September 26, 27 and 28, and further, that Town House Road will be closed and Maple Avenue will be one-way on those dates. The Town Hall will be open on Friday but closed on Saturday (the 26th and 27th of September, respectively) in connection with the Fair, with any Saturday business to be conducted in the Fire House.

Vote: 3-0

8. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

- a. Renovation of the second floor of the Town Hall is proceeding according to schedule and will be completed by the end of June. An open house will be scheduled.
- b. Current crew assignments are as follows:

Highway Department

Half the crew is assigned to road patching and half the crew is assigned to roadside grading and drainage improvement.

Roadside Improvement Department

Half the crew is assigned to tree trimming and pruning and half the crew is assigned to roadside erosion control and brush cutting as well as care of the town tree nursery. Town green trees were recently cared for and the town green maintained by this department.

Carpentry Department

Complete second floor renovations in the Town Hall.

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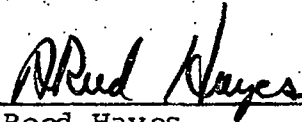
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- c. A plan for improving White's Grove has been prepared and has been forwarded to the Conservation Commission for their consent. The plan calls for a softball field, a pavilion, a general sports field, a nature trail, new bridges across Allyn's Brook, a picnic area, and substantial plantings.
- d. The preliminary draft of the study of erosion problems in the town has been received and forwarded to concerned town agencies for comment. The study was prepared by the U. S. D. A. Soil Conservation Service (RC&D) under a grant awarded to the town. The study indicates serious erosion and water control problems in the town and forty-seven sites have already been identified as needing corrective action. The First Selectman intends to apply for 75% federal funding and has been advised that prospects for this funding are excellent.



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