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Carl N. Otte
First Selectman

Betty Wakeman
Selectwoman

Joel N. Davis
Selectman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 19, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 P.M. by First Selectman Carl N. Otte. Other selectmen present: Betty C. Wakeman and Joel N. Davis.

The Board met with the Charter Revision Commission to formally receive the draft of the revised Charter. The proposed schedule for the Charter revision process was reviewed and is attached. Chapter 99, Section 7-187 to 7-201 of the Conn. General Statutes covers this schedule, page 579. Within thirty days from the date the revision was submitted to the Board of Selectmen a public hearing must be called. The Board and Commission unanimously decided to have the public hearing on Monday, June 6, 1977, at CRHS, 8 P.M.

Questions raised by the Board of Selectmen: Mr. Otte questioned the degree of unanimity on the Board regarding the revisions. Mr. Pappas responded there is 99% agreement to support the revision as presented.

A press release from the commission highlighting the changes will be released soon to explain changes to the townspeople. Copies of the revision will be made available in town hall. Further questions:

Section 4-2: legal opinion necessary on the 10 day transitional period. The feeling was that they (the Board of Selectmen or Charter Revision Commission) may not have the authority to make these official actions.

Section 4-4: Town Engineer should be added to the list.

Section 5-1.3: referring to the sentence "Meetings may be closed to the public for Executive..." Mr. Otte felt it should also be included in the chapter on the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Davis felt a general item in reference to it might cover it better.

Section 6-1: Each year in November a "regular town election" is held. The terms could then be elected in a 3-year cycle. Perhaps the "election" could be more clearly defined.

The Board voted to meet with the Charter Revision Commission on May 26, 1977, 8 P.M. Town Hall, during the regular Selectmen's Meeting.

Vote 3-0

The Board of Selectmen resumed their regular meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written.

Vote 3-0

The Board voted to pay the bills as presented. Vote 3-0

Mr. Davis referred to the Charter revision again saying the wording about executive Session could begin: "Parts of a meeting shall

be in Executive Session."

The appointment of a Library Needs Study Committee was tabled.

Vote 3-0

No appointments were made to the Committee to update the civil preparedness plan. Vote 3-0

Al Wakeman's revisions to the plan to remodel town hall were reviewed and liked. He will prepare a final combination.

An appointment to the Economic Development Commission was tabled. Vote 3-0 The feeling here was that someone is needed who has availability in Durham to pursue potentially interested parties.

The resignation of Kermit St. Pierre from the Firehouse Building Committee was received and accepted with regret, effective immediately. Vote 3-0 No appointment was made to fill the vacancy. Vote 3-0

The items for the Special Town Meeting were reviewed:

1. To deed cemetery land back to Ted and Edie White for \$1,500
2. Solar Energy exemption
3. Acceptance of Boulder View Court.
4. Acceptance of Arrowhead Court.

The Board voted to take the following action: that the acceptance of the 2 roads on the Call of the Meeting be conditioned upon the posting of a 2% maintenance bond as required by town ordinance. Vote 3-0

5. authorization to resubmit the EDA grant application
6. elect 2 members to the Bd. of Education

An item relative to the Stagecoach Village was tabled until a future town meeting. Vote 3-0

The Board voted to publically favor finding someone to take the initiative to get public subscription to do the work relative to the Honor Roll. Vote 3-0

Action relative to Don Lee's letter (copy attached) was tabled. Vote 3-0

The Board voted to ask the PZC about 2 lot subdivision during a one-year time period. Vote 3-0

Mr. Otte requested permission from the Board of Selectmen to write the DOT requesting Town Aid unimproved road money. So voted. 3-0

The Board voted to accept Mrs. Brown's resignation as bookkeeper. Vote 3-0

The Board reappointed Mrs. Noel K. Higgins as Welfare Administrator for a term to expire December 1, 1977. Vote 3-0

Highway report: the roadcrew has been paving Higganum Rd.

The Board discussed the end-of-fiscal year obligations and voted to put generally the following on the Call to the Special Town Meeting: To request borrowing authorization to meet end-of-year fiscal year expenses. Vote 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Donna D. White
Secretary to the Selectmen

