

May 25, 1972

The Board of Selectmen met, May 25, 1972, at 8:00P.M. in the Town Hall.

Joel Davis had several questions in mind. The first being, a "Clam-Bake", planned by the Exchange Club in August. He was wondering if such events were held on Town Property, could an organization sell alcoholic beverages here? Mr. Kerschner had only knowledge of having such events at "White's Grove". The Board agreed to have a letter written to the Recreation Committee asking them to meet with us at our next Board Meeting. This meeting would be held to set down some of the regulations, and policies, of Durham properties.

Mr. Davis said the Cemetery Commission requires a certificate of title to buy a cemetery lot now. He would like the opinion of the Town Attorney regarding this. Mr. Kerschner said he would contact our attorney, Tom White on this matter.

A discussion on town pay scales and policies was held. Mr. Kerschner thought it would be a good idea to have a committee of five people, (other than someone on the Board of Finance or Board of Selectmen), to draw up some proposals on this. We would ask the Board of Finance to select two names, and the Board of Selectmen to select three. A vote of 3-for, and 0-against was made, to write a letter to David Montgomery, before the 8th of June, stating we would like the Board of Finance to propose two people to serve on a committee to study pay scales and policies for town officials, and employees, and the Board of Selectmen will appoint three members.

On Street Lighting, Mr. Kerschner said a computed sheet, sent in by HELCO, shows all the street lights in Durham, and should verify with maps in the First Selectmen's office. This will be discussed further at another Board Meeting.

Mr. Kerschner read a letter sent in by Mr. Mel Ash. It was in regards to voting by machine vote for Town Budgets, and Board of Education Elections. This, he thought, should be done between the hours of 6 AM to 6 PM, having voting matters put to a referendum. The Selectmen thought this proposal not possible or prudent, as it would be very costly, also, this machinism would deprive people of amending the budget downward, then passing it, and having people reject the budget if they felt it was allready too low. Another aspect brought up, was that it may not be in the framework of the State Statues.

A letter was read from Attroney Parmelee. This was in regards to the progress being made on the development of septic disposal on Tuttle Road.

An "application form copy" was given to each selectmen to review. This was sent by Greggory Curtis, of the Conservation Commission, regarding the erosion problem at "White's Grove" area. The cost for this project is estimated at \$9,200.00.

Joseph Suchanek has sent in his resignation as Assistant Health Officer. This is due to a health problem. Dr. Charles Chace, Health Officer of Durham will appoint for this position.

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A letter was read from Attorney Fazzano of Hartford. He represented an H.P. Kopplemann, Inc., and their distribution of magazines, newspapers and soft covered books here in Durham. A motion was made to proceed with an investigation of the "Hawker's and Peddler's Act". The vote was 3-for, 0-against.

The appointment of Raymond Church, Jr., as Special Constable will expire June 11, 1972. Mr. Kerschner, 1st. Selectman, made a motion to appoint Mr. Church as Special Constable, for a two year term, from June 11, 1972. The vote was, 3-for, 0-against.

Towns have signed up for the Benefits of Title I, of the Economic Adjustment Act, - Durham being one.

A letter sent in by Richard Taylor, Town Auditor was read, regarding the Recreation Committee Funds and how they should be appropriated.

On Road Specifications, the Board of Selectmen will get together with the Road Committee within the next week or two, to go over these plans. Bill Johnson has also sent in Developers Adoptions on Road Specifications.

Reed Hayes said Tree Spraying would definitely take place next week. Also, a special list should be made up showing those people specifying B.T.

Mr. Kerschner stated that he had been in contact with several agencies concerning reimbursement to the town for work to be done. Eastern Conn. Resources Conservation & Development Commission has approved the project on Higganum Road. This project must now be written up after cost studies, and engineering is completed. At the present time 50% reimbursement could be available. After July 1st it is possible that the reimbursement will be 80%. Several other area's will be submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

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Clerk

REC'D	May 31	1972	AT 1:15	A.M.
ATT:	Mr. Hatch			P.M.
				TOWN CLERK