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TOWN OF DURHAM

Office of the Selectmen · Connecticut 06422

Carl N. Otte
First Selectman

A. Reed Hayes
Selectman

Joel N. Davis
Selectman

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 27, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 P.M. with Carl N. Otte and Joel N. Davis present.

Walter Morris, our representative to the CABLE TV, reported to the Board of Selectmen that a committee that has been mandated by law in connection with the CABLE TV is suing the state to have free distribution by the contractor to the schools in the towns of Connecticut.

The Board of Selectmen voted approval of the minutes of the last meeting.
Vote 2-0

Payment of the weekly bills was approved.
Vote 2-0

The First Selectman reported that two pending agreements the town has with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation, are ready to be signed and notarized, i.e., Tuttle Road and the Town Aid Agreement. They will meet with the Town Clerk Saturday, May 29, 1976, to finalize this.
Vote 2-0

Roger Newton, President of the Durham Historical Society, and F. E. Behrens, Sr., Tree Warden, will plant a Continental Locust tree, donated by Millane Nursery as part of the Bicentennial Celebration, in the old cemetery at the conclusion of the Memorial Day ceremonies on the Green, May 31, 1976.
Vote 2-0

The planting of the Charter Oak seedling, descendant of the famous original Charter Oak, will be on August 7, 1976, on the Green, as part of the Bicentennial Celebration in the Town of Durham.
Vote 2-0

The Board of Selectmen voted to call the Adjourned Budget Meeting for Wednesday evening, June 9, 1976, 8 P.M. in the CRHS Thayer Auditorium.*
Vote 2-0

After reading the clarification by Town Counsel re appointments to fill

vacancies by Section 2-6 or by 5-1.2 of the Town Charter and a clarification from the Office of Legislative Research. It was unanimously decided that the appointment must be from the same party as the member vacating the Office.

Carl N. Otte nominated Leonard Baginski to the Board of Finance to fill the unexpired term of Gregory Cook; said term to expire in 1979. Mr. Davis voted yes.

Vote 2-0

Carl N. Otte nominated Betty Wakeman to the Board of Selectmen to fill the unexpired term of A. Reed Hayes. Mr. Davis voted yes. Her term of office will become effective June 10, 1976.

Vote 2-0

Mr. Otte reported that the town crew has planted 42 sugar maples, 21 scanlon maples, and 3 dogwood trees in the areas of Main Street, Regional District #13 and the Durham Public Library. It was voted to send a letter of thanks to Mr. Hyman Stollman of Colchester, who donated these trees to the Town.

Vote 2-0

First Selectman's Report:

The traffic counter has been ordered; the price is \$91.00, delivered.

The Highway Advisory Committee has been notified that they will be contacted soon to begin work.

State money is available for recreational development without needing matching funds from the town.

* It was further decided that on June 9, 1976, first the Adjourned Annual Budget Meeting will be called at 8 P.M. and then a Special Town Meeting will be called at 9 P.M. Recommendations for the call for the Special Town Meeting: to adopt an anti-littering ordinance, to amend the Ordinance regulating peddlars and solicitors, and to authorize the First Selectman to apply for state funds for recreational development.

Mr. Davis has observed the great deal of dirt that has been removed from the roadsides, and that now the movement of water along the roadsides will be considerably improved. Mr. Otte feels the job is better than half done. The town is renting the 2 machines for \$27.00 per hour; with \$2500 spent for contracting time so far.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a written request to act as fence viewers. They will meet on June 12, 1976, Saturday, to look over the situation.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna White

Clerk to the Selectmen