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AT 11:00 P.M.
TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF DURHAM

Office of the Selectmen · Connecticut 06422

Carl N. Otte
First Selectman

Betty Wakeman
Selectwoman

Joel N. Davis
Selectman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S

MEETING

June 2, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 8:16 P.M. by First Selectman Carl N. Otte. Other Selectmen present: Betty C. Wakeman and Joel N. Davis.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written.

Vote 3-0

The Bills were paid for the week. Vote 3-0

Action relative to a Library Needs Study Committee was tabled.

Vote 3-0

The organization of a committee to update the Civil Preparedness Plan was tabled. Vote 3-0

Mr. Otte reported that he has received notice of additional CETA II funds for 1 position of about \$11,000. The position must be filled by the end of June. Mr. Otte further reported that one CETA VI position is now vacant. He will check to see what the deadline, etc., is in regard to the CETA VI position.

The Board of Selectmen formally accepted the resignation of William Cicchese as Recreation Director. Mr. Cicchese will remain as a member of the committee.

The Board of Selectmen voted to amend the Articles of the Durham Recreation Committee as attached. Vote 3-0

On a motion by B. Wakeman the Board appointed Mr. Thomas Tencza to fill B. Ryan's term on the Recreation Committee; said term to expire December 1, 1977. Vote 3-0

On a motion by J. N. Davis, seconded by B. Wakeman, James Stannard was appointed Recreation Director for a one year term to expire June 1, 1978. Vote 3-0

Mr. Joseph Venuti reported that due to impending alternations to Strong School no Youth Center will be held this summer. The funds regularly used for this purpose will be used to fill in where the Board of Finance had made cuts in the Recreation Budget.

Mr. Venuti further reported that a resolution prohibiting horses from the school grounds will be presented shortly to the Board of Education. Comments were requested and the board was in favor of it.

Mr. Venuti also requested the installation of a public telephone on the recreation area. Mr. Otte will discuss it with the phone company. Mr. Otte will also see in what status the request to control speeding in the recreation area is.

Mr. Otte requested that the disbursement of money for the 60+ Club be handled directly by Selectmen's vouchers.

A petition was received by the Board of Selectmen as follows: "We, the undersigned residents and/or property owners of Main Street, urge you to take whatever steps necessary to accomplish a lowering of the posted speed of our Main Street (Conn. Rt. 17 between its intersections with Rt. 79 and Rt. 147) to 30 miles per hour." Mrs. Wakeman moved full support of the petition. Mr. Davis felt they should go on record as favoring a reduction in the speed limit from the northerly town line to the intersection of 77 and 17 and a copy of the petition be submitted to the State Traffic Commission. So moved. Vote 3-0

Mr. Venuti also told the board that he will be requesting the Historic District Commission seek federal funds to reroute Main Street through Coginchaug Swamp. No vote or endorsement was made, although Mrs. Wakeman was strongly opposed to the idea.

The public hearing of June 6 was discussed. Mr. Otte will serve as Chairman and be in charge of Chapters 1, 2, and 7. Mr. Davis will lead a discussion of Chapters 3 and 4. Mrs. Wakeman - Chapters 5 and 6. A tape recorder will be furnished and 2 secretaries will be there.

The Board took the following action: To request Mr. Ellsworth Matthias, President of Kismat, Inc., to submit his committed amount of \$5,215 to the Town of Durham in two checks - one of \$1040 and one of \$4175; the \$1040 check to be held as his maintenance bond for Arrowhead Court and Boulder View Court for one year at which time the balance plus interest will revert to the town. Vote 3-0

On a motion by Mr. Otte, Maple Ave. (from Town House Rd to Old Cemetery Rd.) for the duration of the Coginchaug Ancients Muster parade. Vote 3-0

Correspondence read: letter from and Mr. Otte's response to Mr. Gourley about paving and oiling school roads and a letter from Mr. Martensen regarding Town Aid funds. Mr. Otte's response was approved and will be sent out. Vote 3-0

After reading the Insurance Committees folder dated June 1, 1977, regarding the Ambulance Corps, Mrs. Wakeman moved the implementation of recommendations. Vote 3-0

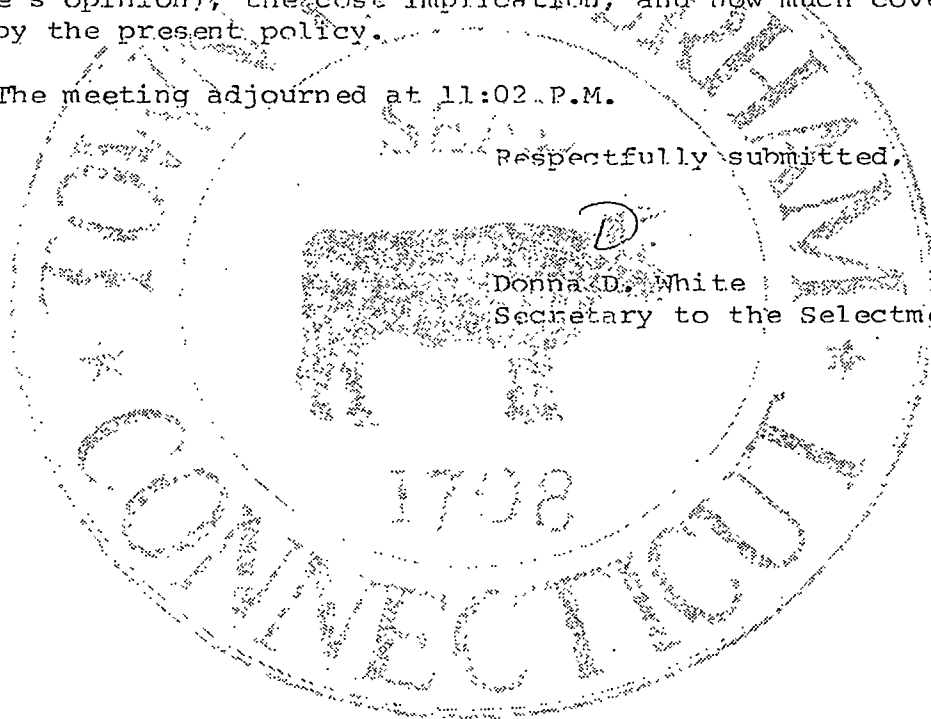
Mr. Vance requested that the Board of Selectmen furnish the insurance on constables' cars as emergency vehicles which would additionally qualify the constables for red light and siren permits. Mr. Otte strongly denied siren permits on any count. Mr. Davis said a bigger issue is at stake - toward what direction of organization and duty does the Board of Selectmen wish for the constables?

The Board voted to ask the Insurance Committee what general coverage does the town carry for the 13 vehicles insured on the town's policy and can it be construed to include the constables' cars when in use as an emergency vehicle. Mrs. Wakeman wanted to know what the legal implications are or what constitutes an "emergency vehicle" (legally not someone's opinion), the cost implication, and how much coverage is now given by the present policy.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Donna D. White
Secretary to the Selectmen



REVISED
ARTICLES OF AUTHORITY FOR THE DURHAM
RECREATION COMMITTEE AND THE DURHAM RECREATION DIRECTOR

1. The Committee shall be known as the Durham Recreation Committee.

2. The Committee shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as of December 1st in odd-numbered years to serve two-year terms. Any vacancy will be filled by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired portion of the term.

3. The Committee shall serve as a policy making and budget-making authority and shall plan and authorize all recreational activities and facilities in the Town of Durham, and shall be responsible for reviewing and approving the budget request of the Recreation Director prior to submission to the Board of Selectmen.

4. The members of the Committee shall hold an organizational meeting in December of the appointment year and shall elect one of their members as Chairman and one as Secretary.

5. The Committee shall meet six times a year in odd-numbered months on a date established by the membership. The Chairman shall have the right to cancel scheduled meetings as he may deem necessary. Public notice shall be given of each meeting, which shall be held in the Town Hall at a convenient time and open to the public. The budget shall be presented and approved in January of each year.

6. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum, and the vote of the majority of such members shall be necessary for any action taken by this committee. The Secretary shall record all votes in the minutes.

7. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Durham Recreation Director who shall organize, supervise, coordinate, and direct all recreational activities authorized by the Committee. The scope and type of recreational programs undertaken shall be governed by the approved budget.

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8. The Committee shall take care to insure that any activities undertaken or facilities planned are in conformance with the Planning and Zoning Regulations of the Town and the rules established by the Conservation Commission governing the use of open space land.

Revised and adopted this 2nd day of June, 1977, by the Durham Board of Selectmen.

