

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 9, 1977

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The meeting was called to order at 8:33 P.M. by First Selectman, Carl N. Otte. Mr. Davis was also present and *Mrs. Wakeman arrived at 9:09 P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as corrected: add "to be closed" p. 2, paragraph 8 in reference to Maple Ave. Vote 2-0

The bills for the week were paid. Vote 2-0

Mr. Otte reported that old aerial maps relative to the Pisgah Rd. controversy are with Mr. Bob Hall, River Rd., Madison. This is of further interest because other old aerial maps may be located of all town "roadways."

Mr. Otte further reported the EDA has reserved \$150,000 for the Town of Durham for the project previously submitted in request for \$551,200 for roads. Because of the reduction in the allotment - the priority projects will be Parmelee Hill (Pent Rd. to Indian La.) and Indian Lane. We will reapply and await approval.

*Mrs. Wakeman arrived.

The town has received the 2 checks from Mr. Matthias, Kismat, Inc. (see minutes of Board of Selectmen's meeting of June 2, 1977 for resolution.)

The Board of Selectmen authorized the First Selectman to borrow \$80,000 for 30 days to meet end-of-year obligations. Vote 3-0

The Board of Selectmen signed the 1976 Local Road Mileage form to be returned attn: Thomas E. Cressey, Director of Engineering. The cover letter to the state shall read: one member of the Board refused to sign the form because she feels that down through the years some town roads have been left off the list and what method can be used to put back some of these roads. Vote 3-0

RE Shunpike Rd: Tom White's letter read. Mr. Davis brought it to the Board's attention that Mr. White doesn't mention Non-demand or abandonment by non-use. The board voted to meet with Tom White at the June 16, 1977, meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Vote 3-0

Mr. Otte reported that he has received a request from C. James Gibbons, Chairman, PZC, (they're revising subdivision regulations) to increase the 600' frontage requirement on cul de sacs. Taken from "Specifications for Road and Street Construction, Town of Durham, Conn." it presently reads as follows: No permanent or temporary dead end street shall give the required frontage to more than twelve lots, nor exceed 600' in length, and all permanent or temporary dead end streets shall terminate in a turnaround 100' in diameter." Mr. Davis

moved to respond to the effect that we sympathize with their position and would welcome guidance in what would be a reasonable solution. Vote 3-0

The Board of Selectmen voted to renew the maintenance agreement with Contoura for service on the copier at \$199.00 for the year. Vote 3-0

Action to fill a vacancy on the Firehouse Building Committee was tabled. Vote 3-0

The Board of Selectmen voted to grant the request of the Ct. Agricultural Fair for use of the Green, etc., (4 points as requested in their letter) for July 29, 30, and 31. Vote 3-0

The Board voted to authorize the First Selectman to close local roads during reconstruction. Vote 3-0

The resignation of Mrs. Marilyn Horn from the Library Bd. (effective June 2, 1977) was accepted by the Board with appreciation. Vote 3-0

Mrs. Louise Scott was appointed to the Library Board to fill Mrs. Horn's vacancy until the Annual Town Meeting. Vote 3-0

The Board voted to meet on June 16, 1977, at 7 P.M. Vote 3-0
Items on the Agenda will be: 1) approval of minutes 2) Charter Revision 3) Shumpike Rd. meeting with T. White.

On Monday, June 20, 1977, the Board will meet with the Charter Revision Commission. Vote 3-0

The Board of Selectmen discussed the suggested changes to the charter.

Otte: 1) error in defining transition period 2) there are terminology errors 3) 4-3.1 resistance to the wording "coordinating."

Davis: The Board shall provide supervisions over the duties of the town. Selectmen are ultimately responsible for all town activities.

In several places the Commission has gone beyond what is reasonable in a charter. They've done too much. No laws in the fed gov. that provide for the transition. Ambiguous in their quest for detail. Does not support Bd. of Education and PZC on the ballot. Is not sold on the recall provisions either.

Mrs. Wakeman questioned if there is a recall provision in the state statutes.

A summary highlighting suggested changes will be prepared in time for the meeting June 16 by the Selectmen's office for discussion by the Board of Selectmen.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 P.M.

D. White