

REC'D 6-27 1977 AT 1 P.M. JUNE 23, 1977

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The meeting was called to order at 8:12 P.M. by First Selectman Carl N. Otte. Mrs. Betty Wakeman was also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written. 2-0

The bills for the week were approved as presented. 2-0

A letter was read from the Firehouse Building Committee relative to the perc tests that were not done as scheduled and must wait until the fall. Nancy Flanner was appointed to fill Kermit St. Pierre's vacancy on the Firehouse Building Committee. 2-0

The communication from the Connecticut Public Expenditures Council relative to Charter revision was read. Mr. Otte reported that members of this council are very close to being the experts on Charter revision. They make their people available to towns in the revision process. No action relative to the charter was taken although the board did discuss the letters being sent to town counsel seeking legal advice about the charter.

On July 14th town counsel will meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss Shunpike Road.

So voted by the Board of Selectmen: that the town of Durham celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Saratoga and that a committee of 7 persons be appointed as a Battle of Saratoga Anniversary Committee to be in charge of the celebration. Those appointed are: George Neumann, Chairman, Robert Fell, Roger Newton, William Moore, Barbara Olsen, Tyler Smith, and Elizabeth Mansfield. 2-0

The Board of Selectmen also voted: that the Battle of Saratoga Anniversary Committee organize and prepare an appropriate and proper proposal for the town to follow in the celebration. 2-0

The Proclamation by the Board of Selectmen relative to the Battle of Saratoga will be prepared by the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting of July 7, 1977.

A touching letter of appreciation from James Stannard, newly-appointed Recreation Director, was read by the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen voted 2-0 on the following motion: that the Bicentennial Committee be requested to assume the responsibility for the construction of a suitable display cabinet to display the Bicentennial quilt.

Mr. Otte reported that Parmelee Hill is being repaved and it will be done next Tuesday, weather permitting.

The Board discussed the request of Roberta Chamelian for greater public exposure of the CRHS chorus. Some suggestions will be forwarded to her. 2-0

The Board discussed a request from MCT's representative Linda Jodoin for \$2,400 in funds and 1 CETA driver for the 1977-1978 fiscal year. One dollar is now appropriated for the Elderly Transportation. Mrs. Wakeman stated she likes the idea of Dial-A-Ride and will attend an upcoming 60+ Club meeting with Ms. Jodoin.

A letter was read from the Coginchau Ancient's thanking the Board of Selectmen for the use of the Green.

Mr. Otte's "Drainage Problem" report was read. A copy will be forwarded to the Backhoe Advisory Committee when they meet.

The Board endorsed Gov. Grasso's 4th of July Proclamation and will request all Durham bells to ring at 2 P.M. for 2 minutes on July 4. 2-0

The Board discussed asking Permatreat to have a bridge built over their waterway after looking at a brochure by Koppers. Mr. Otte will forward the folder to the proper person.

The Board decided to discuss the Elderly Housing Program at the next Selectmen's Meeting. Mr. Otte reported that Title 8 Housing Subsidy became effective June 23 for rental units. He will pursue the matter. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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D. D. White
Secretary to the Selectmen

