

REC'D	June 25, 1976	AT 2:15	Adm. P.M.
ATT:	West	TOWN CLERK	

MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 24, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. with Carl N. Otte, Joel N. Davis, and Betty Wakeman present.

The Board voted unanimously to pay the bills presented for the week.
Vote 3-0

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as written.
Vote 3-0

The Fire Co. Chief, Kenneth Dale, was given the ok by the First Selectman to proceed with the purchase of new base radio equipment; said approval having been given by the Board of Finance at their meeting of January 15, 1976. The \$2,000 had been voted to be taken from Revenue Sharing Funds.

The Fire Co. was also granted a further exception to the "spending freeze" but are cautioned to use as little an amount of the money as they can and as wisely as possible in purchasing equipment. The Chief was requested to submit to the First Selectman a list of those items to be purchased. The advise of the auditor was sought in this matter.
Vote 3-0

It was unanimously agreed by the Board of Selectmen to have Dr. Willett, Health Officer, consult with A. Thomas White, Jr., Town Counsel, in completing the sewage ordinance for presentation to town meeting.
Vote 3-0

Governor Ella T. Grasso's PROCLAMATION re ringing of bells at 2 P.M. on July 4th was read. Mr. Davis reported that the United Churches of Durham was going to participate.

Mr. Davis made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to write a letter to the Conservation Commission requesting them to immediately post signs at, and develop regulations re White's Farm, as is their authority and responsibility under Section 6-12 of the Town Charter.
Vote 3-0

The Board of Selectmen voted to immediately prepare an Ordinance regulating use of White's Farm.
Vote 3-0

The First Selectman reported that there is a Resident State Trooper position open. The position could be on a trial basis. If the Town of Durham hired a Resident State Trooper, it might open a CETA position for a full-time constable, a position previously held by Joseph Banack, but ruled illegal by the State Labor Department because no police department or Resident Trooper position was already established in the town.

The First Selectman further reported that at a meeting with the constables on June 20, 1976, it was noted that at least 30 men will be needed for traffic control during the Bicentennial Parade; this is at least 20 men more than our present constabulary force.

According to a legal notice in the Middletown Press on June 24, 1976, the CETA Title 6 program will be extended to Sept. 30, 1976, and the Title 2 program to Jan. 31, 1977, (with Durham to receive \$66,939.)

A town meeting will need to be held very soon for the following reasons:

- 1) Sewage Ordinance
- 2) Building Inspector fees
- 3) White's Farm Ordinance
- 4) amendments to the Vendor's Ordinance.

Carl reported that the roller has been ordered, delivery is expected on July 1, 1976, and payment due on July 15, 1976.

The new traffic counter is in place and will be counting the traffic on 36 designated spots.

A new law re the selection of Town Auditor went into effect April 17, 1976; Public Act 76-68. This law provides that the selection of the Town Attorney is to be selected by town meeting (with Bd./Finance recommendation) and notification given to the State Tax Commission. Such action has been done for 1976-77.

Carl estimates that it will cost \$20,000 to oil the town roads (3' strip, 27 miles of road, including fences). This would serve to stabilize the road shoulders and kill the weeds.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to grant the use of Town House Road (closed to traffic each day at 6 P.M.) and the Green for Bicentennial festivities for each of the 6 days, August 2, Monday, to August 7, Saturday.

Vote 3-0

Carl Otte made a motion that Mrs. Wakeman be the representative of the Board of Selectmen to the Bicentennial Ball.

Vote 2-0, Wakeman abstaining

Joel Davis made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to borrow the remaining \$20,000 of the \$100,000 authorized by town meeting on June 30, 1976, if necessary given the then current condition of the General Fund. This will enable payment of the Regional School Dist. #13 July bill of \$61,000.

Vote 3-0

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Betty Wakeman requested that it appear in the minutes that Old Johnson Road had previously been designated as a town road on the list of roads that is yearly sent to the town. It does not appear this year.

Carl Otte made a motion to reappoint Mrs. Noel K. Higgins the Welfare Administrator for a one-year term to expire June 30, 1977.

Vote 3-0

The Board agreed to write to the Board of Finance requesting the transfer of \$1,000 from the Town Hall Improvement Reserve Fund to the Town Hall Improvement appropriation.

Vote 3-0

Mr. Davis moved to provide temporary potable drinking water/until such time as adequate facilities are installed in the town hall.

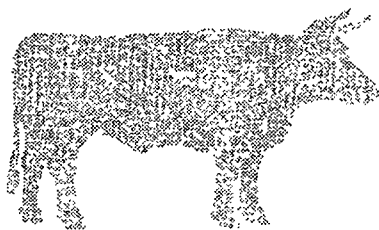
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The Meeting adjourned at 11:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna White

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Selectmen's Clerk



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