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Ira N. Kerschner,
First SelectmanA. Reed Hayes,
SelectmanJoel N. Davis,
SelectmanBoard of Selectmen Minutes
June 26, 1973Present: Ira N. Kerschner
Joel N. Davis

Carl Otte, President of the Durham Fair Association appeared to discuss several items of concern to the Fair Association. They were as follows:

1. Developing a written agreement covering the town's use of the Fair Association building to house town trucks and equipment. He will prepare a statement and submit it to the Board of Selectmen for review and approval.
2. The Fair Association seeks permission to use the steep bank west of the cemetery and is interested in possible purchase of a parcel of land facing Maple Ave. north of the cemetery owned by the town. He will investigate the deed and report back.
3. The Fair Association notified the Board of it's intention to close off public access to the Fair Association owned Canfield Lane except during times when public activities are on the Fair grounds.

Outstanding bills were paid.

Ira Kerschner reported having reviewed with Dave Montgomery, Chairman of the Board of Finance, the status of the town accounts in relation to the budget. It appears that only minor adjustments between accounts will be necessary. The only areas of significant over-spending accounts, are Social Security, Insurance, and Highway Maintenance.

A letter from the Fire Company Board of Trustees requesting the placing of additional street lights on Main Street adjacent to the Firehouse, was tabled until the next meeting.

Ira Kerschner was authorized to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, RC&D Program, to cover the correction of three or more areas of severe soil erosion adjacent to town roads. On approval the Federal Government will pay 50% of the costs of needed repairs.

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Ira Kerschner presented preliminary proposals and some prices for this season's road drainage projects, road surfacing and oiling. Authorizations were given to place orders for some items requiring longer delivery times.

Received notice from insurance carrier of town liability for errors in the Town Clerk's Office under a new state statute. The Board voted to send the letter to the Board of Finance with a recommendation for appropriate insurance coverage.

Approval of a service contract on the A.B. Dick Copying Machine for 1973-1974 was voted.

A letter was received from Governor Meskill, stating that Neighborhood Youth Corps money for summer youth employment would be unavailable to Durham this year. Funds are available only to the communities that operated programs in the past.

Town Clerk, Marjorie Hatch was appointed Admission's Officer for the special June 28th Voter Making Session.

A letter was received from Rockwell H. Potter, Public Records Administrator calling attention to the critical storage and use space for land records and other public records, in the present Town Hall. He advised immediate town action to correct the situation. A letter will be sent to Mr. Potter informing him of action taken by the Board. That action was the appointment of a committee to study land acquisition.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Joel N. Davis
Selectman