BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
July 7, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 P.M. by First Selectman Carl N. Otte. Joel N. Davis was also present and Mrs. Wakeman joined the meeting after the first order of business was completed.

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

The board reviewed the auditor's preliminary report which was later to be discussed with the Board of Finance.

Mr. Otte reported that the bookkeeper position is soon to be open and suggestions and ideas on the subject were exchanged.

The Sanitarian's bill for $2754 was discussed. Mr. Otte said a fee basis arrangement was never settled on. He further stated that there is no money in the budget; it would need to go to town meeting for approval. On a motion by Mrs. Wakeman, the board will invite Dr. Willett and Ed DeTour to meet with the Board of Selectmen next week to discuss the bill for sanitarian's service. Vote 3-0

The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 to meet at 7:30 P.M. on July 14.

Prior to meeting with the Board of Finance on the matter the Board of Selectmen discussed the MCT request for 1977-1978 of $2450. Only a $1.00 line item was set in the budget. Mr. Otte has received a petition and several letters in support of retaining the service. The continuing support by the Exchange Club was discussed but no one knew what the Exchange Club planned to do. Mrs. Wakeman suggested they bring the matter before the Board of Finance and see how they feel about it.

At 9:07 P.M. the Board of Selectmen met with the Board of Finance in the Public Meeting Room. Mather, Werblow, Baginski, Mauro, Clark, Clifford, and William Moore were in attendance.

The Board of Selectmen, for purposes of informing the Board of Finance, discussed the MCT request. The MCT reports of use service were extensively reviewed but the Board of Finance wanted to know how the MCT computed their request. After much discussion the two boards agreed to meet with MCT representatives (at a date to be set) and Mr. Otte will investigate the intentions of the Exchange Club.

End-of-fiscal year matters were discussed. $150,000 is needed by July 15 to pay the $80,000 note and a $70,000 July school payment. The Treasurer will appraise the situation next week and let the boards know what must be done. The joint boards felt there would be no problem renewing the note.

The Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance, and Treasurer discussed the preliminary report of the auditors. Dr. Mather informed the group that he and Mr. Otte had asked the auditors for these recommendations to set up the new books. Mr. Baginski led a discussion of adopting an accrual system for end-of-year fiscal year bills. The Board of Selectmen, on a motion by J. Davis, moved to endorse the auditors recommendation on the implementation of an accrual system. Vote 3-0

Dr. Mather stated that since the Board of Finance recommendation to have separate checking accounts for Federal Revenue Sharing and Anti-Recessionary monies has been ignored, what is the Board of Selectmen's feelings now? After lengthy discussion the Board of Selectmen's and treasurer's feelings were that a clear paper trail using the present system was adequate. Moore also stated that the Board of Finance should consider putting money aside for a highly-qualified town bookkeeper. This was considered a valid suggestion by the Board of Finance.

At 10:45 P.M. the Board of Selectmen moved back downstairs to resume their individual meeting.

It was reported by Mr. Otte that the Board of Selectmen does not create the Proclamation relative to the Battle of Saratoga.

Action relative to Elderly Housing was tabled. Vote 3-0

On a motion by Carl Otte the members of the highway department will receive a 5% cost-of-living increase, retroactive to July 4. Vote 3-0

Before closing the meeting Mr. Otte expressed his concern that a qualified person can be found to fill the bookkeeper's position. The Board also discussed establishing a job work time schedule for the highway department. After giving the Board of Selectmen a report on the upcoming road repair schedule (Clementel Dr., Haddam Quarter Rd., and Bear Rock Road) the meeting was closed at 11:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna D. White
Secretary to the Selectmen