

SELECTMAN'S OFFICE

Durham, Connecticut

July 9, 1970

The Selectmen met and paid the bills. First Selectman Charles Wimler made a motion that the Assessors officially notify every taxpayer, by mail, of the time limit during which applications for classification of land as "Openspace Land" must be filed. These applications must be filed annually with the Assessor not earlier than thirty days before and not later than thirty days after the October 1, assessment date. Mr. Stender seconded the motion.

Mr. Kerschner recommended Ronald Arena for the position of constable to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Frederick White and Mr. Stender seconded the nomination.

The Board was not in favor of patrolling State owned property known as Miller's Pond. They also discussed having a monthly meeting with neighboring towns to talk over similar problems that occur in each Town.

The Selectmen from Middlefield attended the meeting with members of their Planning Board, Mr. Colgrove from Midstate and Mr. Kurker from the State Health Dept. to discuss the proposed new Dump site and talk about an agreement between the two Towns concerning the operation of the dump. The Towns have carried out a joint operation for over 15 years.

The proposed Rock Festival scheduled for the end of July in Middlefield was brought up and the Selectmen are not in favor of it due to problems of Sanitation, Health, Transportation and Personal Welfare. They are going to meet again with the Selectmen and other agencies from both towns that are involved. The Clerk was instructed to write to some of our organizations that could be of help in time of emergency.

The Clerk presented a letter of thanks from the Church of Epiphany for use of the green for their antique sale. Also a letter was received from the State Tax Dept. that the sum of \$2915.83 is due the Town for revenue loss for tax relief for the elderly.

The Board of Finance has notified the Selectmen that they are meeting with representatives of the Durham Insurance Agency on July 16, to discuss the coverage of the Town and would like the Selectmen to attend the meeting also.

They adjourned until July 16, at 6:00 at which time they will make voters.

Shelby Chumley
Clerk

Recd. 7-10-70 at 2:40

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The Selectmen held a special meeting on July 28, 1970 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Mr. Kerschner was unable to attend as he is on vacation. Instructions were given to the Special Constables, that were sworn in, for the protection of town property during the coming Rock Festival. The Selectmen were very pleased at the large number of Durham men who responded to a call for assistance in this time of anticipated trouble. Over thirty were present and more will be sworn in during the next two days that were unable to attend in the evening. A special telephone has been installed in the Fire House for the Townspeople to call for assistance. The number will be published as soon as it is received. Mr. Pearce showed a map with the roads that are going to be one way for the weekend. The Advisory Committee was told of the expected expenses for these preparations and all agreed that it was necessary.

Mr. Stender spoke of the fact that the Selectmen had agreed that when the circumstances showed a need for a resident State Policeman, they would bring the subject to a Town Meeting. With the large type of gathering that our neighboring Town is having and may have again in the future, Mr. Stender was of the opinion that Durham will be needing a resident policeman. He made a motion that this be put in the call of a future town meeting to be voted on by the townspeople. He also made a motion that our Town Counsel draw up an ordinance to limit large gatherings in our Town, not to effect non-profit organizations. These motions were seconded by Mr. Wimler.

Mr. Leland Seeton was appointed as an Assessor to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Calvin Smith. Mrs. Elsie A. Vercelli will remain as clerk for as long as necessary to help Mr. Seeton, the time not to exceed thirty days.

They adjourned at 10:00.

Sheep C. Wimler
Clerk

7-29-70 at 2:15 P.M.

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