BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
July 21, 1977

REC'D 7-25- 1977 AT 10:50 A.M.
ATT: TOWN CLERK

The meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. by First Selectman, Carl N. Otte. Betty C. Wakeman and Joel N. Davis were also present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were amended to include a motion to go out of Executive Session after meeting with Ed DeTour. Vote 3-0. Discussion relative to Freedom of Information Act followed.

Bills for the week were paid. Vote 3-0

Mr. Otte moved to amend the Personnel Policy with the following: In the event of absence caused by a job-related injury each employee shall be paid at the regular hourly rate for each day's absence that is not subject to Workmen's Comp reimbursement.

Mr. Davis questioned the percentage of Workmen's Comp paid. He felt an exception should be made in this case (Stanley Bower's job-related injury) in the Personnel Policy and research further into various possibilities for an amendment and its related costs. Therefore Mr. Otte's motion was defeated.

Mr. Davis moved that Stanley Bower be paid for the one day lost because of injury and that we study the whole system of coverage of work loss due to injury. Vote 3-0

Mr. Otte reported that 1250 T. of material has been laid by the crew in the last 4 days.

Action relative to the Library Board was tabled pending confirmation of a resignation. Vote 3-0

The position of Municipal Agent for the Elderly was discussed as it has grown toward being a full time position. No action taken. Vote 3-0

Edwin Higgins was appointed as Justice of the Peace to fill the vacant position. Vote 3-0

Two personnel matters were discussed and approved relative to pay rises.

The date of the erection of the gate to the vault was mentioned: soon.

A letter was read from the State of Conn. Labor Dept. relative to a petition by Employees filed by CSEA, Inc. A preliminary conference to initiate investigation of this matter by the state is set for Tues., Aug. 2, 9:30 A.M. in Durham.

A letter from the Middlesex County Soil and Water Conservation District was read stating our request for assistance with a critical area treatment measure has been approved and forwarded to the RC & D Executive Commission.

Mr. Otte reported that our EDA application for $150,000 has been received by the Department of Commerce in Philadelphia. He also reported an extra amount of money, $10,000, will be coming to us from Town Aid; we have 10 miles of road to oil, curbing needed on the 2 projects (Bear Rock and Haddam Quarter Road), 2nd layer needed on Bear Rock.

The Board discussed the revised charter that has been presented to them. Two options exist for the Board: to accept or to reject (whole or in part.) Any part rejected would automatically revert to the original charter.

The Charter Revision Commission requested the Board of Selectmen to omit the last part of the sentence in Section 7-3.2 The Board also discussed the options in placing the Charter on the Ballot - in toto or in separate sections. Mr. Otte favors a total presentation. The Board of Selectmen will forward a copy to town counsel. Two questions for Tom White: 1) just what are the Board of Selectmen's powers of partial rejection, if any 2) what are the possibilities

for voting in referendum as far as separating the items?

The Board considered holding another public hearing but at this time the schedule toward ratification of the Charter it would serve only as information for the public.

Bill Moore reported that $53,000 in taxes were collected in June, ahead of last year.

Next week Mr. Otte will present for the Board's approval a finalized draft of the Annual Report of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Otte reported the new bookkeeper will start Monday. Several applications have been received for assistant bookkeeper but until the contract is signed for the increased CETA II funds, no hiring can be done.

Mr. DeTour has not yet resubmitted his bill for services rendered.

Mr. Otte also noted that Elmer Clark's bill for work done on the books still has not been paid. Also a bill of $70.00 from the Conn. Council of Municipalities is awaiting action. It was from the council's class action suit against the Power Co. that we are receiveing $2,400 as a rebate.

Mr. Davis questioned the latest developments on Harvey Road. None were reported.

In referring again to the charter and Athan Pappas's letter of transmittal the Board questioned the mechanics of the regional referendum in reference to Section 6-1. This would make a good point for separating Section 6-1 from the rest of the revision.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna D. White
Secretary to the Selectmen