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# TOWN OF DURHAM

Connecticut 06422



## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 26, 1979

The July 26, 1979, meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by the First Selectman at 7:00 P.M. Members of the Board of Selectmen present: Gregory G. Curtis, First Selectman; Lewis G. Hinman, Selectman; Absent: Betty C. Wakeman, Selectwoman. Others present: William Norton, Att'y Robert Poliner, George Roberts; and later on\* Linda Dean, Carl Otte.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. 2-0 The financial report was reviewed. 2-0

The replacing of Norton Lane onto the list of legal town roads was the subject of a lengthy discussion between Attorney Robert Poliner, George Roberts, William Norton and the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Norton is a prospective buyer for the property located on the old connecting road between Wheeler Hill and Haddam Quarter Road. He plans to bring in an old house and reconstruct it on the site. The problem arises because the utility companies refuse to provide service on unapproved town roads. Mr. Norton is willing to execute any documents the Board of Selectmen may request restricting any future upgrading of the road.

Mr. Curtis explained that the Board must be very cautious, although it is sympathetic to the many property owners in town with similar problems. The highway maintenance expense that would have to be incurred by the town if all property owners on "old town roads" were able to have their "old roads" declared "approved" would be prohibitive. Because of future implications Mr. Curtis expressed his feeling that the subject of Norton Lane should go to town hearing.

An alternative for Mr. Norton would be to get private rights-of-way from homeowners on either side of Norton Lane for the installation of overhead or underground service. So far this has not produced results.

Mr. Curtis reiterated that the Board of Selectmen will seek an answer to this subject; but there are many other owners pressing the town to list their roads as "approved." The Board of Selectmen must insist on proper road specifications because of school bus service, ambulance and fire protection.

After further discussion, Mr. Curtis assured Attorney Poliner that the Board would talk this over to try to accomodate their

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request. Mr. Curtis will discuss the matter with the utilities.

**Correspondence:**

a) The letter of 7/19/79 from the Greater Middletown Community Corps re low-income housing: The Board voted to write a letter of support. 2-0

b) From Vincent A. Prigitano dated July 16, 1979, addressed to the Tax Collector: The Tax Collector has responded to Mr. Prigitano that he must pay his taxes or he won't be able to reregister his car. The Board feels the matter rests in the hands of the Tax Collector.

The First Selectman reported that a notice of sale of \$105,000 Town of Durham Property Acquisition Notes had been mailed to at least 10 banks and trust companies in the State of Connecticut; that in accordance with said notice of sale proposals for the purchase of said Notes were received, opened and canvassed at the Corporate Offices of First Connecticut Bancorp, Inc., Conference Room, Fourth Floor, United Bank & Trust Company Building, 101 Pearl Street, Hartford, Connecticut on July 24, 1979, at 11:30 o'clock A.M. (EDST); and that said proposals were as follows:

| <u>Name of Bidder</u>                       | <u>Interest Rate Specified</u> | <u>Premium</u> |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1) The Connecticut Bank and Trust Company   | 5.94%                          | \$-0-          |
| 2) Hartford National Bank and Trust Company | 6.40%                          | \$20.00        |
| 3) Community Banking Co.                    | 6.50%                          | \$-0-          |

The First Selectman further reported that he had awarded said notes, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to The Connecticut Bank and Trust Company on the basis of their bid of par plus accrued interest and no premium for notes bearing interest at the rate of 5.94% per annum, said bid being the one which results in the lowest interest rate to the Town for said notes.

On a motion by Lewis Hinman, second by Gregory G. Curtis, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Selectmen (vote 2-0):

**RESOLVED:** That the notice of sale and sale of \$105,000 Town of Durham Property Acquisition Notes dated July 15, 1979, maturing \$15,000 on July 15, 1980 and \$10,000 on July 15 in each of the years 1981-1989, inclusive, and bearing interest at the rate of 5.94% per annum payable semiannually on January 15 and July 15 in each year, to The Connecticut Bank and Trust Company for \$105,000 and accrued interest are hereby approved.

The Town of Durham has been served with a writ entitled Perry vs the Town of Durham. So noted.

Mr. Curtis reported that the road oiling is ahead of schedule and going beautifully because of the weather. Also, the Side Hill Road project is moving along very well. Mr. Curtis commented that Tomasso does excellent work.

\*Linda Dean joined the meeting.

On a motion by Lewis Hinman, second by Gregory Curtis, Mr. Hugh Cox was appointed to the Personnel Policy Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Warren Swartz; said term to expire at The Annual Town Meeting in 1982. 2-0 A letter of thanks will be sent to Mr. Swartz

The Board discussed various trouble spots in town, namely, and especially in the high school parking areas. Several street light requests have also been received due to vandalism and the names will be added to the list being compiled in the Selectman's office.

\*Carl Otte joined the meeting. He requested a change in the date of the joint meeting between the Personnel Policy Board/Board of Selectmen/Board of Finance which had been scheduled for 8/2/79. The Selectman's office will arrange another date.

Mr. Otte further discussed the DMIAB with the Board of Selectmen: 1) their request for an additional \$4,000 in 78-79 funds; 2) putting the landfill operation out to a private contractor.

Mr. Curtis reported that the closing on the town garage is scheduled for July 31, 2:00 P.M. in Attorney Poliner's office.

On a motion by Lewis Hinman, second by Gregory Curtis, the Board voted (2-0) to call an Executive Session to discuss employee evaluation sheets. Additional people present: D. White, L. Dean.

The Executive Session and Meeting adjourned simultaneously at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna D. White*

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Secretary