

Selectmen's Office Durham Town Hall

DURHAM

CONNECTICUT, 06422

July 27, 1972

The Board of Selectmen met at 8:00 P.M., in the town hall.

Mr. & Mrs. James Avallon, and Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Chupron were present to view their problems of drainage and septic trouble at the new four home development on Tuttle Road. Another problem of release was discussed. A suggestion of having Charles Wimler do this work, was brought up. Mr. Kerschner will look into this with our Town Attorney, as soon as possible. Mr. Kerschner stated that the Town has gone as far as the law allows. Mr. Davis stated that urban and rural regulations are quite different, and thinks our rural areas should start keeping up with urban regulations to get situations such as this one, corrected in the future. Reed Hayes stated builders should register with the Board of Selectmen before construction. He mentioned that the Town is growing rapidly, and funds are insufficient to go along with this. A Mr. Bill Lyons, concerned party of this group, was absent, but he has stated that his attorneys advised him that the Town of Durham is holding up solving this problem. He can also become liable on this.

Mr. Kerschner said the Town is tax exempt on gasoline. We can recover taxes spent, going back at least a year. We now have an "Arco" card, which will entitle us to 1/4 off list price. The First Selectman shall investigate the common use of gasoline tank with the Fire department.

On the Emergency Employment Act, Mr. Kerschner stated that every town that applied, was turned down. Applications have again been sent in.

Mrs. Frazier, the Boards Secretary, has been instructed to send a monthly report to members of the Board of Selectmen, and to the Chairman of the Board of Finance. This report will show the current expenditure by departments and year to date expenditures.

The Assistant Health Officer's position is still open, we have had several applications for jobs left open by Joseph Suchanek. Reed Hayes thought this position very serious and the Board should meet, and discuss this thoroughly, call a special meeting. Mr. Kerschner reminded everybody this person should work along with State requirements. Requirements as they will be in 1974 will be acquired. After receiving these, the Selectmen will send these to any applicant, and then have them send in a brief description of their job histories.

A letter from Dick Taylor was read, regarding abatement of taxes on the Wilkinson Property. This is unpaid taxes due from the Town of Durham, because of the procedure used to purchase town land. Mr. Taylor suggested two ways of going this. 1. Having the Selectmen pay the Tax Collector, and 2. Abate taxes. A vote was taken to abate taxes on the Wilkinson Property, 3-for, 0-against. The sum of which is \$1,373.32. A letter will be written to the Tax Collector informing him the Board is abating these taxes.

The State Highway Department has informed the Selectmen's office that to get State money, and engineering, the bids must go out on an hourly basis. Reed Hayes said he would further check into this with the State Supervisor, Mr. McPadden.

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A Town Meeting will be called for the purpose of determining the use of Town Aid money. The Selectmen will propose to the Town, that State-Aid money for unimproved roads, be put on Haddam Quarter Road. Use of other road repair money was discussed.

The Selectmen's report for the Town Report was read, and approved.

Paint Day for the Town Hall will be August, 19th.

Dr. Palmieri has issued strict rulings for percolation tests in Middletown. The Board agreed to write a letter to Dr. Chacé, Health Officer, asking him to investigate this procedure for possible use in Durham.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Kyoko Frazier
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Clerk

REC'D	8-2-	1972	AT 11:30 A.M.
ATT: M. D. Mella			TOWN CLERK