BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
August 4, 1977

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by First Selectman, Carl N. Otte. Joel N. Davis was present; Betty C. Wakeman was not.

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

The bills for the week were paid. Vote 2-0

Re: Ed DeTour's bill for services rendered in 1976-1977 - the Board of Selectmen voted to ask Mr. DeTour to afix the time period the bill covers onto his request and then the Board of Selectmen will refer the matter to the Board of Finance. Vote 2-0

Mr. Otte reported that the CSEA, Inc. election will be held Aug. 19 from 3-4 P.M.

He further reported that he met with the state Department of Commerce regarding the use of minority businessmen. He reported that the Town of Durham should have no problem meeting the criteria.

Action relative to the appointment of a Municipal Agent was tabled. 2-0

The bridge railing replacement per attached bill was discussed briefly. The bid of Webster and Webster will be accepted and work completed immediatdy. Vote 2-0

Mrs. Mary DeMella met with the Board of Selectmen and questioned what she considers the Board of Selectmen's manipulation of town funds to provide a 5% cost-of-living increase for the highway department and the Selectmen's secretary. Mr. Otte responded that it is up to the Board of Finance to set the amount of money that comes to each department but how its spent is up to the Department head.

Mr. Davis added that the Board of Finance had made it very clear that they did not want to have anything to do with employees raises, etc. Therefore, Mr. Davis felt the Board of Selectmen were justified in their actions.

Mrs. DiMella questioned whether or not raises had been given in addition to the 5%. The response was yes - employees receive a yearly pay raise if their work is worthy.

Mrs. DeMella reiterated her contention that the Board of Selectmen are showing disregard for our Board of Finance/Town Meeting form of government and left the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna D. White
Secretary to the Selectmen

REC'D August 8, 1977 AT 3:15 A.M. P.M.
ATT: TOWN CLERK