

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING:

August 25, 1977

REC'D August 26 1977 AT 2:50 P.M.
TOWN CLERK

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 P.M. by First Selectman, Carl N. Otte. Joel N. Davis was present.

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

The weekly bills were voted to be paid. 2-0

Mr. Otte informed Mr. Davis that he was writing a letter to the Board of Education requesting a regional town meeting for explanation purposes of the recently-accepted teachers' contract.

A letter from Ira Kerschner was read relative to the "town road" ownership problem; said letter is attached.

Mr. Otte made a motion that the Treasurer be authorized to invest \$100,000 in a CD for 60 days, and \$150,000 in a CD for 91 days, effective August 26, 1977. 2-0

A letter of authorization was prepared, signed, and turned over to the Treasurer relative to the above motion.

Mr. Moore expressed his strong personal feelings in support of the parking of the school buses where they are at present.

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

Mr. Otte reported he has heard no more from Tom White relative to the Shunpike.

No plans or recommendations were made for the nearly \$5,000 in Anti-Recessionary Funds recently received.

Correspondence was read from the Board of Finance relative to action taken by them at their meeting of August 18, 1977.

Mr. Otte reported that the CSEA, Inc. election had taken place. By a vote of 13-0 the union was voted in. He further reported that they will be meeting August 29, and the Board of Selectmen must wait to see what the group requests.

The Board acknowledged that the Charter revision was in the Legal Section of The Middletown Press this night.

Mr. Otte reported he has a meeting Friday morning with Mayor Marino, Don Lee, and Geoff Colegrove relative to a sewer connection.

He also reported on his meeting with NE Utilities, who by law has to have a plan for a nuclear accident. Stone and Webster has been commissioned by the Utilities to prepare such a plan. On September 8th representatives from Stone and Webster will meet in Durham with Mr. Otte, to set up an inventory of our capability.

The Firehouse Building Committee has agreed on the contents of the contract with the architect, but the question will not be on the Nov. 8th ballot due to the time factor.

Mr. Otte reported hearing nothing yet from the EDA.

He has estimated it costs \$1500 to move in and out of the fair barn at fair time in terms of trailer rental, moving the trailer, cleaning the barn and the men's time. The sand is still on the fairgrounds; it will be moved next week when the men are through oiling.

Mr. Davis asked if anything official has been said about the houses being erected on Harvey Road. He wondered about any requests for the legal status of the road or requests for improvements. Mr. Otte responded that he tells them it's in limbo-is discontinued by non-use.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 P.M.

Aug. 25, 1977

Durham, Conn.

Dear Selectmen,

Re - "Roads" if they ever were or not is unimportant. If they have not been in use by the public and maintained by the Town of Durham for many years, I feel we, the taxpayer, should not be burdened with all that a "Town Road" carries.

Many land owners have cart paths or roads through their property and very often have named them. This does not make them a "Town Road", even if they sell some of that land and the new owners use that road for access.

Also, just because a road shows on a map does not in fact make it a "Town Road".

There are many of these so called town roads in Durham. The adjoining land owners are not taxed by front footage along a town road because the Town of Durham did not consider them as town ~~road~~ ^{town} roads.

I believe that the Board of Selectmen should not accept any roads. I think the acceptance should follow the normal procedure and presented to the legislative body - i.e. Town Meeting.

Thank you
John H. Kerschner