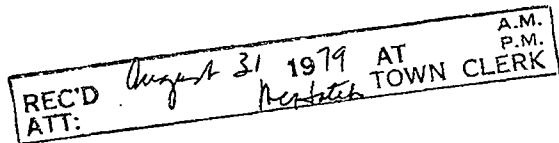


TOWN OF DURHAM

Connecticut 06422



BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 30, 1979

The August 30, 1979, Board of Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by First Selectman Gregory G. Curtis. Also present: Lewis G. Hinman, Jr. *Indicates others, so named, joined the meeting later.

The minutes of the August 16th meeting were approved. 2-0
The financial report was reviewed.

A letter from the Gerzabek family of Side Hill Drive complimenting the highway department's work was noted and appreciated.

On a motion by Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Hinman, Alois J. Petrzel was appointed Energy Coordinator for an indefinite term. 2-0

On a motion by Mr. Curtis, seconded by Mr. Hinman, the following persons were appointed to the Library Building Committee: Beverly Hamrah, Trudy Bird, Donna Thomasson, David Hurlburt. 2-0

*Linda Dean joined the meeting.

Regarding the spring on Route 17: Mr. Curtis reported that the state highway department will remove the curbing recently placed there during the paving program and will lay some asphalt so that townspeople will have easy access to the spring.

Regarding Tax Abatement, Act 235: it has been brought to the board's attention by Dan Eckert that when a person's taxes exceed 10% of his/her income the town can provide a tax abatement. The matter was discussed as being a possible subject for a future town meeting.

Mr. Curtis advised that a five minute alternate route around town during the Durham Fair and similar events is before the State Traffic Commission. Signs costing about \$500 have been ordered which the Fair Association will pay for.

The Board of Selectmen voted 2-0 to send letters of thanks to the following persons:

a) Durham Exchange Club for work done on the recreation building and area;

b) William Cicchini for rock donated to the town to be used for rip-rap;

*Mrs. Betty C. Wakeman, Selectwoman, joined the meeting.

c) Anthony Schappert and Marianne Strong of the Feed Bucket for five large piles of topsoil donated to the town which was used on Side Hill Drive and Indian Lane. 3-0

Bids for tree service were received as follows:

Timberline \$ 530
Martin Tree Service @ 1,000
Bailey Tree Service @ 995

The Board voted 3-0 to award the bid to Timberline; said expenditure to come from the highway department.

The board would like to meet with the auditor next Thursday, September 6th at 4 P.M. at the town hall to discuss the preliminary audit.

The board voted to begin its meetings, effective September 6, 1979, at 7:30 P.M. 3-0

September 8, 1979, was proclaimed "Derby Day" in Durham by a 3-0 vote of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Curtis updated the board regarding the extended exchange SNET petitions: because of certain rules the Town of Durham is not eligible to petition at this time. Mr. Curtis stressed that this matter should be brought to our state senator and representative for the next legislative session of the General Assembly.

At 7:29 P.M. Mr. Hinman moved to call an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. So moved. 3-0

Action relative to the Town Engineer was tabled. 3-0

On a motion by Mr. Curtis, the board voted to give Philip Woods a 50¢/hr. raise from his present crew leader wage of \$5.89 to \$6.39/hr., \$255.65/wk., \$13,291/yr. while he is acting as temporary road foreman, retroactive to date of assuming the position; said position is to be terminated as soon as the new Road Foreman is hired; all of the above motion subject to the approval of the Town Counsel. 3-0

The Board of Selectmen issued this statement: We (the Board of Selectmen) have had ample time to evaluate the need for a "landscaper" and a "craftsman" in the highway system. Robert Hartnett is therefore appointed to the position of "landscaper" and Donald Schmitt to the position of "craftsman" from the CETA rolls, effective October 1, 1979; said appointments subject to the legal approval of Town Counsel. 3-0

The Board voted 3-0 at 8:00 P.M. to close the Executive Session. The preliminary audit was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna White

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Secretary