

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
September 8, 1977

REC'D Sept. 12, 1977 AT 3:40 P.M.
TOWN CLERK

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 P.M. by First Selectman, Carl N. Otte. Joel N. Davis was present; Betty C. Wakeman arrived at the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Mr. Phil Albert of Partridge Lane appealed to the Board of Selectmen to initiate corrective action relative to traffic patterns at the intersection of Oak Terrace/Route 17. He said that 14 additional families are using the access road since the last road-use survey was taken in 1967. On a motion by J. Davis the Board voted to request the DOT to investigate the serious traffic problems at Oak Terrace/Route 17 and Route 68/Route 17, stressing that the school problem (Route 68/17) is an immediate problem that must be attended to; further the Board of Selectmen requests that representatives of the DOT meet with the First Selectman here in Durham. 3-0

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written. 3-0

On a motion by Carl N. Otte, the Board of Selectmen voted not to rebate Mrs. Guire for an unused building permit. (The following similes were used to clarify: a dog license is not refunded if the dog dies; a car registration is not refunded if the car burns up.) Otte, yes; Davis, yes; Wakeman, abstained. Motion passed.

Action relative to the Municipal Agent appointment was tabled. 3-0

On a motion by Carl Otte, the Board of Selectmen voted to waive the surcharge on the constables' bill to the Durham Fair Association for services during the 1977 fair; thus \$5.00 per hour will be paid to the men and the fair billed \$5.00. 3-0

Action relative to the appointment of a PZC alternate was tabled. 3-0

The Board of Selectmen voted to pay the weekly bills. 3-0

After discussing citizens' requests to mow roadsides, Mr. Davis moved to provide the service even though the funds were deleted by the Board of Finance from the highway budget. 3-0

Mr. Otte reported receipt of the packet of papers relative to the EDA \$150,000 road grant. He must 1) accept the offer of the grant and 2) designate by letter of credit which bank will receive the funds. The Town Engineer has taken the part that pertains to him and Town Counsel will meet Friday in the Selectmen's Office with Mr. Otte. Bids will include a charge to the contractors to provide certain assurances as requested in EDA pamphlets. The Board of Selectmen will vote on the acceptance of the bids.

Perma Treat, Inc. has requested a variance on the 40' throughway specification to allow a 30' paved throughway. The Board of Selectmen felt that because of the town obligation involved they would table action on the matter until the opinions of the Town Engineer and Town Counsel were received and reviewed. 3-0

The CETA audit was reviewed. The State of Connecticut requests \$1806 be repaid as itemized in the report. Mr. Davis suggested and it was agreed by the Board of Selectmen that the First Selectman institute a negotiation process. 3-0

Mr. Otte reported that the CSEA, Inc. has appointed John Sorbo as representative to the Town of Durham. A meeting is set for Wednesday, September 14, 9:30 A.M. with Mr. Sorbo and Tom White, Town Counsel.

Philip Albert recommended that someone who has expertise in the field be asked to advise the Board of Selectmen. On a motion by Joel Davis, Joe Carney was voted to act as one of the town's representatives in the negotiation process with the CSEA, Inc. If he is unavailable on that date, Mr. Otte will ask for another date. 3-0

Mr. DeTour, Sanitarian, has submitted his bill to the Board of Selectmen with the requested clarifications and the matter will now be referred to the Board of Finance for favorable action. 3-0

The Board of Selectmen signed the corrected deed between the Whites and the Town of Durham relative to cemetery land. 3-0

The Board reviewed a State of Conn. Department of Health letter to Dr. Willett re: disposal of septic tank waste. Mr. Otte suggested they wait for the courts to decide and let the DPA approve the location for this kind of thing. Mr. Davis recommended they ask Dr. Willett to visit the site and give his estimate of the situation. Mr. Otte noted that a state representative will be down to talk to Mr. Otte about the matter.

Organizing the Call to the Annual Town Meeting will be on the Agenda for next week.

Mr. Otte reported that our pile of sand/salt is now located at our barn on the New Haven Road.

The Board voted to organize a 5-member Town Garage Study Committee to study the needs and possible location of a new town garage. 3-0

The Board voted to place organization of the Library Needs Study Committee on the next agenda. 3-0

The Massey Ferguson, which is an old farm tractor used by the highway department, was discussed as it needs @\$500 worth of repairs. Bob Reilly has suggested getting a sickle bar attachment to do our own roadside mowing. The Board decided to investigate the sickle bar addition further.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna D. White
Secretary to the Selectmen