

Selectmen's Office

Durham Town Hall

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CONNECTICUT 06422

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ATT: McHutch
AT 2:15 P.M.
TOWN CLERK

Selectmen's Minutes

(October 12, 1972 - 8:00 P.M.)

Pursuant to discussion at the previous Selectmen's meeting pertaining to the purchase of a new town utility truck, a final decision was made. Upon recommendation of the First Selectman, a motion to authorize the purchase and necessary preparation of (1) 1973 International Fleetstar Model 1910-A for \$10,500. was approved by a vote of 3-0. The truck will be purchased from E.P. Hayes Inc. of Rocky Hill. Additional quotations considered are on file in the First Selectman's Office and are available for review. The truck will be used as the Town's prime snow plow and sander in the winter and utility truck in the summer.

Two applications were received for the position of Dog Warden by the October 14, 1972 deadline. By a vote of 3-0, the Board appointed Bruce Rau as Dog Warden and Carmella Rau as Assistant Dog Warden effective November 1, 1972. The Rau's reside on Strawberry Hill. Although the Town has not previously had an Assistant Dog Warden, the Board felt that townspeople, would be more conveniently served through greater availability. The appointment is for two years.

In a related action, the Board authorized the construction of a dog shelter with satisfactory appurtenances on the Rau's property by a vote of 3-0. The shelter will be specially constructed to provide for removal should the Dog Warden's position change hands, and the Rau's will sign a statement authorizing the Town to remove the shelter at town discretion. The shelter itself, as well as the five runs, will be completely on a concrete base. The wood frame building will be 8' 4" by 20', and will be serviced by both water and electricity and heat. Considerable discussion centered on the location of the shelter as well as the possibility of regionalizing with Middlefield. Construction of a shelter on Town property was not considered practical. Not only were the available locations not considered feasible, but the risk of vandalism and/or dog tormenting was thought to be too high. In general the Board felt the dogs would be more comfortable and would receive more humane treatment with humans immediately available. The shelter itself will meet all State of Connecticut regulations. In reaching this decision, the Board considered opinions expressed by Mrs. Mary Ellen Maybury, Mrs. Mary Ann O'Brien, Mrs. Mary Weber, Mrs. Charles Gastler, and Mrs. Robert Newton, who attended the meeting, as well as Mrs. Henry Berten, who wrote to the Board, and Dr. Foster Mather, proprietor of the Durham Veterinary Hospital.

The Board of Selectmen has been notified by the Planning and Zoning Commission that Mr. Edward DeTour has been appointed Zoning Enforcement Officer.

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At the next meeting, the Board will review an inventory of Town Roads and will decide whether or not to recommend the abandonment of any existing, but unused town roads to a town meeting.

A report from the Durham Postmaster was forwarded by Selectman Hayes, noting severe road breakage on a small section of Old Farms Road. The situation will be corrected.

The Board voted 3-0 to authorize the First Selectman to expend up to \$4,000. to correct the severe drainage problems existing at the corner of Foot Hills Road and Haddam Quarter Road. The amount is budgeted.

The State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection has appointed Mr. George Planeta and Mr. Kenneth Dale as "local air pollution officials." These officials will direct the enforcement of open burning regulations and when necessary issue certificates of Open Burning as stipulated in the Open Burning Guidelines of Public Act No. 45.

Adjourned to Saturday, October 14, 1972 at 9:00 A.M.

A. Reed Hayes
Selectman