

REC'D 10-15-1976 AT 4:00 A.M.
ATT: mcd TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF DURHAM

Office of the Selectmen · Connecticut 06422

Carl N. Otte
First Selectman

Betty Wakeman
Selectwoman

Joel N. Davis
Selectman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 14, 1976

The Board of Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. with Carl N. Otte, Betty C. Wakeman, Joel N. Davis, Bud Matthias (Kismat, President,) and Ron Westfort, Town Engineer for the Indian Hill Subdivision present.

The Board of Selectmen and the town engineer for the Kismat Subdivision, Ron Westfort, met with Bud Matthias, Kismat Inc., President, regarding the settlement of responsibility and costs of the drainage problem on Indian Lane.

Mr. Matthias reviewed the steps he's taken to bring the subdivision this far. He feels he has not been treated fairly by the Town of Durham as he followed all existing rules governing subdivisions in the Town of Durham to the letter and is being penalized for the town's errors, not his, in our subdivision code; however, wishes to solve this matter to everyone's satisfaction. Mr. Matthias made an offer to the Board of Selectmen for \$4,000. Mr. Matthias left, and discussion followed.

On a motion by Carl N. Otte, the Board voted to write to Mr. Matthias stating that the Board feels, based on Mr. Matthias's responsibility for additional runoff on Indian Lane, that he be responsible for materials for drainage correction in the amount of \$6,430.

Vote 3-0

It was announced to the Board by the Building Commission Chairman, Malcolm Pearce, that the Building Commission will hold a hearing on October 19, 1976, 8 P.M. in the Public Meeting Room in the town hall to hear a complaint of Attorney Ron Gregory, owner of Eli Ronken Emporium, Main Street, Durham.

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting, with one correction requested by Mr. Davis: to insert the word part-time in discussing the Recreation Director position in the CETA II 77 contract.

Vote 3-0

The Board of Selectmen voted to pay the bills for the week.

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The First Selectman reported on the Clementel vs the Town of Durham suit. Ron Bastura, Building Inspector, furnished maps and information to the Board relative to the case.

The First Selectmen further reported that the MCT Elderly and Handicapped Transportation van is to be delivered after ceremonies on Tuesday, October 19, 1976, in Middletown. The Exchange Club has agreed to sponsor the program, in Durham, up to \$900.00 and the Fair Association will provide a garage for the van.

Mr. Davis stated that he has serious reservations of society as a whole to provide free transportation to any group; however, would agree to the arrangement until the end of July on a trial basis.

The Board of Selectmen voted to sign a ~~modified~~ contract with MCT. Said contract to be in affect until July 1, 1977.

Vote 3-0

Mr. Otte reported on the need for additional file cabinets to comply with state and federal rules relative to the time limit that the town records must be kept.

The voting machine has been rented and will be here in time for the election.

Mr. Otte reported that he must prepare a letter of renewal agreement between the town and the Fair Association for town use of the horse barn as a town garage. One condition of its use is that the town agree to maintain Canfield Lane and Swamp Lane as a consideration of the use of the barn.

Mal Pearce reported that the town can have for the price of trucking twelve 4' X 6' X 8" slabs of concrete. The Board agreed to the offer.

Vote 3-0

Ron Bastura presented the Exchange Club's sketch of a base for the liberty bell which is now on the green. The Board discussed using one of the concrete slabs for the base.

Mr. Otte reported that he met with Burt Underwood this week to understand the state's reasoning for including or not including certain unimproved town throughways on a yearly list supplied by the state of town roads. The state includes only passable throughways on its list and the list has no legality in establishing legal status of any local

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roads.

Joel Davis requested that the rough draft and revisions of his Road Classification be submitted to town counsel to ascertain whether the Classification may be used for the town's position on future questions of the town's responsibility for roads.

On a motion by Joel Davis, the Board voted to accept the bid for the town's insurance from the Durham Insurance on the policy costing \$13,614.30 for one year.

Vote 3-0

The Board voted to write to the Board of Finance requesting approval to exceed the insurance budget limitation.

Vote 3-0

Mr. Bastura requested the Board of Selectmen investigate the possibility of providing an error-and-omissions-type insurance policy for certain applicable town officials. This, too, will be discussed with the Board of Finance. Mr. Davis requested the First Selectman get information on costs to add this type policy for the town.

Vote 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna White

Secretary to the Selectmen