REC'D 10-27-1976 AT 3:15 A.M. P.M.
ATT: M. DiMella 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 21, 1976

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. with Carl N. Otte, Joel N. Davis, and Betty C. Wakeman present.

Representatives (see attached list) from Stagecoach Village met with the Board of Selectmen to request the Board's help in reaching a solution to certain discrepancies in boundary and survey lines in the area of Buckboard Road. Mr. Carlton Stoup reported that the individual property owners had hired Mr. George Firth of East Haven about a year ago to survey their lots and he discovered definite inaccuracies. Mr. John MacDonald, homeowner and registered land surveyor, claimed that nearly all 60-70 lots in Stagecoach Village have mathematical problems built into them. Mr. Stoup further reported that Planning and Zoning Chairman, James Gibbons, had asked Mr. Firth to submit his survey and he did so. There is a driveway in question also that is 12' onto his neighbors land (property owners Stengel and Knarr). A house is also 6'-8' off the boundary. In addition, a third surveyor, David Bascom, surveyed 1 lot. The general feeling was that Mr. Maloney, the surveyor for developer Bill Johnson, should be held responsible, but apparently when contacted, Mr. Maloney has refused to have anything to do with it. Also noted was that Mr. Wimler had agreed to absorb the alleged 3' discrepancy onto his land. The First Selectman agreed to contact Planning and Zoning and will then call Mr. Stoup.

The Board of Selectmen approved the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Vote 3-0

The Board voted to pay the bills for the week. Vote 3-0

The Town Treasurer, William A. Moore, reported that the General Fund balance is $161,189.70, prior to payment of this week's bills. The Certificate of Deposit account has $100,000 which will mature November 8.

A vacant position on the town highway crew was filled by Roy Miller, a present CETA employee.

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Re: Firehouse

The First Selectman reported that he has received resignations from John Berten and Gregory Curtis.

The following RESOLUTION was presented by the Board:

The Board of Selectmen are in unanimous agreement to the affect that we do not think the results of the referendum of October 18, 1976, are against the need for a firehouse, but rather as a rejection of the proposal as presented.

Vote 3-0

The following people spoke to the Board of Selectmen offering advise, comments, criticisms, help, whatever: Joe Planeta, Lee Bailey, Byron Curtis, Ted White, George Planeta, Pat Hall, and Elijah Vance.

It was agreed by those present that the best solution was to talk to the existing committee to see if they will still serve and then to fill the vacancies. The Board of Selectmen will then meet with the committee, set a very clear charge for the committee and then public hearings will be held regularly by the committee.

Vote 3-0

The First Selectman reported that a Motor Cycle Enduro will begin in Durham on November 21, 1976, at the Racoon Club and proceed along state roads to the intersection of Cherry Lane and Madison Road, up Old Blue Hills Road onto the unimproved section of Old Blue Hills into Cocaponsett State Forest.

On a motion by Mrs. Wakeman, letters will be sent to property owners along the town roads in question making them aware of the coming event.

Vote 3-0

The Board of Selectmen authorized the District Nurse Association to continue in its existence and be supported as in the past and to be empowered to act for the Town of Durham in appointing representatives to the Middlesex Community Health Services, Inc.

Vote 3-0

The First Selectman will arrange a meeting at the earliest possible date with the lawyer for the Middlesex Community Health Services, Inc., and the President or representative of the Durham District Nurse Association and the Board of Selectmen.

The First Selectman reported that the van has been delivered and is being garaged in the dairy barn. The local elderly and handicapped program will begin in Durham after November 1. A CETA employee, Harry Tiedemann, will be the driver. Mr. Otte and Mr. Tiedemann will meet with the 60+ Club Monday to explain the program.

Mr. Otte reported the new CETA contract is for $183,462.70 and expires on September 30, 1977. The new rules and regulations will be given to the CETA employees in their paychecks this week.

The Dog Warden's term expires December 1, 1976, and interested persons are being requested to call the Selectmen's Office.

The Board voted to meet with the Durham Boards and Commissions Chairmen or representatives in an attempt to combat utopian disappointment and frustration. An organizational meeting will be held on December 2.

Mr. Otte reported that an agreement has been signed in the Clementel vs. the Town of Durham suit. Building permits will be issued on 12 of the lots in question.

A letter dated October 15, 1976, was read from William Lawson regarding competitive quotations for the Town of Durham insurance renewal.

The Board voted to sustain the decision made at the previous meeting and to appoint an Insurance Specs Committee by Feb. 15, 1977, to prepare material for bid on the next year's insurance program.

Vote 3-0

A letter dated October 20, 1976, from Ed Higgins was read re the HELCO lines expansion.

Mr. Davis left the meeting.

Action on the letter was tabled.

Vote 2-0

Mrs. Wakeman stated that she objects to smoking during public meetings and will speak up if the occasion arises again.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna White

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Secretary to the Selectmen