

TOWN OF DURHAM

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
October 21, 1982

The Board of Selectmen's meeting of October 21, 1982, was called to order at 7:31 P.M. by First Selectman M. Foster Mather; board members present: Maryann P. Boord, Gregory G. Curtis.

Motion by M. Boord to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of October 7, 1982; second by G. Curtis; 3 ayes.
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The starting/of November 1 was noted for the winter ordinances.

The land survey for Haddam Quarter Road was discussed. This involves the area of the curve by Russo's property. G. Curtis suggested checking with the Tree Warden for advice on how best to handle saving the trees. Motion by M. Boord to give Bascom Associates the \$900 retainer (total cost \$1700-\$1800) to begin the survey; second G. Curtis; 3 ayes.

M. Boord said that when she was Acting First Selectman, she received a call from Mrs. Viola, who requested action be taken on her petition re feral cats. Discussion. The Board agreed on the contents of a letter which will be drafted by the First Selectman to be sent to Mrs. Viola.

Letter from Jeanne Goldner, Durham Volunteer Ambulance Corps, requesting permission to assign daytime ambulance duty to Rich Nelson, highway crew member. Motion by M. Boord to allow ambulance duty for Rick Nelson 1 day every two weeks; second G. Curtis; 3 ayes.

The First Selectman reported that the Benchwarmers have requested that the Town Property Maintenance fund of \$3,000 be put into a joint effort to build a girls' softball field on Regional School District property. F. Mather said he told them that since the project is proposed for construction on school property that they should pay for it and that the Town Property Maintenance fund monies should be used for work on town property. The Benchwarmers then proposed a new plan which would provide the Town Engineer's services to do the engineering work. Mr. Thomasson has said it's up to the Board of Selectmen. Discussion. The Board decided to ask Mr. Thomasson to do the engineering work.

Discussion of disposal of town chainsaws that were stolen, paid for by the insurance company, and eventually recovered by the town. The Board decided to offer the

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smaller saw for sale with the fair market value to be set at the discretion of the First Selectman.

The First Selectman advised the Board of 2 large holes which have developed in the road surface of the bridge on Maple Avenue. He offered 2 plans for solving the problem.

1. For \$500 could just repair it-would last about 5 years.
2. For \$4,000-pour concrete and install reinforcing rods on I-Beams.

He noted that money has been budgeted for work on the bridge but only to paint it. The Board agreed to request the Board of Finance appropriate \$4,000 for a complete, lasting repair project.

The First Selectman reported that the cost of the new truck, so far, is \$48,620 (\$16,620 for the body, plow, sander). \$50,000 has been budgeted and it will be very close to that amount.

F. Mather asked for comments from the Board of Selectmen. G. Curtis said he had spoken to Ray Kehrhahn, who requested erection of a sign at the corner of Route 68/Route 157 with an arrow pointing north to advertize "Durham's Industrial Park - Space for Rent-Land for Sale". A similar sign could also be erected farther down on Route 157. The Board agreed to notify the Economic Development Commission of the request. Also, G. Curtis said that James McLaughlin of 131 Main Street, has requested 2 sugar maples for his front lawn and removal of one old large dying tree within the state taking line. The tree warden and Department of Transportation will be so advised.

M. Boord noted that Donald Gates, Route 157, still requests a "Blind Driveway" sign. The Department of Transportation will be asked to investigate.

Further discussion re speeding trucks on Tuttle Road. No Board action taken.

Motion B. Boord to adjourn at 8:41 P.M.; second G. Curtis; 3 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary