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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING November 5, 1981

The November 5, 1981, meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:35 P.M. by First Selectman, M. Foster Mather; board members present: Maryann P. Boord, Gregory G. Curtis.

Minutes of the previous meeting of October 15, 1981: G. Curtis questioned whether a letter about a fire company request for a \$40,000 fire truck was really mentioned. M. Boord, secretary of that meeting, assured him it was mentioned. Motion by F. Mather to approve minutes as printed, seconded by M. Boord; 2 ayes (Mather, Boord); 1 no (Curtis). Motion passed.

No questions re disbursements.

Correspondence: F. Mather advised the board that Joe Planeta was unable to obtain 3 quotes on increasing the insulation in the firehouse and for putting in an electric hot water heater (so that in summer the boiler won't have to be used.) This item was therefore removed from the agenda.

One bid was received for towing illegally parked cars during winter storms: Durham Arco (\$16/day; \$20/nights, weekends, holidays; plus additional charge for extended time needed if vehicle requires repairing to be moved.) Motion by G. Curtis to accept bid, seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

One bid for plowing snow was received as follows: Richard D. Vynalek & Sons, Blue Hills Road \$54/hr. F. Mather requested permission to discuss the bid with the road foreman and to talk to Mr. Vynalek about his availability. F. Mather suggested fixing up the International as an alternative to the bid. Motion by F. Mather to postpone action as requested above, seconded by G. Curtis, 3 ayes.

By ordinance, the parking ban is now in affect, as is the snow removal ordinance.

The First Selectman requested that the board review the list of upcoming appointments. He further stated that E. Vance has retired and H. Tiedemann has resigned (effective 11/4/81) from the constabulary.

F. Mather moved to amend the agenda to include the subject of building permit fee charges for the Durham Fair Association, Inc., seconded by M. Boord, 3 ayes.

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Re building permit fee for Durham Fair Association, Inc. toilets: the Town Engineer has asked if the town should waive the fee of \$240 plus the electric and plumbing fees. M. Boord moved they pay for the permit, seconded by G. Curtis; 2 ayes (Boord, Curtis), 1 abstain (Mather), Motion passed.

The Treasurer William Moore reported that the education money is in and has been invested at 14+%.

Re Roberts request for change in road configuration on Clark Road at the cul-de-sac. The First Selectman stressed that the subject of the pavement going over private property should be addressed. Robert Bascom stated that would mean reconstruction of the road, not just a deed change, as is now requested. G. Curtis mentioned that reconstruction would be the town's responsibility. Motion by B. Curtis to accept redesign of cul-de-sac; seconded by M. Boord, 3 ayes.

The fire truck committee of the Durham Volunteer Fire Company addressed the joint boards of selectmen and finance, seeking approval to purchase a small 4 wheel first attack truck. After discussion, the fire chief added that the '62 truck will likely have to be replaced in about 5 years with a major truck. Board of Finance member James Dean noted that funds had previously been allocated to prolong the life of the '62 truck for at least 10 years but the funds were not used. Board of Finance chairman James Clifford and First Selectman M. Foster Mather requested the committee get bid prices that will hold for 60 days. Action will also have to go to town meeting.

The Board of Finance, Town Treasurer, and Board of Selectmen reviewed together the auditor's recommendations. Control over budget over runs was discussed. The Board of Finance requested monthly reports be issued on a more timely basis.

Elderly concerns: the First Selectman reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had denied the Zamore amendment. He additionally requested input on the welfare of elderly citizens. Would like to establish a committee to discuss provisions for the town to relieve elderly residents of taxes and its impact on the rest of the taxpayers; could be an alternative to people needing as much elderly housing. M. Boord moved to appoint a committee to study tax relief for the elderly, seconded by G. Curtis, 3 ayes. The item will be on Agenda for next meeting.

G. Curtis offered nine suggestions for the board to look into:

- 1) light out corner Sand Hill/Rt.79;
- 2) reflectors needs on 2 lg. trees N & S Sand Hill/Rt.79;
- 3) center lines should be painted on roads that have been chip sealed;
- 4) entrance Linmar Dr. to Rt. 68 is treacherous; request state to paint on rd to indicate there's danger;

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- 5) Creamery Rd. sign missing Guilford Rd/Creamery Rd.;
- 6) catch basin too small by DePaulo house on Foot Hills/Johnson La.;
- 7) traffic lights should be on blink on off hours Haddam Quarter Rd/Main St. (it was explained that this matter has been discussed with state personnel who have claimed there are no available funds for them to provide this service to our town.);
- 8) method of draining puddle needed on Aubutus St. near Rhea's house E side of rd.;
- 9) fire company dispatchers want their money.

M. Boord requested a press release on the leash law to curtail roaming dogs.

R. W. Moeller suggested a reflective arrow pointing N at the bend in Maple Ave. by Molzahn's house to prevent traffic from plunging over the bank.

So noted: the Conservation Commission's public hearing re proposed fair road scheduled for November 10th.

Priscilla Reynolds requested an explanation of the use of town equipment on a Tuttle Road property. Citing her continued use of misleading statements and disregard for his previous explanations, the First Selectman refused comment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna D. White
Secretary