

SELECTMAN'S OFFICE

DURHAM, CONNECTICUT

November 16, 1971

The new Board of Selectmen's meeting was held on November 11, 1971 at the town hall.

A small group of concerned townspeople came to discuss sidewalks on Maiden Lane, and speed control in several critical areas here. Attending were Mr. Roy Curtis, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Vitale. Mrs. Vitale said everybody in their neighborhood, Wheeler Hill Drive, are in agreement with better streets, and see sidewalks as the best solution. Also, cars have been seen speeding to and fro on the strip that runs from Coginchaug and Frank Ward School. Mr. Kerschner said after talking with Traffic Commission they suggested painting a center "white" line & walking strip on road. The road is now being patrolled by State Troopers, and this will be our biggest deterrent. Speed signs are already in the works. There will be a stop sign installed at the end of driveway on Maiden Lane. Mr. Kerschner promised getting this done within a couple of weeks. The Traffic Commission suggested getting school zone signs with in a 25 M.P.H. zone first, this will go into effect if school board is in agreement. Reed Hayes made a motion to send a letter to Coginchaug, to take immediate action on this speed problem, Joel Davis seconded the motion, it was accepted. Mr. Hayes, stated that at the last school board meeting, students were very interested in these matters, and suggested a "shuttle service" and temporary busing. Mr. Hayes will get in touch with his committee concerned with the sidewalk issue, and draft up plans for the following:

1. Look into stop signs to be installed.
2. Contact a Lawyer.
3. Get background information regarding costs.

Mr. Vitale asked, if sidewalks were built in front of his house would he be required to pay something on this? Mr. Davis reminded townspeople of other costly projects needed in Durham, and there might be a "time lag" here. Mr. Davis made a motion to authorize and negotiate with the Conn. Dept. of Transportation Control, regarding traffic zone signs on Maiden Lane, in order to go ahead on this. Mr. Hayes seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

On organizational meetings, it was approved to have the second and fourth Thursdays of the month as dates for the Board of Selectmen's meetings, at 8:00 P.M. in the Town Hall. As clerk, I should notify newspapers the Tuesday before our meeting, and also give the agenda. After our meetings a separate article should be put in newspapers regarding our minutes, and townspeople should be invited to attend. If there is anyone with any suggestions to the board, they should notify the selectman ahead of time.

Appointments were made and approved to the following:

1. Frank Behrens, as Tree Warden for one year.
2. Helen Pearce, as Assistant Town Treasurer, effective January 3, 1972.
3. Silvia Kowolenko, as Director to the Library Board.
Term: Nov. 2, 1971 to Nov. 6, 1973.
4. Myra Korn, Gladys Wimler, and Gaylord Newton to the Committee for the Compilation of Special Acts & Ordinance.

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(minutes continued)

The Town Clerk appoints the ^{two} Assistant Town Clerks and ^{two} Assistant Registrars of Vital Statistics, with the approval of the Selectmen. They are as follows: Mary DiMella and Polly Hull.

On snow removal and sand loading, Mr. Kerschner read a letter regarding this issue from Marion Thayer, chairman of the Interlocal Agreement Committee. They suggested having their operator load sand truck every hour, but this would mean more of a cost to us. The Fair Association wrote a letter, stating they would agree to allow us to store our trucks and equipment in Dairy Barn. Regarding purchase of sand, we can buy sand from the State. Through our road money we can make transactions. Wimler's bid has been withdrawn. With bid from the State we can pay \$2.25 to have loaded, and \$2.40 to have delivered. A road committee should be set up on this. We have three trucks for plowing and sanding. One is equipped with plow and sander, and we have two state trucks with jet sanders. We sent out four inquiries on snow plowing and two bids have come back. One, from Norman Fisher who has a C-1300 International Truck (small truck), and his rates are: \$13.50 hr. 7:30 - 4:30 \$15.00 hr. 4:30 - 7:30, Sat. and Sun. The second, was from John Nedobity. He has a Platform Dump Truck, which can be used whenever needed. He also has a 8 yd. Auto Car and a F-500 Ford. His rates would be: 7:30 - 4:30 (15.00 hr.), 3.50 hr. for driver, overtime not included. He would also do repair work in his garage for \$6.00 hr. A suggestion was made to the 1st Selectman from Mr. Hayes to:

1. Accept Nedobity's bid.
2. Reject other bid.
3. Negotiate best possible arrangement for extra drivers from Nedobity with overtime agreement.
4. Search for additional experienced snow equipment, operators.
5. Stay open to replace one or present employees with experienced equipment operators.

On sand piling, we wouldn't end up with sand in excess for roads. We have \$3,000 for equipment. Reed said the Ad in newspaper for \$850.00 Payloader sounded good, but should be checked into further. We should store sand here in Durham, rather than the dump, and sand should be stored at same site. Mr. Kerschner will look into this further, and check equipment before purchasing.

Bills were paid.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Kyoko Frazier
Clerk

REC'D November 17, 1971 AT 10:30 A.M.
ATT: McHatch TOWN CLERK P.M.