

Selectmen's Office

Durham Town Hall

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CONNECTICUT 06422

Board of Selectmen Minutes

November 19, 1973

Present: A. Reed Hayes
Carl N. Otte
Richard Parmelee, Jr.

1. The Town Hall will be closed on Friday, November 26, 1973 in line with past practice.
2. RESOLVED, that the following appointments are hereby effective for the terms indicated:

Town Counsel	A. Thomas White, Jr.	December 1, 1975
Assistant Town Treasurer	Noel Higgins	Election Day, 1975
Tree Warden	Frank Behrens, Sr.	December 1, 1974
Dog Warden	Bruce Rau	December 1, 1974
Ass't. Dog Warden	Carmella RAU	December 1, 1974
Erosion Control Board	Board of Selectmen	December 1, 1974
Economic Development Board	Edwin C. Higgins	November 4, 1978
Building Commission	George H. Flanigan	December 1, 1978
Building Board of Appeals	Ronald J. Markham	December 1, 1978

The vote was 3-0.

3. The First Selectman has been advised by Town Counsel that the State's minority representation requirements apply in full force and effect to both the Fire Company Representatives and the Town Representatives to the Fire Company Trustees. The action taken by voters at the Annual Town Meeting will therefore stand and Ira N. Kerschner will serve as a Town Representative.
4. A request from the newly constituted Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency for a budget of \$400. for the balance of the year was approved AND forwarded to the Board of Finance with the request that the sum be allocated from the Contingency Fund. Vote was 3-0.
5. The schedule of paid holidays currently authorized for the Town Road Foreman is hereby extended to town road crew employees. If emergency conditions require work on any of these days, employees may take an equivalent amount of time off at their convenience. Vote was 3-0.
6. The Board of Selectmen hereby designates three classifications of employment for town road crew employees as follows:

Unskilled
Semi-skilled
Skilled

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The Pay Scale Study Committee is being requested to forward min/max. salary schedules for these job classifications as soon as possible. Vote was 3-0.

7. The hourly rate of the First Selectman's clerk's salary¹⁵ hereby increased to \$2.50/hour effective Monday, November 26, 1973. Vote was 3-0.
8. An urgent meeting has been called with the Building Commission for Saturday, November 24th to discuss developments at the Gaslight Village Subdivision and to discuss transfer of authority over the Building Inspector from the Selectmen to the Building Commission. Vote was 3-0.
9. RESOLVED, that those town agencies and commissions who are responsible to the Board of Selectmen by reason of the Board's appointments authority shall present all money requests on the town directly to the Board of Selectmen. Vote was 3-0.
10. Notice of this resolution shall go to the Recreation Committee, the Conservation Commission, the Inland-Wetlands and Watercourses Agency, the Historic District Commission, the Building Commission, the Building Code Board of Appeals, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Town Engineer, the Health Officer, the Director of Civil Defense, the Tree Warden, the Dog Warden, the Economic Development Commission.
11. A letter from Town Engineer requesting approval of a portion of the road in the Gaslight Village Subdivision was acknowledged and tabled pending an investigation of construction practices. Vote was 3-0.
12. A letter from the Planning and Zoning Commission recommending the acceptance of Buckboard Road and Flintlock Drive was acknowledged and tabled pending a more thorough review of the storm sewer installation. Vote was 3-0.
13. The Town Road Foreman is hereby authorized to receive written bids for an old sander stored on the town property known as Caltabiano's Farm. Bids will be accepted through November 30th. Vote was 3-0.
14. The Board acknowledged receiving a first check from the federal government as a partial payment on federally funded drainage improvement work on Higganum Road.
15. RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen hereby acknowledge the seriousness of the energy supply situation and urges all residents to substantially reduce their consumption of energy supplies. Vote was 3-0.
16. FURTHER, the Board has taken the following actions with regard to town operations.

RESOLVED, that the town hall thermostat shall not be set above 68° when

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the building is in use and not above 60° when the building is not in use.
Vote was 3-0.

RESOLVED, that drivers of town trucks are hereby ordered to observe a maximum speed limit of 35 MPH on through streets and 25 MPH on residential or congested streets. Vote was 3-0.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education will be asked to instruct its contract bus drivers to observe similar speed restrictions. Vote was 3-0.

RESOLVED, that town residents be urged not to use electric illumination in their outdoor christmas decorations and that, instead, the town light it's traditional tree on the green as Christmas symbol for all residents. Accordingly, the tree will be lit for 4 hours each night from Saturday, December 22nd until Saturday, January 1st. Vote was 3-0.

In addition, the First Selectman will act to insure an emergency supply of gasoline for the winter snow removal operation.

15. A study of town road and highway conditions will be undertaken by the First Selectman for the purpose of recommending speed limits on all town roads.
16. The Board of Selectmen received the resignation of Mrs. Frazier from Town Hall maintenance cleaning. The Board has accepted Mrs. Jean Munro of Durham to fill this position. This will be effective November 26th.
17. The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen scheduled for November 29, 1973, is postponed to December 3, 1973.


A. Reed Hayes
First Selectman

