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TOWN OF DURHAM

Connecticut 06422



BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 4, 1980

The Board of Selectmen's Meeting of December 4, 1980, was called to order at 2:40 p.m. by First Selectman M. Foster Mather; other board members present: Maryann P. Boord, Gregory G. Curtis. Townspeople present: Robert A. Bascom, Ralph W. Moeller, Linda Dean, Ona McLaughlin, Edward N. Hinman.

Motion by G. Curtis, seconded by M. Boord to approve minutes of the November 20, 1980, meeting; 3 ayes; approved. Weekly disbursements and foreman's report were so noted.

The First Selectman discussed the "giving tree" which will be in town hall preceeding the Christmas holidays. The tree offers an opportunity to townspeople to supply presents for needy residents.

F. Mather advised the board, for future reference, that the Brewster School area has 14.5 acres and the town owns an additional 5.77 acres north of Brewster School property.

The building and health departments have had problems with a local ordinance stating building permits will not be issued until wells are drilled. The Town Engineer has not been enforcing this ordinance as it has created several well documented problems. He has insisted that the foundation is in first, then proceed with the well drilling. This matter of the difficulties with the present ordinance will be further studied.

It was announced that the First Selectman will appear on the Channel 8 Telethon (on Sunday 12/7/80) to aid the Italian earthquake victims.

Edward N. Hinman explained to the board the reason the Charter Revision Commission provided for a 6 member Zoning Board of Appeals instead of 5 members as stated in state statutes: strictly mechanical reasons--to provide election of 2 members per biennial election. It is Mr. Hinman's feeling that the opinion from Town Counsel on this matter is not legitimate. The Public Expenditure Council has advised him that the charter provision is legal. Mr. Hinman suggested that no further action at present be taken because it is unnecessary.

Robert Bascom, Chairman, D.M.I.A.B., requested the Board of Selectmen's support in starting a paper recycling program in town hall and the library which he proposes to expand into the school system. A trash can liner would be used to hold the paper which a D.M.I.A.B. truck would pick up weekly to be stored in an enclosed box trailer at the dump site. The Board of Selectmen gave its conditional approval.

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Motion by G. Curtis, seconded by M. Boord, that pending recommendation by the Board of Finance we present to town meeting a request to increase by \$25,000 the 1980-1981 fiscal year budget appropriation line item (Highway-Projects) Misc. Emergency Projects; said \$25,000 reflecting the receipt of bond for Salted Lane.

The Call to the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting and the Special Town Meeting scheduled for December 29, 1980, were signed.

The First Selectman spoke to the board about current staff shortages due to illness in the Assessor's office and Selectmen's Office and G. Curtis suggested that the First Selectman use his discretion in hiring additional help in the absence of the two secretaries.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna White

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Secretary