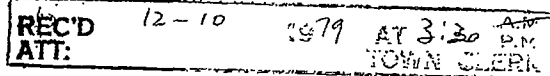


TOWN OF DURHAM

Connecticut 06422



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 6, 1979

The organizational meeting of the recently-elected Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by First Selectman M. Foster Mather; Board members present: Maryann Boord, Gregory G. Curtis. Others present: Wayne Warley, Linda Dean, Ona McLaughlin, Roger Kleeman, William Moore.

In accordance with Section 4-2 of the town charter the Board of Selectmen adopted the following policies:

- a. On a motion by M. Boord, seconded by G. Curtis, and passed 3-0 the Board of Selectmen will meet on Thursday evenings on a weekly basis at 7:30 p.m. (Selectmen should allow time to sign checks before the 7:30 p.m. meeting time);
- b. On a motion by M. Boord, seconded by G. Curtis, and passed 3-0 a 24 hour notification and the posting of an Agenda will be provided to the Selectmen in the event a Special Board of Selectmen's meeting is to be called;
- c. On a motion by G. Curtis, seconded by F. Mather, and passed 3-0 Maryann Boord was designated Acting First Selectman in the place of Dr. Mather in his absence or disability.

The minutes of the November 29 Board of Selectmen's meeting were unanimously approved as written on a motion by G. Curtis, seconded by M. Boord. 3-0

No comments were expressed about the weekly bills paid sheet. The Board reviewed the November financial Statement: Mr. Moore noted that the \$614,000+ equalization funds should not show as a line item . . . it's a revenue. Mr. Warley noted item #813 Misc. Emergency Projects unexpended balance of \$3,339 and advised the Board that the remaining funds would be used in the Guire Road project.

A status report of the town presented by Dr. Mather noted several needed improvements in the highway department. Personnel, constable and accounting matters were also discussed.

Wayne Warley presented his weekly foreman's report to the

Board of Selectmen and made the following requests and recommendations:

1. The hiring of 2 part-time men;
2. The hiring of Herman Rodriguez on a full-time basis (to temporarily replace Don Schmitt);
3. That Don Schmitt receive his 1980 sick days at this time;
4. That Harold Bailey work 3 hours at the town hall (and library) and the rest of the day at the highway dept;
5. Approval to construct a jet hanger;
6. Approval of the purchase of a high pressure washer for the trucks.

He also told the board he has requested/the state police notify him when the snow begins to fall.

On a motion by M. Boord, seconded by G. Curtis, and passed 3-0 Harold Bailey's working schedule will be 3 hours a day at the town hall and library and the remaining time with the highway dept; and after Town Hall Maintenance funds for his salary are depleted (@ 12/15/79) he will be transferred to the highway payroll.

On a motion by Dr. Mather, seconded by G. Curtis, and passed unanimously 3-0, Don Schmitt will receive his regular 40 hour/wk. pay through the end of the fiscal year (not using sick time in any way).

M. Boord moved to hire Herman Rodriguez as a full-time replacement for Don Schmitt while Don is ill. Motion seconded by G. Curtis; motion approved. 3-0 The board further agreed that Mr. Rodriguez would be asked to start to work as soon as possible, after he has talked to the First Selectman. It was also stipulated that Mr. Rodriguez's salary be at the same level as when his previous employment with the Town of Durham was terminated.

Action relative to Mr. Warley's request for 2 part-time workers during the winter: Mr. Curtis moved to authorize Mr. Warley to hire them in the winter as needed. After a discussion, Mr. Curtis withdrew his motion suggesting that additional help be hired only in an emergency. The board agreed to get the names of 3 people (or more) to apply for these part-time, stand-by, positions which will be utilized at the combined request of Wayne Warley and Dr. Mather.

On a motion by G. Curtis, seconded by M. Boord, and passed unanimously the board voted to authorize the purchase of a high pressure washer with capital equipment highway funds. 3-0

M. Boord moved to instruct Mr. Warley to proceed with the

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construction of a jet hanger as outlined in his request; seconded by G. Curtis. Discussion on its strategic placement; Dr. Mather voted aye. Motion approved. 3-0

The board agreed to review the plans to install toilet facilities at the town garage before the work actually begins.

The winter snow removal maintenance policy on the following town roads was discussed: Crooked Hill (.46 mi.); Cream Pot (.20 mi); Harvey Road (.27 mi.); Hellgate Road (.13 mi); Old Johnson Rd (.12 mi.); Library and firehouse. Dr. Mather suggested invitations to bid be issued immediately for a four-wheel drive 3/4 ton pickup truck for plowing and when needed sanding these roads. It was noted that Charles Wimler takes care of Crooked Hill and the cost is shared with the Town of Guilford. Mr. Curtis moved to contract a four-wheel drive 3/4 ton pickup truck to plow these roads(not Crooked Hill . . . and the First Selectman will discuss clearing the firehouse area with fire department representatives.) Motion seconded by M. Boord; approved unanimously. 3-0

A Snow Removal Policy for Ridge Road, Forline Road, Marina Place, Strawberry Hill, Cream Pot to Kelley's, Harvey Road to the last 2 houses and Salted Lane and Packing House Hill Road was discussed at length by the board. Mr. Curtis stated his wish to have these roads placed on the state's list of the town's unimproved roads. He is also in favor of plowing these roads during heavy storms. Dr. Mather moved to provide emergency snow removal privilege to residents on these streets--upon the approval of the road foreman and First Selectman. Seconded by G. Curtis. Motion approved. 3-0

On a motion by M. Boord, seconded by G. Curtis, the board unanimously approved the provision of a payroll savings plan through the payroll system for town employees. 3-0

The First Selectman received a telephone report from D.M.I.A.B. member Robert Francis who reported that five bids had been opened at their meeting for contracting the landfill. Bids ranged from a low of \$35,600 to a high of \$122,400.

M. Boord made a motion to provide Frank Magnotta, Town Engineer, with the town car (without setting a precedent for the future) until June 30, 1980; gas and mileage to be paid from the Town Engineer's budget, beginning immediately; seconded by G. Curtis; Dr. Mather voted no. 2-1, motion carried.

Appointments:

1. Motion by M. Boord to appoint Robert Poliner to a two-year term expiring 12/31/81 as Town Counsel. Mr. Curtis inquired what hourly rate Attorney Poliner would charge. Dr. Mather replied that he had been given a price of \$40/hr. Mr. Curtis stated that \$30/hr. had been budgeted and that the new counsel should live within that framework. Dr. Mather felt that the lump sum budgeted was an allowable unit to work within. Mr. Curtis, while seconding the motion, registered his objection to the increase in hourly rate to \$40/hr. M. Boord agreed and strongly suggested that Attorney Poliner honor the present budgeted amount until 6/30/80. Motion passed. 3-0

2. Dr. Mather moved the appointment of Janet Moore as the Assistant Treasurer; said term to coincide with the treasurer's; motion seconded by M. Boord; motion passed. 3-0

3. The Board of Selectmen endorsed the Town Clerk's appointments of Mary DiMella and Polly Hull as Assistant Town Clerks. 3-0

4. Dr. Mather moved to appoint Vincent Marino to the Board of Finance to fill a vacancy in the 1981 term created by the election of M. Foster Mather as First Selectman. Motion seconded by M. Boord and carried 3-0.

5. On a motion by M. Boord, seconded by Dr. Mather and approved by G. Curtis, John Ives was appointed to fill the vacancy in the 1981 Planning and Zoning Commission alternate position created by the resignation of Pat Berten. 3-0

6. Dr. Mather made a motion to appoint Joseph Banack, Laurie Hall, Lawrence Wimler, Harry Yeomans, Elijah Vance and Harry Tiedemann as Constables for two year terms to expire 12/31/81. No second; no vote. After a lengthy discussion, M. Boord made a motion to include Stuary Dudley, Arlene Dudley and Malcolm Pearce to the names in Dr. Mather's motion; second of M. Boord's motion by G. Curtis; Dr. Mather voted no. Motion carried 2-1.

Additionally, Dr. Mather moved to charge \$6.80/hr. for constable services (present rate \$6.10/hr) to cover the town's increased costs; seconded by M. Boord; motion carried 3-0.

On a motion by G. Curtis, seconded by M. Boord, the board voted unanimously 3-0 to purchase radio, siren, and light bar

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from Elijah Vance for \$241.00; to be charged to the Capital Equipment account/Highway.

On a motion by Dr. Mather, seconded by M. Boord, the board voted to pursue the passage of an ordinance regulating extended hours for sale of alcoholic beverages; motion carried. 3-0

On a motion by M. Boord, seconded by Dr. Mather, the board voted to take the final transfers within the 1978-1979 fiscal year to town meeting. 3-0

The Board of Selectmen disousssed the recent meeting held at Coginchau Regional High School relative to drug abuse in the community. No formal stand was taken by the Board of Selectmen.

Dr. Mather asked the board members if they are interested in reviewing the payroll on a weekly basis. Mr. Curtis stated he's interested in who draws overtime but if Dr. Mather oversees it, he would not need to see the checks.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna D. White
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Secretary