REC'D 12-26 1973 AT 11:00 A.M. P.M.
ATT: Reed TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF DURHAM

Office of the Selectmen · Connecticut 06422

A. Reed Hayes, First Selectman
Carl N. Otte, Majority Selectman
Richard C. Parmelee, Jr. Minority Selectman

Minutes of Board of Selectmen Meeting
December 13, 1973

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

1. The First Selectman reported that new open burning guidelines had been received which are even more restrictive concerning burning. No burning may take place without a permit from one of the Burning Officials and Burning Officials must be certified by February 1, 1974. The First Selectmen indicated that he has reappointed George H. Planeta, Jr., and appointed Frank Behrens, Jr. as Burning Officials.

2. Reapportionment of Town Aid Road Funds.
The First Selectman reported that a new formula had been adapted which resulted in an increase of $300. to the town. However, the Board still considers the formula grossly unfair to Durham and the matter will be pursued.

3. Attached is a Resolution passed unanimously by the Board in connection with Wallingford's desire to purchase open space properties. Mr. Phil Hammel of Wallingford was present to discuss the Resolution.

4. A proposed glass recycling program was discussed and tabled until February.

5. RESOLVED, that the Recreation Committee be and it hereby is reduced to six members effective January 1, 1974. Vote 3-0.

6. RESOLVED, that the following individuals be and they hereby are appointed to one-year terms on the Recreation Committee effective January 1, 1974. Vote 3-0.

William L. Cicchese
William J. Cahill, Jr.
Walter J. Camp
Helmuth H. Brown
James Christensen
James Feeney

7. RESOLVED, that Mr. Robert L. White be and he hereby is appointed to the 1978 term on the Conservation Commission effective January 1, 1974. Vote 3-0.

8. RESOLVED, that Mr. Jerome A. Stefani be and he hereby is appointed to the 1979 term on the Historic District Commission effective January 1, 1974. Vote 3-0.

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9. RESOLVED, that Mrs. Ellen M. Patterson be and she hereby is appointed to the 1979 term of alternate on the Durham Historic District Commission effective January 1, 1974. Vote 3-0.

10. RESOLVED, that a proposal for insurance to protect the three Selectmen personally from litigation arising from errors and omissions be forwarded to the Board of Finance for investigation and action since consideration by the Board of Selectmen would be self-serving. The First Selectmen has already acted to cover the Town Clerk with this insurance as required by a new law and the Selectmen respectfully urge that the Finance Board act favorably with respect to Selectmen coverage. Vote was 3-0.

11. A preliminary proposal from the First Selectman proposing speed limits on all town roads as well as a proposal to ban heavy truck traffic on heavily populated through streets was received and discussed. Preliminary intentions are to present to town meeting a call to establish a 35 MPH limit on country roads, an 30 MPH limit on moderately residential streets, and a 25 MPH limit on heavily residential streets. Based on an affirmative voice vote, the First Selectmen will refine the plan for action by the Board at it's December 27 th Meeting.

12. RESOLVED, that an item will be added to the call of the next town meeting providing for an ordinance giving authority to the Board of Selectmen to name all new town streets proposed for acceptance by the town. Vote 3-0.

13. RESOLVED, that it is the policy of the Board of Selectmen to encourage broad citizen participation in town affairs and further that the Board will seek to implement this policy through its appointments authority. Vote 3-0.

14. RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen accept a proposal from The Johnson Construction Company to establish a $1,000. bond (amount determined by Town Engineer), to cover the cost of seeding and catch basin cleaning in the spring on Buckboard Road and Flintlock Drive and proceed to act on a request that Buckboard Road and Flintlock Drive be accepted as town roads. Vote 3-0, pending review and approval by Town Attorney.

15. A request to accept Buckboard Road and Flintlock Drive was tabled pending discussion with the contractor about improper catch basins and an opinion from Town Attorney regarding the legal questions involved . Vote to table: 3-0.

16. A request to the Board of Selectmen to indicate written approval of

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the paved portion of the road in Gaslight Village was tabled pending discussion with the contractor about improper catch basins and an opinion from Town Attorney regarding the legal questions involved. Vote to table: 3-0.

17. The Board acknowledges with thanks the preliminary suggestions from the Durham Historical Society of plans for celebrating July 4, 1976, in Durham. No action will be taken pending recommendations from the Governor's Committee on the Bicentennial.

18. Appointments to the new Building Code Board of Appeals were delayed pending a final canvas of residents for individuals with the state-required qualifications of 10 years experience in construction work and the Boards requirement that the individual not be involved in construction activities in Durham. Appointments will be made at the Board's December 27th meeting.

19. The First Selectman reported that he has named Carl N. Otte, Majority Selectman, to serve as Energy Emergency Coordinator responsible for all energy crisis contingency planning in Durham. Otte is empowered to speak and act for the First Selectman's Office in all matters related to the energy crisis in Durham, and notice of his authority will be sent to all elected or appointed town officials and board or commission members.

20. In order to satisfy federal government requirements related to government backed flood insurance for homeowners, the First Selectman will proceed to draw resolutions for the Board of Selectmen and to seek designation of 'flood plans' by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

21. RESOLVED, that the town hall will be closed on Monday, December 24, 1973. Vote 3-0.

A. Reed Hayes
First Selectman

Addition:

22. RESOLVED, that the town hall will be closed on Monday, December 31st. Vote 3-0.