

TOWN OF DURHAM

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A. Reed Hayes,
First Selectman

Carl N. Otte,
Majority Selectman

Richard C. Parmelee, Jr.
Minority Selectman

Board of Selectmen's Minutes December 15, 1973

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

1. This special meeting was called by the First Selectman without the normally required notice since the matters to be reviewed were considered sufficiently urgent as to require action. Furthermore, the matter under discussion was discussed fully at the Board's regular meeting on December 13, 1973. Vote of Selectmen agreeing to hold meeting. Vote 3-0.
2. RESOLVED, that an item be added to the call of the next town meeting providing for acceptance by the town of Flintlock Drive and Buckboard Road. Vote 2-1, with Richard Parmelee dissenting.

Discussion before the vote:

The Board of Selectmen is fully cognizant of the fact that catch basins on these two roads are not constructed in full compliance with the towns Road Specifications which were approved on December 14, 1972. However, the subdivisions in which the roads are built were approved by Planning and Zoning on October 10, 1971, a full year before the town required higher standards. Based on this fact, and based on a review of Planning and Zoning Commission minutes, it was the determination of Messrs. Hayes and Otte that failure to recommend acceptance of these roads would not be a legally sustainable position for the town.

3. RESOLVED, that the First Selectman be authorized to indicate in writing that the paved portion only of the Gaslight Village Subdivision road meets the requirements of the town and that the Board of Selectmen acknowledges this fact. This Resolution does not constitute acceptance of the road by the Board of Selectmen. Vote 2-1, with Richard Parmelee dissenting.

Discussion before the vote:

The Board of Selectmen is fully cognizant of the fact that the catch basins on this road are not constructed in full compliance with the towns Road Specifications, which were approved on December 14, 1972. However, this subdivision received conditional approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission on November 1, 1972, one and one-half months before the town required higher standards. Based on this fact, and based on the position of the town as presented in a Selectmen's Resolution dated February 10, 1973, it was the determination of Messrs., Hayes and Otte that failure

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to recommend acceptance of this road, when such acceptance is requested, would not be a legally sustainable position for the town. Based on this position, it was the further determination of Messrs. Hayes and Otte that such written acknowledgement as has been requested cannot reasonably be withheld.

4. RESOLVED, that Mr. Ronald Westfort be and he hereby is appointed to the term on the Building Code Board of Appeals expiring on December 1, 1977. Vote: 3-0.
5. RESOLVED, that a mileage allowance for the Road Foreman is hereby authorized, effective Saturday, December 15, 1973, which will be paid based on a log of actual mileage at the rate of 12¢ per mile. Vote 3-0.
6. The First Selectman reported that, effective Saturday, December 13, 1973, he has appointed Carl N. Otte Assistant Chief of Police for the Town of Durham. The appointment was made by the First Selectman under his dual authority as Chief of Police. The appointment was made in conjunction with Otte's previous appointment as Energy Emergency Coordinator in order to give him maximum authority to respond to any emergency.

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