

TOWN OF DURHAM

Connecticut 06422



BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 21, 1978

The meeting was called to order at 8 P.M. In attendance: Gregory G. Curtis, First Selectman; Betty C. Wakeman, Selectwoman; Lewis G. Hinman, Selectman; William Moore, Treasurer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. 3-0

The Financial Report was read and approved. 3-0

A letter from the Farmers Home Administration, USDA, approving the firehouse loan in the amount of \$375,000 was read.

A motion was passed that the Durham Volunteer Ambulance Corps be assigned the following space in the old firehouse: the bay area on the ground floor to house the ambulance; the office in the rear of the bay area; the upstairs; and joint use of the kitchen and rear meeting room. It is the intention of the Board of Selectmen to retain jurisdiction over the old firehouse at this time rather than appoint a board of trustees. 3-0

After some statements concerning live Christmas trees in public buildings Mr. Curtis requested and received information from the State Fire Marshal's Office. According to Section 29-41-17.02 of the state fire marshal's regulations, live Christmas trees may be used in places of public assembly. This information was forwarded to Fire Marshal Joseph Planeta and Fire Chief Frank Behrens.

A letter of thanks to the Brownie troop for decorating the tree in town hall will be sent to Mrs. Ray Rubino. 3-0

Cost of operating the blinker light in front of old firehouse is \$7.21 per month. At this figure the Board decided to leave the light operating, as requested by the Ambulance Corps. 3-0

The Planning Commission expects a plan and proposal from the Board of Selectmen concerning the town garage before the Town Meeting in January.

Financing of the town garage was discussed. A purchase plan of five years at 6% was presented. The cost of improvements is being worked on at the present time.

Executive Session at 8:40 P.M. 3-0

Philip Woods was given his anniversary raise of 4 years from \$5.37 to \$5.50 per hour at the A-3 level. 3-0

Out of Executive Session at 9:15 P.M. 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M. 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lewis G. Hinman

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INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

Notice of Intent to Adopt Regulations

In accordance with the provisions of § 4-168 (a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut as amended by § 5, Public Act 73-620, and pursuant to § 33-168 of the General Statutes of Connecticut as amended by § 2, Public Act 74-5, and subject to the provisions of Public Act 74-7, the Insurance Commissioner hereby gives notice that he intends to adopt regulations governing the computation of reserves which are required under the provisions of § 2, Public Act 74-5, to be maintained by medical service corporations and consolidated and merged hospital service and medical service corporations for policy contract liabilities and contingencies.

Pursuant to the aforesaid statutory authority, the Insurance Commissioner intends to include in said regulations standards for determining the maximum amount that may be held in reserve for contingencies, considering the stability, solvency, and interests of the corporation and the interests of the subscribers and other affected persons.

Copies of the proposed regulations may be obtained upon written request to the Connecticut Insurance Department, P. O. Box 816, State Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut 06115. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

All interested persons may submit data, views, or comments by addressing written communications to the State Insurance Commissioner, P. O. Box 816, Hartford, Connecticut 06115, and may submit data, views, or arguments orally to the Insurance Commissioner or to his authorized designee in the State Insurance Department, State Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut.

THOMAS C. WHITE
Commissioner

STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Notice of Intent to Amend Regulations

In compliance with the provisions of Section 4-168 of the 1971 Supplement to the General Statutes, The Department of State Police hereby gives notice of its intent to amend its rules and regulations under Section 29-40 and 29-41 of the 1971 Supplement of the General Statutes, permitting the commissioner of state police to promulgate regulations relating to the Connecticut State Fire Code.

Persons wishing to present their views regarding this matter must do so within 20 (twenty) days following the publication of this notice. These may be presented in writing or orally to the commissioner of state police, 100 Washington Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06101.

Section 1. Section 29-41-17.02 of the State Fire Safety Code is amended by adding the following subsections:

Sec. 29-41-17.02. Furnishings and decorations

(d) A natural Christmas tree, if it is not unusually large in relation to the area in which it is displayed, or does not constitute any other undue hazard, and is to a large degree inherently flame-resistant having met the

following standards, may be used in occupancies defined by the CFSC as places of assembly, and in individual living units of multiple family dwellings:

(1) Has been properly stored and cared for prior to its use indoors. In no case, however, shall a tree be installed indoors in a place of assembly for longer than a 10 day period during the Christmas holiday season. In individual living units trees may be installed indoors for a period not to exceed 21 days. Other specific periods not to exceed 10 days may be authorized by the local fire marshal.

(2) Has a high moisture content.

(3) Is held in an upright position by a stand, tub, or other container having a broad base, and water capacity of at least two gallons, and covering the stem at least two inches. In individual living units of multiple family dwellings, the water capacity shall be at least one gallon. The water level shall be replenished at least once daily. NOTE: Natural trees (in) with root balls must be held in a waterproof basin or covering, allowing daily moistening of the root balls.

(4) Is not lighted or illuminated by candle or open flame. All electrical equipment used in direct lighting or for independent decorative purposes shall meet the standards of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, and shall be installed in accordance with the National Electrical Code (current edition).

EXCEPTION: In places of assembly only indirect electrical lighting shall be used. All electrical equipment used in indirect lighting or for independent decorative purposes shall also meet the standards of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, and be installed in accordance with the National Electrical Code (current edition).

(5) Is free, beyond a minimum of two feet, of the outer spread of any branch in any direction of flammable or combustible material.

(6) Does not block nor obstruct any exit or passageway.

(7) Is not trimmed with any decoration or material that is flammable or combustible.

(8) Is a safe distance away from all sources of heat, such as fireplaces, radiators and heating units, and so located that standing or fallen, it could not block the way out of a room or out of the building in case of fire.

(9) The tree's trunk is sawed off at least two inches above and parallel to the original cut at the time the tree is set up.

(10) That the supplier of any natural Christmas tree, permitted in accordance with the provisions of these requirements, has certified under the penalties of perjury that such tree has been stored in a manner which ensures a high moisture content between the time the tree was felled and the time it was sold. A certificate to this effect shall be given at the time of purchase to the purchaser.

(11) That such certificate be available for the inspection of that local fire marshal having jurisdiction or any agent of the state fire marshal.

Sec. 2. Chapter 17 — Operating features is further amended by adding the following section which is authorized under Sections 29-40 and 29-41 Connecticut General Statutes as amended by Public Act 73-95.

Sec. 29-41-17.30. Fire zones and lanes to be established by local enforcing authorities

Regulations may be in accordance with the size, type of construction and nature of use or occupancy of such buildings or facilities.

(a) Parking of motor vehicles or otherwise obstructing fire lanes shall be prohibited at all times.

CLEVELAND B. FUESSENICH
Commissioner