

TOWN OF DURHAM



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING December 30, 1981

The December 30, 1981, Board of Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by First Selectman M. Foster Mather; Board members present: Maryann P. Boord, Gregory G. Curtis. Townspeople present: M. Clark, N. Higgins, P. Reynolds.

F. Mather moved that the Agenda proceed in the order in which it was printed and posted; furthermore, that the public session be a time during which any individual wishing to address the board will be given an opportunity. 3 ayes.

P. Reynolds distributed a letter dated December 17, 1981, addressed to the Board of Selectmen and reviewed its contents for the board. The Board of Selectmen has agreed to review her written and verbal questions and respond to her in writing.

N. Higgins noted the passing of Ralph W. Moeller and suggested something be done to acknowledge his involvement in town affairs. She stated that she doesn't like the new format of the Board of Selectmen's meetings whereby the public's questions are unanswered.

The Public Session closed at 7:52 P.M.

F. Mather noted that the Freedom of Information Act provides for availability of records to the public for anyone who comes in and requests it. He further explained that the Act does not say that all information be published, but only that it be available. The responsibility of obtaining records lies with the individual.

Motion by F. Mather to approve minutes of the December 3, 1981, meeting. G. Curtis noted his disagreement with J. Clifford's statement on page 2 which reads, "He noted how loosely the highway department used to be run. . . ." G. Curtis also corrected the name "Chadsey" to "Chedsey" on page 5; motion to approve as corrected seconded by M. Boord, 3 ayes.

In accordance with Section 4-2 of the Town Charter, the Board of Selectmen adopted the following policies:

- a) Motion by F. Mather that Maryann P. Boord serve as Acting First Selectman in his absence; seconded by G. Curtis, 3 ayes;
- b) Motion by F. Mather that a 24-hour notification and the posting of an Agenda be provided to the Board of Selectmen in the event a Special Board of Selectmen's meeting is to be called; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes;

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c) Motion by F. Mather that Board of Selectmen's meetings be held the first and third Thursday of each month in the Public Meeting Room, 7:30 P.M., Town Hall; seconded by M. Boord, 3 ayes.

Kenneth Hampton representing the Chamber of Commerce, extended an invitation to the Town of Durham to join the Connecticut Valley Tide Water Commission. He explained that this permits the towns to join together as a visitors and convention bureau to encourage tourism in the area. Two individuals from each town of 5,000 residents plus one additional representative for each portion of 5,000 residents and over would make up a council of 48 members; one representative from each town would form an Executive Committee. He noted that membership in the Commission would cost the town nothing. The time frame is as follows: representatives need to be appointed in January so they can organize in February and present the commission's credentials to the state tax department in March. Motion by F. Mather that the Board of Selectmen present a Resolution for membership in the Connecticut Valley Tide Water Commission to the next town meeting; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

APPOINTMENTS

F. Mather nominated Robert S. Poliner, Esq., to a 2 year term as Town Counsel to expire 12/31/83; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes. G. Curtis questioned what rate Attorney Poliner would be charging the town.

F. Mather nominated Gaetano Puglisi to a term on the Building Board of Appeals to expire 12/1/85; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

F. Mather nominated Roger Kleeman to a term on the Building Board of Appeals to expire 12/1/86; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

F. Mather nominated Frank Behrens, Sr., to a one year term as Tree Warden to expire 12/31/82; seconded by G. Curtis; 3 ayes.

F. Mather nominated Robert Bascom to a two year term as the Board of Selectmen's representative to Midstate Regional Planning Agency to expire 12/31/83. This appointment in turn appoints him to a concurrent term on the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

F. Mather nominated Bruce Rau to a two year term as Dog Warden to expire 12/31/83; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

F. Mather nominated Pamela Pruitt to a two year term as Assistant Dog Warden to expire 12/31/83; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

F. Mather moved the Board of Selectmen's appointment as the Flood and Erosion Control Board for a two year term concurrent with the terms of their elective office; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

G. Curtis nominated Malcolm B. Pearce, Jr. as Civil Preparedness Director for a 2 year term to expire 12/31/83; seconded by M. Boord; vote: aye(Curtis, Boord) nay(Mather).

F. Mather nominated Henry Robinson to a new position of Assistant Civil Preparedness Director for a 2 year term to expire 12/31/83; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

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F. Mather nominated Jack B. Tinkel and Alfred Brechlin as Radiological Defense Officers for two year terms to expire 12/31/83; seconded by G. Curtis; 3 ayes.

G. Curtis nominated M. Clark to the position of Planning and Zoning Commission alternate. F. Mather nominated Merle Ackert to the position of Planning and Zoning Commission alternate. Discussion followed re accepting the recommendations of the Democratic Town Committee. G. Curtis stated he sees no reason to deviate from it and sees no conflict of interest in M. Clark's appointment. F. Mather stated that nevertheless the Board must recommend who it thinks will best serve in the position.

Vote: for M. Clark 1 vote Curtis
for M. Ackert 1 vote Mather
Boord abstain both nominations

No appointment.

F. Mather nominated Janet S. Muraca as Representative to CAGM for an indefinite term; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

G. Curtis nominated Joan E. Hughes to fill the Simon position on the Economic Development Commission for a term to expire 12/31/83 and James McLaughlin to fill the Adam's vacancy to expire 12/31/82. F. Mather nominated Cleveland Stannard, Judith Frawley, and Allen Tucker for terms to expire 12/31/83; all nominations seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

F. Mather nominated John S. Donadio, Daniel Murphy, and Kathleen Tinkel to three year terms on the Conservation Commission to expire 12/31/84; seconded by G. Curtis; 3 ayes.

F. Mather nominated J. Richard Taylor to a 5 year term to expire 1/1/87 and Ellen Patterson to an alternate position to expire 1/1/87 on the Historic District Commission; seconded by G. Curtis; 3 ayes.

Appointments to the Recreation Committee were discussed and tabled.

F. Mather nominated Alois J. Petrzal to a three year term as Public member on the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency to expire 12/31/84; seconded by G. Curtis; 3 ayes.

The board agreed to check out the time frame for making the PZC alternate position appointment.

F. Mather moved to release the maintenance bond for Canterbury Drive; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

F. Mather moved that the Board of Selectmen not release the bond for James Road, James Road East, and Clem Court as per letter from the Town Engineer dated 12/30/81; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

F. Mather moved that the Board of Selectmen take to the next town meeting a proposal for the town to hire a Resident State Trooper; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

Motion by F. Mather that the Board of Selectmen draft a Resolution to be presented at the next town meeting honoring Ralph W. Moeller who died December 29, 1981; seconded by G. Curtis; 3 ayes.

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Motion by F. Mather to go into Executive Session at 8:52 P.M. to discuss union matters; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes. D. White present.

Motion by F. Mather to accept the recommendation of the Negotiating Team with their interpretation of the Fact Finder's Report; seconded by G. Curtis; 3 ayes.

Motion by F. Mather to close Executive Session at 9:17 P.M.; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

G. Curtis noted: street light on SNET pole 219 Sand Hill/Route 79 -- the whole end is missing; stop signs gone: Wheeler Hill/Maiden Lane (traveling west), Oak Terrace/Wilcox Drive (to stop traffic Oak Terrace), and Arbutus Street/Haddam Quarter Rd; red traffic lights out Route 17/Haddam Quarter Road traveling west; guard rails suggested on Mica Hill on way to cemetery. He told the board that Mrs. Kalinowski mentioned they could use some drainage in one section of Harvey Road. He said the town should accept that road and assume all responsibility of it.

Motion by F. Mather to adjourn at 9:47 P.M.; seconded by M. Boord; 3 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna D. White

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Secretary to the First
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