

TOWN OF DURHAM

Office of the First Selectman

P. O. Box H

Durham, Connecticut 06422



BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 17, 1984

Called to order at 10:02 p.m., following the Water Pollution Control Authority meeting. Present: M. Foster Mather, DVM, First Selectman; Mary Jane Jewczyn, Selectwoman; James D. Dean, Selectman. Also: Mary Brvenik, Hartford Courant reporter.

Discussed Ordinance pertaining to an additional Veteran's Tax Exemption based on income level. Decided to send it back to Town Counsel for re-write to reference some state specified income level rather than the actual current dollar amount.

F. Mather reported on the condition of the Little League ball fields and facilities and noted that the Recreation Committee was making repairs which would cause a line item over-run. Also, they are considering an alarm system and that we should expect them to make a request for additional funds in 84-85.

A & B Painting has submitted a bid to paint Allyns Brook bridge for \$1,100. The First Selectman authorized William E. Pecor (an associate of Andy Golschneider) to go ahead with the job--no rush.

The First Selectman told the Board that Trudi Bird had notified his office of commercial fertilizer/insecticide spraying on her neighbor's property and on adjacent town-owned land at the far curve of Wildwood Circle. She was concerned about potentially harmful substances being used on town property, but not by the town.

F. Mather informed the Board of his latest figures on the Library project.

The First Selectmen's office has received to date two applications for the position of part-time multi-functional clerk: Joan Quick and Carol Robinson.

Appointments by unanimous vote:

Geoffrey Colegrove to the CONN. VALLEY TIDEWATER COUNCIL; one year term to expire 6/30/85.

Ira Kerschner to MIDSTATE REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY; three year term to expire 4/30/87.

Karen Girosky to REGION II REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL; CATCHMENT #10; two year term to expire 4/30/86.

Michael Girosky to CABLE TV ADVISORY BOARD; (length of term unavailable at this time.)

Dean A. Thomasson to fill vacancy in alternate position on HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION; term to expire 1/1/86.

Meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY Meeting of May 17, 1984

The meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority (i.e. the Board of Selectmen) was called to order at 8 p.m. Members present: M. Foster Mather, DVM; Mary Jane Jewczyn, James D. Dean. Also present by invitation: Elwin Stannard representing the Durham Center Water Company, Dr. Leo Willett, Health Director, and Robert Moore, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection of the State of Connecticut. A Planning and Zoning Commission representative was not in attendance. Mary Brvenik, Hartford Courant reporter, was present.

Dr. Willett presented an update of activities concerning the Main Street well contamination with trichloroethylene from the manufacturing plants of Durham Mfg. Co. and Merriam Mfg. Co. He predicts the problem will remain in evidence for approximately 40 years. At this time, probably only 8-12 homes wells will remain above 25 ppm and should be having home charcoal filters installed before long. He said the affected persons have been generally most cooperative and understanding and feels this is because they have been properly informed. Degreasing agents such as TCE and methylene chloride have not been made illegal to use because they are essential to the business so the state has opted for strict regulations regarding their use.

Elwin Stannard reported on progress at the Durham Center Water Company. A well is planned on the vacant lot belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Duval. If the well yield is great enough, the Water Co. will purchase the lot and develop the well. This would at last eliminate the need to pump water from the brook. Future plans include water-proofing and cleaning of the storage tanks on Strawberry Hill. Mr. Stannard feels the Water Co. can survive financially if they get this well. R. Moore reported that there are 700 of these small water companies in the state, many with problems including recent ones established as part of condominiums and cluster housing units.

Regarding programs which a community might conduct to help prevent groundwater contamination, M. Jewczyn reported on such a program in Florida where people bring all undesirable disposables (paint, paint thinners, solvents, etc) to a selected spot once a year for proper removal and disposition. R. Moore reported that just such a bill did not pass the state legislature this year but perhaps will

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next year. It would be state sponsored with several centralized locations throughout the state. He also reported that the state is providing information to towns on how to handle toxic water with guidelines both on identification and handling. He added that regulations will be imposed on underground fuel storage tanks of greater than 1,000 gal. capacity and the towns can opt to impose further regulations for tanks of 1,000 gal or less. Further regulations are being established to ban the disposal of waste oil and ban the use and sale of septic system additives.

The water future for Durham by Robert Moore: Most towns with the density of housing of Main Street, Durham, have gone to public or municipal systems, either water or septic or both. Our sewer avoidance plan is holding. He predicts that we may need some community septic systems in certain pockets of problem areas, i.e. a system like the one installed for the firehouse on the Durham Fair property. He thinks we should develop plans for water supply and septic disposal at this time...that a study should be done to identify existing or likely problem areas and address these areas' needs for the future. Included in this study would be an identification of existing areas where remedial action can be accomplished. That is, to identify the clean water sources and establish zoning or purchase the land necessary to protect them; to identify the areas of good soil types nearby existing septic problem areas and preserve them for future community septic systems. Other towns have had these studies done and other towns have had to clean up areas of their town in just this fashion eg Chester. He advised that the Town Engineer should watch engineered septic systems very closely...that state staff is available for backup review and expertise.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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M. Foster Mather, DVM
First Selectman

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