

TOWN OF DURHAM

Office of the First Selectman

P. O. Box H

Durham, Connecticut 06422



BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 31, 1984

Called to order at 10:12 p.m. Present: Foster Mather, First Selectman; Mary Jane Jewczyn, Selectwoman; James D. Dean, Selectman. In and out: Alfred Brechlin, Vincent Marino, Donna Thomasson, Marlene Clark, Mary Brvenik.

The Board wishes that the position of multi-functional clerk be advertised before we make a decision.

F. Mather advised the Board that he had attended a conference/workshop on Section 504 of Title 5, Civil Rights for Handicapped Persons. We must establish a committee to evaluate ourselves/Durham and make suggestions as to how we can better accomodate people with visual, hearing or mobility handicaps. We must comply with this by Oct. 17, 1984, to retain Federal Revenue Sharing eligibility.

As a result of the very informative Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting, F. Mather thinks that we should make a study of Durham's water and sewage resources. Does M. Jewczyn want to Chair another committee? A visit to other towns which have done this would be enlightening.

Action will be taken June 7th on the Benchwarmers' request for road closings.

The bill from Accurate Water Location, Inc. for \$400 will be paid out of the Selectman's expense account and not the Library Building Fund.

Library discussion: J. Dean was very impressed with the contractor who made the low bid. If the Library Building and Site Committee wishes to use excess contingency money to add back add-alternates, they should tell the public that is what they intend. J. Dean moved to accept the Library Building and Site Committee's recommendation that we should request another \$209,000 through town meeting and referendum (\$126,000 additional cost + \$83,000 interest expense). Motion seconded by M. Jewczyn and passed 2 ayes, 1 nay (Mather).

PAUSE: 10:31 to 10:34.

Alfred Brechlin reported that the Board of Finance voted to request that the Board of Selectmen

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take to town meeting a request for a referendum to approve an additional \$209,000 for the construction of the Library addition (4 aye, 1 nay [Stengle]).

J. Dean moved, seconded by M. Jewczyn, that the Board of Selectmen take to town meeting a request for a referendum to approve the additional \$209,000 (\$126,000 for construction costs and \$83,000 for interest expense on short-term borrowing) requested by the Library Building and Site Committee for the proposed addition to the Durham Public Library. Motion passed by 2 ayes, 1 abstain (Mather). J. Dean hoped that the town meeting would be soon. F. Mather trying for Monday June 11th.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

MJJ:dda

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MINUTES OF A JOINT MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, BOARD OF FINANCE, LIBRARY BUILDING AND
SITE COMMITTEE
May 31, 1984

Called to order at 8 p.m. Present: Foster Mather, Mary Jane Jewczyn, James Dean; Alfred Brechlin, Joyce Kellish, Carl Otte, Charles Stengel, Ona McLaughlin, Beth Quinlivan; Dorothy Willett, Donna Thomasson, Marsha Desjarlais, Janet Moore, George Eames, Lynn Bastis, Vincent Marino, Jane Eriksen, Marcia Kalayjian, Elaine Yakey; Charles King, Architect; William Moore, Treasurer; newspaper correspondents Marlene Clark and Mary Brvenik.

Dorothy Willett gave a presentation for the Library Building and Site Committee that covered the following topics:

A review of the major discrepancies between the architect's estimate of building costs and the bid figures of the low contractor, i.e., the heating and air-conditioning system, plumbing and electrical. In all other areas of the contract in which the architect has first hand experience, the bid figures were within 6% of the architect's estimate.

A detailed list and explanation of items the Library Building and Site Committee removed from the original plans and the architect's estimate from time to time in an effort to keep within the original construction figures. Some of the items were not totally eliminated, but transferred either to the Development Fund - Furnishings Budget (@\$20,000) or the not-in-contract list of items the Town would purchase directly (@\$34,000) to save contractors' markup.

The Library Building and Site Committee's final recommendation - a worksheet which detailed all anticipated expenses. Their motion of the previous meeting was to request an additional \$126,000 plus whatever interest expenses there might be.

How to handle interest expense and interest receipts generated a great deal of discussion. Options: include no expansion in the building fund budget, include only the net interest expense (gross expense offset by interest receipts from investing balance short-term borrowing while not needed), include all interest expense up until the bonds are issued.

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The question of reverting back to the Brewster School was brought up. Mr. King feels that to convert half of the school into a library would cost about \$400,000 [±], it would not be as efficient a structure or operation, location is not ideal.

The final official request from the Library Building and Site Committee is an additional \$209,000, or \$126,000 additional costs, and \$83,000 interest expense. They asked the Board of Selectmen to approve of the project, the Board of Finance to approve the request for additional funding by requesting that the Board of Selectmen take to Special Town Meeting a request for a Referendum on the additional appropriation, and that the Board of Selectmen take the question to a town meeting.

The joint meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

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