

LETTERS FROM GREENBAUM AND NUNES

Letters dated February 2nd from Mr. Greenbaum and Mr. Nunes were read and acknowledged.

The Board unanimously approved Town Counsel's response to these letters dated February 9, 1973.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR MARCH 21, 1973

Meeting adjourned 11:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynn Bowles*

Clerk of the Board

SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 21, 1973

The special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman, T.R. Clark, Wednesday, March 21, 1973, 7:30 P.M. at the Woodbridge Town Hall.

SELECTMEN: Anne Scherr, Grant Nickerson, Christine Donaldson, Raymond Luciani, and Town Counsel, William J. Cousins. Also Town Accountant RoseMary P. Bergen.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR AMITY REGIONAL BOARD

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen appoint Russell B. Stoddard, (R), Virginia S. Goodrich, (R), Jerome L. Weinstein, (Un), and Edward B. Winnick, (D) as a committee of four to serve on the Nominating Committee for the Amity Regional Board of Education to select a candidate representative for the Town of Woodbridge for a period of three years.

(Scherr-Donaldson)

Vote-5-unanimous

The name of the candidate to be presented to the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Section 8-16 Town Charter on or before May 15, 1973.

LANDFILL

Mr. Clark advised the Board that more room is needed at our landfill in order to continue an adequate landfill operation.

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen authorizes the First Selectman to negotiate with the Beard Company on the removal of fill from our landfill in trade of asphalt material in place.

(Scherr-Luciani)

Vote-5-unanimous

DISCUSSION BALDWIN ROAD

Mr. Clark reported after conferring with the engineer designing the reconstruction of Baldwin Road, that the width of Baldwin Road will be 24 feet wide and cut to 22 feet wide only in the area of Angier's and DiNorscia's property to prevent the taking of too much frontage. When the design and plans are ready all the residents of Baldwin Road will be invited to view them and express their feelings.



## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 3, 1973

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman, T. R. Clark, 7:30 PM Tuesday, April 3, 1973 at the Woodbridge Town Hall.

SELECTMEN: Anne Scherr, Grant Nickerson, Raymond Luciani, Christine Donaldson, and Town Counsel William J. Cousins.

GUESTS: Henry Stoddard, Chairman Library Board; Richard Jones, Chairman Recreation Commission and Robert Laemel, Director of Recreation; Albert Ridinger, Chairman Board of Education and Alexander Raffone, Superintendent of Woodbridge Schools and Wilder Greeley, Chairman Police Commissioners also RoseMary, Town Accountant.

PROPOSED BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 1973-74LIBRARY BOARD

Letter from the Library Board giving full detail of their proposed budget was distributed. The following categories were discussed:

## a. Wages

Increases in the salaries of personnel was kept to the required 5% (special note): Library will be kept open 5 hours more per week.

## b. Capital Improvements re: Parking Lot.

Mr. Stoddard in agreement with Board that the Firehouse parking lot could be used by Library personnel with a paved path joining the parking lot to the Library. These improvements could be accomplished at a reduced cost, stated Mr. Clark by the Town Highway Department, doing the paving work.

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen recommend to the Board of Finance that item Capital Improvements be reduced to \$1,000.00 in the Library Board's budget.

(Scherr-Nickerson)

Vote-5-unanimous

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Full detailed budget schedules of the Recreation Department were distributed to the Board. The following categories were discussed:

## a. Wages

Recreation Department will resubmit its wage schedule keeping well within the request 5% guide lines set by the Board of Selectmen.

## b. Utilities

This item will appear as an asterik item the same as last year on the recreation budget, figures to be provided by the Board of Education which will include this item in their budget as an addendum.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Full detailed budget schedule was distributed to the Board. The following items were still under negotiations:

## a. Teacher's Salaries.

## b. Custodians.

Mr. Clark requested that the Board of Education pursue the following requests so that the back page of the Budget entitled Estimated Income could be more real-



istically computed:

a. Check on the \$6,000 still being withheld by the School Building Committee on the Beecher Road School South contract - costing town money on refinancing notes.

b. Request an up to date printout from the State of Connecticut of all grants paid to the Town of Woodbridge to date.

c. Check with the necessary persons involving State reimbursement on School Bonds.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Complete Police Budget was distributed to the Board. Estimated increase of \$202,000, a 3% increase in all salaries as proposed by the Police Board of Commissioners be included in the budget request even though salaries are still under negotiations. The Board so approved the total Police Budget of \$247,932.

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RE: HIGHWAY

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen approve the letter dated April 3, 1973 re: Capital Improvement scheduling for the Highway Department to the Board of Finance.

(Scherr-Nickerson)

Vote-5-Unanimous

#### NAME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DATE

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen schedule the holding of a Special Town Meeting April 30, 1973, 8:00 PM to name a candidate for the Amity Regional Board of Education for a 3 year period in accordance with recent Town Charter amendments effective January 1, 1973.

(Scherr-Luciani)

Vote-5-unanimous

#### INSURANCE SURVEY

Comparison report distributed.  
talbed for April 11th meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynn Bowles*

Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
May 9, 1973

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The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman, T.R. Clark on Wednesday, May 9, 1973, 7:30 pm at the Woodbridge Town Hall.

SELECTMEN: C. Donaldson, R. Luciani, G. Nickerson, A. Scherr and Town Counsel, W.J. Cousins.

GUESTS: Mr. Ronald Noe, Architect, Respective Contractors as listed below  
Re: Bids for Remodelling Town Hall and Miss Elsie Ford, Elderly Agent for the Town of Woodbridge.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meetings of April 11th and Special Meeting of April 27th were approved as circulated.

OPENING BIDS RE: REMODELLING TOWN HALL

At 7:30 pm the following sealed bids were opened and read:

BIDDER	BID BOND	BASED BID	ALTERNATE	COMPLETION DAYS
A.J. Const. Co. New Haven, Conn	X	47,395	2,500	75
J.Capone ConstCo. New Haven, Conn.	X	42,750	1,800	90
A.Civitello Co. New Haven, Conn.	X	46,900	2,200	100
J.H.Hogan, Inc. New Haven, Conn.	X	47,281	3,075	110
Jos. Kelly Co. West Haven, Conn.	X	52,375	1,856	120
*F. Tuthill Co. Hamden, Conn.	Check	38,025	2,493	90 - 120

\*Apparent low bidder-Tuthill

It was announced to all those present that these bids were rejected by the Board of Selectmen as presented because all bids were well over the sum of \$37,000 allocated by the Town for this project. The Board reserves the right to study these bids further.

As a result of careful deliberation the following motion was made and unanimously passed:

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen authorize Mr. Noe to present an estimate of cost of construction omitting the new office space on the upper level or any other means in order to reduce this figure within our limits.

(Donaldson-Scherr)

Vote - 5 - unanimous

Clerk of the Board directed to sent Mr. Noe copy of the above motion.



AMENDED: Also that at this intersection a policeman be placed on duty during school hours.

Vote-5-unanimous

(Nickerson-Donaldson)

Re: Letter of Mrs. Lewis dated May 1, 1973 - no definite conclusion reached - referred this matter to TPZ Commission.

City of New Britain Letter dated April 5, 1973 proclamation read and contents duly noted. No Action.

New Haven Health Plan, Inc. Request membership of the Town, referred to R. Luciani, Board Representative, to review.

Letter dated May 5, 1973 from First Selectman, Ralph Capecelatro, Town of Orange  
Re: A study regarding the Amity School District was read and contents duly noted.  
No Action.

Letter dated April 10, 1973 from Mr. McAviney read and contents duly noted.  
Mr. Clark's response approved unanimously.

#### ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Katz's Decision - Appeal granted for nursery school use.

Letters from the Woodbridge Businessmen's Association were read and contents duly noted.

a. Dated May 3, 1973 Re: Perrotti-Bradley Road

b. Dated May 3, 1973 Re: Auto Body Shop corner Bradley Road

Referred to Zoning Enforcement Officer for response.

ZEO Report of May 8, 1973 distributed to the Board.

Re: Swimming pools letters the Board further recommends the enclosure of a return postcard having the owner state whether or not they comply with this regulation.

#### REVENUE SHARING

Schedule of Revenue Sharing Funds showing receipts to date was distributed to the Board for study.

Mr. Clark stated that he was advised by Town auditors that the 1972 Revenue Sharing Funds are to be spent by June 20, 1973 and suggests this be shown as a Special Item in the 1973-74 Budget appropriations. To date the Town Library Board has been the only Town department to present a request for Revenue Sharing Funds.

After careful deliberation the following motion was made:  
VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen recommend to the Board of Finance that the 1972 Revenue Sharing Funds be spent to meet the 1973-74 Budget requests as follows:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Department</u>
9,500	Car Replacement	556, Police Department
12,000	Books	565, Library
26,000	New Equipment	551, Public Works
3,055	New Equipment	557, Fire Custodians
50,555	Total Funds with interest	

(Nickerson-Scherr)

Vote: 5-unanimous



NOTE: This should be set up in a separate category noting that it will not be come part of taxes to be raised. The regulations do not allow us to add these funds to the General Fund therefore this is a specific income item and a specific expense item.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynn Baevles*  
Clerk of the Board

#### ADDENDUM

Due to the resignation of Virginia Goodrich on the Nominating Committee of Amity Regional Board of Education, the Board of Selectmen was polled by Anne Scherr May 14, 1973 on a replacement and unanimously approved the name of Carol Hart.

Vote-4-unanimous

#### SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING May 21, 1973

A Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman T.R. Clark at 9:30 pm on Monday, May 21, 1973 at the Woodbridge Town Hall.

SELECTMEN: A. Scherr, C. Donaldson, G. Nickerson and Town Counsel W. J. Cousin

The Board of Selectmen prior to this Special Board meeting conducted an informal Public Hearing for the residents of Baldwin Road to view the plans and specs for the reconstruction of Baldwin Road. Over 45 residents were present and Town Counsel acted as moderator. Mr. Thomas Kane, the engineer who drew the plans, was available with copies of profile maps to better explain the reconstruction. The consensus of the meeting was a favorable vote by the residents for the proposed reconstruction of Baldwin Road.

#### ACT ON PROPOSED LEASE RE: MOTHER GOOSE NURSERY SCHOOL, INC.

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen authorize the First Selectman to sign the renewal of the present lease with the Mother Goose Nursery School Inc. for a one year period.

Vote-4-unanimous

((Scherr-Donaldson))

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen authorize Grant Nickerson to continue as the Town's representative in the negotiations with the Mother Goose Nursery School Inc after the expiration of his term as Board member.

Vote-4-unanimous

((Scherr-Donaldson))

#### REMODELLING TOWN HALL - COST ESTIMATE

Copies of breakdown of costs re: Remodelling Town Hall were distributed and explained item by item by Mr. Clark.

The cost estimates with itemized reductions (to be accomplished by the Public Works Department assuming this part of the work) was negotiated with Mr. Noe and the low bidder R. Tuthill & Company. It was the consensus of the Board that this cost estimate with the itemized reductions be offered to the remaining

contractors e.i. since all bids were to contact Mr. Noe bid from F. Tuthill

VOTED: THAT a suit be completed

Vote-4-unanimous

#### APPOINTMENT-SPER

VOTED: THAT Street

Vote-4-unanimous

#### RE: TRUSTEES H

Copies of the meeting were appointed at the meeting. Mr. Clark stressed the utmost importance of this property and was made:

VOTED: THAT men, Historian, invited, visitor

Vote-4-unanimous

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Scherr stressed authorizing the education be held. VOTED: THAT Amity, the to

Vote-4-unanimous

The meeting was

Respectfully

*Lynn Baevles*  
Clerk of the Board



contractors e.i. the three lowest bidders for their revised estimate as well since all bids were openly rejected at the last Board meeting. Mr. Clark is to contact Mr. Noe to act immediately on this basis before accepting the low bid from F. Tuthill & Company as a contract price.

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen authorize the First Selectmen to sign a suitable contract for the remodelling of the Town Hall after complying with the above conditions.

Vote-4-unanimous

(Nickerson-Scherr)

#### APPOINTMENT-SPERRY PARK COMMISSION

VOTED: THAT Stuart Peck be appointed to serve the unexpired term of Newton Street on the Sperry Park Commission till 1976.

Vote-4-unanimous

(Scherr-Donaldson)

#### RE: TRUSTEES HALSTED BISHOP PROPERTY

Copies of the members of the committee to supervise the Halsted Bishop property appointed at the February 8, 1967 Board of Selectmen's meeting were distributed.

Mr. Clark stated that since the recent death of Miss Baldwin it is of the upmost importance for the Town to assume full control of the use and maintenance of this property. In an effort to update this committee the following motion was made:

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen request a letter be written to the Chairmen of the following Town Boards and Commissions: Conservation, Historical Society, Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Recreation inviting them to submit not more than two names to serve on this advisory committee supervising the uses of the Halsted Bishop property.

(Nickerson-Donaldson)

Vote-4-unanimous

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Scherr stated that the Governor of Connecticut will be signing a bill authorizing that the date of the Annual Meetings of the Regional Board's of Education be held on the First Tuesday in May.

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen request that a letter be written to the Amity Regional Board of Education to take immediate action to change their Annual Meeting date to the First Tuesday in May with a copy to be sent to the First Selectman of Bethany.

(Scherr-Donaldson)

Vote-4-unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynne Bawles*

Clerk of the Board



VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen recommends to the Board of Finance the transfer of \$6,300.00 from contingency to the Town Hall Account.  
(Donaldson-Scherr)

Vote-unanimous

#### HALSTED BISHOP PROPERTY WEST

Letter from Town Counsel dated July 31, 1973 re: procedure to be taken to purchase the property of the Estate of Halsted G. Bishop now under option by the Town was read and contents duly noted;

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen make the following recommendations to the Board of Finance re: Halsted Bishop property west:

- Appropriate \$168,500.00 to cover option agreement to be raised by temporary borrowing of \$127,875.00 in anticipation of Federal and State grants.
- Appropriate \$40,625.00 of general funds of the Town from contingency or such other manner as deemed proper by the Board of Finance.
- Appropriate sufficient funds to cover interest for a minimum of 6 months at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ % or \$3,676.41 from contingency.

Vote-unanimous

(Donaldson-Scherr)

#### TOWN MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 1973

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynn Barvles*

Clerk of the Board

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 8, 1973

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by T. R. Clark, First Selectman, 7:45 pm, Wednesday, August 8, 1973 at the Woodbridge Town Hall.

Mr. Clark stated that all meetings from now on will hopefully conclude by 10:00 pm.

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Guido Calabresi, Christine Donaldson, Joseph Donato, Russell B.

Stoddard and Town Counsel, William J. Cousins. & Anne Scherr.

GUESTS: R. P. Bergen, Town Accountant and Peter Cooper, Chm, Conservation Commission.

#### FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Clark introduced Mrs. Bergen and stated she was present to answer any questions the Board might have pertaining to the following reports:

End of the Fiscal Year pre-audit Report

Financial Report for the Month of June 1973

Memo to the Board from R.P. Bergen - Report of year end accomplishments

Mrs. Bergen reviewed these reports to the Board's satisfaction.



MINUTES

The minutes of the July 11, 1973 meeting were approved as corrected and the minutes of the Special Meetings July 18, 1973 and August 1, 1973 stand approved as circulated.

LAND FILL OPERATION

VOTED: THAT a sub-committee of three (3) be appointed to study the Landfill operation and to make specific recommendations, if any, of changes in the present Landfill operation at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Vote-5-1

Vote in opposition-Clark

Mr. Clark named the following as members of this sub-committee Russell B. Stoddard, Christine Donaldson and Anne Scherr.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated July 16, 1973 from Stnaley Bruce was read and acknowledged.

Letter dated July 18, 1973 from R. Capecalatro, First Selectman, Town of Orange to Chm, Amity Regional Board of Education, in support of our request to change the Annual Board of Education Meeting date from first Monday in May to first Tuesday in May was acknowledged.

Letter dated July 19, 1973 from Mark Syrkin, Chm, Development and Industrial Commission addressed to Russell B. Stoddard re: background and past accomplishments of the Development Commission, was read and very favorably received by the Board.

VOTED: THAT the Clerk of the Board write a letter thanking Mr. Syrkin for his letter and suggesting to him that if he has any ideas for strengthening the authority of this Commission to let us know.  
(Calabresi-Donato)

Vote-Unanimous

Letter dated July 31, 1973 from the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission of Connecticut was distributed to the Board and the following motion was made:

VOTED: THAT the Town of Woodbridge is designated as a Bicentennial Community and appointed a Special Bicentennial Planning and Coordinating Group namely: Reverdy Whitlock, Susan C. Baldwin, Carroll A. Means, Russell B. Stoddard and Christine H. Donaldson subject to the approval of the appointees.

(Donato-Calabresi)

Vote-Unanimous

Copy of the resolution passed at the 55th Annual Convention of the American Legion re: graves of all veterans be in proper order when the country celebrates its Bicentennial was distributed and noted that in recent years the Volunteer Fire Department has assumed responsibility for this care in the Town of Woodbridge.

APPOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HALSTED BISHOP ESTATE

Tabled for the September meeting until after the Special Town Meeting makes a decision on the purchase of the additional Halsted Bishop property west.  
RE: Letter from Sydney Tomlinson dated July 10, 1973 - Custodian Services and compensation was considered. The Board suggests that the First Selectman meet with Mr. Tomlinson and work out the necessary details and report back to the Board.



BOARD OF TAX REVIEW

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen in accordance with Gen Stat '58 revise Sec. 12-121 establish the following pay scale for the Board of Tax Review (3) three members, Chairman @\$300 a year and \$250 a year for each member, making a total of \$800 for salaries.  
(Scherr-Stoddard)

Vote-Unanimous

FITZGERALD PROPERTY

Written report dated July 31, 1973 from Town Plan and Zoning Commission re possible uses for Fitzgerald property was distributed.

Note: Request made by the Board that Town Counsel write a job description setting up a separate Commission Planning and Zoning for the Town of Woodbridge

SANITATION REGULATIONS TOWN OF WOODBRIDGE

Discussed the naming of a committee to study revising of the sanitation regulations of the Town of Woodbridge and tabled this matter for the September meeting. The Board members are to come up with qualified people for this study especially those in Public Health Service.

LIAISON MEMBERS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The following Board members were appointed as liaison members to the following Boards and Commissions of the Town of Woodbridge, and when deemed necessary shall present written reports to the Board of Selectmen.

WOODBIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION - Russell B. Stoddard

BOARD OF FINANCE - Theodore R. Clark

SEWER AUTHORITY - Theodore R. Clark

TOWN PLAN AND ZONING COMMISSION - Theodore R. Clark

POLICE COMMISSIONERS - Anne Scherr

CONSERVATION COMMISSION - Christine H. Donaldson

RECREATION COMMISSION - Anne Scherr

LIBRARY BOARD - Christine H. Donaldson

DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION - Joseph Donato

Amity Regional Board of Education - Guido Calabresi

Clerk of the Board will notify the respective chairmen of these Boards and Commissions of the above appointments.

MOTHER GOOSE SCHOOL

Letters from Grant Nickerson dated August 3, 1973 and Morris Tyler dated August 1973 re: Mother Goose Nursery School are distributed to the Board for their perusal. Action on this matter was tabled for the September meeting at which time Mr. Nickerson and Mr. Tyler will be present.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm.

The next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held September 12, 1973 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynn Bowles*

Clerk of the Board

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VINCENT R. FALCONE

September 21, 1973

Mr. Theodore R. Clark  
Woodbridge Town Hall  
Woodbridge, Connecticut  
06525

Dear Mr. Clark:

I enclose herewith a motion for consideration by the Board of Selectmen at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 25, 1973.

It is my opinion that none of the Three (3) following pertinent legal considerations should prevent the consummation of the lease proposed in said motion. However, please note that there are questions of fact underlying this opinion which I have resolved in favor of such action and which I cannot assure you will be similarly resolved by an appropriate Court.

The legal considerations are:

1. Section 4-8(a), Woodbridge Charter, regulates the sale or conveyance of real property, "or any interest therein." I do not construe the proposed lease as a conveyance of "any interest therein" within the purview of this section.

2. Section 47-2, Gen. Stats., '58 Rev., as amended, provides that all estates granted for the maintenance of schools of learning "shall forever remain to the uses to which they were granted." I do not consider the uses invited as different from "the uses to which [the estates in Lots 59 and 60] were granted."

3. The common law of this State as set forth in Central Veterans Asso. vs. Stamford, 140 Conn. 451, among other cases, is that a municipality may not divert to a use inconsistent with the public use to which it has dedicated any of its property except as



authorized by the Legislature. I do not consider the use invited by the proposed motion a use which is inconsistent with the former use.

Sincerely yours,

*William J. Cousins*

William J. Cousins

WJC\*1

cc. Morris Tyler, Esquire  
Grant Nickerson, Esquire  
Mr. Guido Calabresi  
Mrs. C. Donaldson  
Mrs. Anne Scherr  
Mr. Joseph Donato  
Mr. Russell Stoddard



BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

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March 14, 1974

The second scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen in the month of March was called to order by T.R. Clark, First Selectman, Thursday, March 14, 1974, 7:30 pm at the Woodbridge Town Hall.

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Guido Calabresi, Christine H. Donaldson, Anne H. Scherr, Russell B. Stoddard and Town Counsel, W.J. Cousins.

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Joseph Donato

GUESTS: Peter Cooper, Chm. Conservation Commission, Wilder Greeley, Chm, Board of Police Commissioners, RoseMary P. Bergen, Town Accountant and Nora Simon, Woodbridge League of Women Voters.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN RE: CHESTER PERROTTI VIOLATION

Town Counsel reviewed with the Board the conditions listed in his letter dated February 22, 1974 which have to be met by Perrotti in order to comply with the Town Zoning requirements. It was the consensus of the Board that it is imperative that the Town Zoning regulations be enforced in order to be effective, especially when a violation first occurs.

VOTED: THAT the Zoning Enforcement Officer issue a "Cease & Desist" order against one Chester Perrotti, owner of Perrotti's Open Air Market, until all the alleged violations are corrected.  
(Calabresi-Scherr)

Vote-Unanimous

Letter of abstaining vote from Donato in absence was acknowledged.

Mr. Michel is requested to present a written report on the results of this action to the next Board meeting.

MOTHER GOOSE NURSERY SCHOOL

Town Counsel reread the motions passed at the October 22, 1973 Board of Selectmen's meeting in which the Board authorized the necessary repair work to be done at the Warner School in order to bring the building in line with the State Building Code and Safety Regulations the cost of which was assumed in part by the Town and Mr. Parker.

Also that Mr. Parker was permitted to make the necessary kitchen repairs at a reasonable price to be approved by the First Selectman. The cost would be in lieu of rent over a three year period or when the use of this building and property would be put out to bid. To date Mr. Clark has authorized only the approval of the \$6,000 for the necessary repairs for safety requirements.

The Board is most anxious to put the use of this building and property out to bid and authorized Town Counsel to follow through as soon as possible and advertise the original bid after conferring with Mr. Tyler on the exact figures that have been spent.

INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY

Peter Cooper, Chm. Conservation Commission, apologized for the slip up in regulations in that the Public Hearing for the presentation of the Inland Wetlands Regulations was scheduled before the Board of Selectmen had approved the appointment of the membership of the Inland Wetlands Agency in accordance with Section 2 of the said ordinance. Town Counsel and the Board expressed their pleasure with the regulations prepared by the acting agency. In presenting the names for membership the Board agreed both Republican and Democrat that the majority party in office should also be the majority party on this agency.



INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY  
VOTED:

THAT the Board of Selectmen endorse the following names of five(5) members and two(2) alternates to serve on the reformed Inland Wetlands Agency: from Conservation Commission Dr. James Riley, Paul Walgren, Daniel Botkin and Peter G. Alternate, from Town Plan & Zoning Commission, H. Chandler Sonja Goldstein and Erwin Lyon, Jr., Alternate.  
 (Calabresi-Scherr)

Vote-Unanimous

HALSTED BISHOP PROPERTY

Copies of the Statement of Purpose with respect to the administration of Halsted Bishop House and Grounds prepared by the Amity-Woodbridge Historical Society were distributed to the Board prior to this meeting.

The only changes to be recommended to Town Counsel were re: Map of that the Board agreed on a frontage of 500 feet total on Litchfield Tpke (re: West Side Litchfield Tpke that the Board in sympathetic to their use of this property but suggest that we hold this in abeyance for the time Clark of the Board will so notify Town Counsel in the morning of these con

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting March 7, 1974 were approved with the following corrections [to read "without further action by the Board" in place of "not the Board"] re: Zoning Regulations, Chester Perrotti and in re: Assistant Treasurer resignation [to read "formerly appointed" in place of "appointed formerly"].

APPOINTMENT AMITY REGIONAL BOARD

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen appoint the following to serve the Nominating Committee to select a representative to the Amity Regional Board of Education: Joseph Calistro, Edward Winnick and Jerome Weinstein and present a nominee to this Board by May 14, 1974 which will be voted in office at the Annual Town Meeting, June 3, 1974 subject to the approval of Town Counsel.

Vote-Unanimous

(Stoddard-Scherr)

BUDGETS

Copies of the proposed Budget of both Board of Selectmen and Public Works Department were distributed to the Board for their work sheet in preparing the budgets.

RE: BOARD OF SELECTMEN - 550

Mr. Clark reviewed the budget figures item by item and stated that due to the new Police Contract most salaries were being kept within a 6% raise and only above that when the work load increased such as Administrative Assistant and Computer Programmer going on full time. The Street Light Account was increased considerably because of seven(7) new additional lights badly needed in the Sweet and Maple Vale Development area. The Town Hall Account increase is due to the dire need of painting both inside and outside of the Town Hall and possibly new carpeting for the main hall which would go out to bid. The Cemetery

BUDGETS RE: BOARD OF  
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 reviewed was the v  
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RE: PUBLIC WORKS

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*Lynn B*  
 Clerk of the B



SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF SELECTMEN...  
March 25, 1974

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by T.R. Clark, First Selectman, Monday, March 25, 1974, 7:30 pm at the Woodbridge Town Hall.

SELECTMEN PRESENT: G. Calabresi, C. Donaldson, J. Donato, R. Stoddard, A. Stoddard and Town Counsel, W.J. Cousins.

GUESTS: Mr. Jack Martin & Mr. G. Brunow, residents of Hallesy Lane; George C. Building Official; Wilder Greeley, Chm, Police Commissioners; Richard Wanner, Library Board and R.P. Bergen, Town Accountant.

MINUTES

Tabled till the regular meeting on April 10, 1974.

DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD

Monthly Financial Report of February 28, 1974  
Budget Requests for the Fiscal Year 1974-75

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Mr. Robert Burns dated March 18, 1974 re: naming of the access road to West Rock Tennis Club as "Forehand Drive" was considered and the following action taken:

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen is not satisfied with this choice request that the resubmit more than one name for the Board's selection.

Vote-Unanimous

(Calabresi-Stoddard)

Letter from Town Clerk, Jean M. Hanna dated March 18, 1974 re: appointment of a sub-registrar of vital statistics for the Town of Woodbridge with a copy of the State Statute involved attached was considered and the following action was taken:

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen approve the appointment of Salvatore DeGennaro as Sub-Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town of Woodbridge in accordance with Section 7-65 of the Gen Sta, of Connecticut.

Vote-Unanimous

(Stoddard-Donato)

AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

Town Counsel stated that the election of a member to the Regional Board of Education could take place at the Annual Meeting of the Town and if any problem result arose a validating act by the Legislature could be provided for the three(3) days of July.

Mrs. Scherr presented a copy of a bill to voted on in this year's State Assembly re: Election of members of the Board of Education Regional High School District #5 providing that the term of office to be assumed as of July 1st following each election.

Letter from Town Counsel dated March 14, 1974 re: the settlement of the case Heller vs Town of Woodbridge was considered and the following action was taken:

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen request the Board of Finance appropriate the sum of \$800 to the Court Judgement Account #206 as a contingency for the cost of settling the Heller case.

Vote-Unanimous

(Calabresi-Stoddard)

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Vote-Unanimous



TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING

Consideration of Town Accountant's performance report and discussion of the Assessor's position.

Tentative date for Special Board meeting April 24th.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynn Bowles*

Clerk of the Board

SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 24, 1974

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by T.R. Clark, First Selectman on Wednesday, April 24, 1974, 7:30 pm at the Woodbridge Town Hall.

SELECTMEN PRESENT: G. Calabresi, J. Donato, C. Donaldson, R. Stoddard & Town Counsel W. J. Cousins.

SELECTMEN ABSENT: A. Scherr

GUESTS: Town Accountant, R.P. Bergen, League of Women Voters observers- Loretta Lipka & Marilyn Savin.

RE: LEGAL SUIT INVOLVING AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL & TREASURERS & TOWN CLERKS OF THE TOWNS OF BETHANY, ORANGE & WOODBRIDGE.

VOTED: THAT the Board of Selectmen authorize Town Counsel to represent the Town of Woodbridge and make the appropriate motions to intervene on behalf of the Town as a party in Civil Action N-74-75, John E. Baker etals vs Regional High School District #5 etals pending in the U.S. District Court for Connecticut.

Vote-Unanimous

(Calabresi-Donato)

ACTION ON ABANDONMENT OF BOOK STREET

Resolution for the abandonment of Book Street was distributed and signed by the Selectmen subject to approval by vote at the next Town Meeting on June 3, 1974.

MINUTES

The minutes of the following meetings of March 25th, April 1st and April 10th were approved as corrected.

Vote-Unanimous

(Stoddard-Calabresi)

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

After reviewing the performance report of the Town Accountant dated March 11, 1974 the Board was in complete agreement that Mrs. Bergen should have an assistant full time to perform the following duties viz: payroll clerk, maintain personnel records of all Town Employees and other routine functions. This would leave Mrs. Bergen free to better perform her duties as Town Accountant and Data Processing Planner.



## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 9, 1974

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman, T.R. Clark on Thursday, May 9, 1974, 7:30 pm at the Woodbridge Town Hall.

SELECTMEN PRESENT: A. Scherr, C. Donaldson, G. Calabresi, R. Stoddard, J. Donato and Town Counsel, W.J. Cousins.

GUESTS: Olive LeRoy, Woodbridge Civic Association; Nora Simon, League of Women Voters; Residents from Amity Road re: Brookside Market and Residents from Northrop Road re: Dog Kennel problem at Kaye's residence.

MINUTES

The minutes of the April 24th meeting were approved after the following corrections [to read "less cute" in place of "more meaningful"] re: naming access road-tennis courts.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Donald Pignataro re: Brookside Farm Market non-conforming use dated April 27, 1974 copies which had been distributed to the Board prior to this meeting was acknowledged and contents duly noted. Clerk of the Board read letters from Mrs. Morris Tyler, Mrs. Jack Stoddard and Mr. & Mrs. Waldo Grana expressing their opinion that this datnd is an asset to the Town and that the business is run in an orderly fashion and neat appearance. The letters are made a part of these minutes. Town Counsel stated that he and Mr. Michel, ZEO, have offered to make arrangements to meet with Mr. Pignataro and his lawyer to discuss this letter and all its allegations. Mr. Pignataro told Mr. Michel that he has no lawyer but will meet with Mr. Michel and Mr. Cousins who will report their findings to the next regular meeting of the Board.

So that every one present who came to speak to this matter had a chance to be heard the Board suggested Town Counsel and the Zoning Enforcement Officer go into the other room and take down any data the people here to-nite have to offer. This was done and the Board continued with their business at hand.

REPORT NOMINATING COMMITTEE AMITY REGIONAL BOARD

The name of Leonard Lohne as our candidate representing the Town of Woodbridge on the Amity Regional Board of Education was presented by the nominating committee consisting of Joseph Calistro, Edward B. Winnick and Jerome Weinstein. This name will be put on the Call of the Annual Town Meeting June 3, 1974.

RESOLUTION DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

Letter dated May 9, 1974 from Edward B. Winnick, Chm, Democratic Town Committee re: resolution concerning the appointment of a committee to study the relationship of Amity Regional High School system to the Town of Woodbridge was read and acknowledged.

The Board was not prepared to act on this resolution at this time. More time was needed to consider the precise language describing the objectives of the recommended study. A special meeting for May 22nd was scheduled to devote strictly to this resolution as to its adaption and implementation.

The Board appointed a committee to study the proposal and make recommendations. The Board at its Special Meeting to be held May 22, 1974. Town Counsel, R. Stoddard and Edward B. Winnick were appointed to the committee.

Clerk of the Board was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Winnick of the Board action.



RESOLUTION SPECIAL STUDY COMMITTEE RE: REGIONAL SCHOOL  
SYSTEM AMITY DISTRICT #5

RESOLVED THAT:

There is hereby created a special study committee consisting of Nine (9) members to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Selectmen, having the following purposes and duties:

1. To prepare a report to be submitted in writing to the Board of Selectmen of all of the feasible alternatives to Amity Regional District No. 5, as presently constituted, available to the Town of Woodbridge to satisfy its statutors obligations to educate its grades 7 - 12 resident pupils.

2. Said alternatives shall include but not be limited to, alternatives based upon the following assumptions:

- a. The dissolution of the District;
- b. The creation of a District consisting of Bethany and Woodbridge;
- c. The withdrawal of one or more grades;
- d. The amendment of the present plan of the District in which

Orange has a majority of the members of the Board of Education;

e. The amendment set forth in d) supra, with a change in assessing the net expenses against the Grand List of the member Towns combined in lieu of a cost per pupil basis.

3. To report with respect to each alternative:

- a. The cost of education to Woodbridge;
- b. The cost of implementation of the plan, including dissolution under the statutes;
- c. The effect upon the curriculum and the quality of education;
- d. The legal procedures required, including but not limited to



amendment under Section 10-47c and Legislative amendments as required;

e. An estimate of the time table required to implement the plan.

4. To report specifically the percentage of the general revenues of each of the present member Towns expended as its share of the net expenses of the present District; and, to recommend a formula for assessing the net expenses of the District against the combined Grand Lists of the present member Towns. In this connection, recommend the amendments to the present statutes required by such a formula.

5. To present within Two (2) weeks of its appointment an estimate of the cost, if any, of expert advice deemed to be required to accomplish the purposes and perform the duties hereinbefore set forth.



THOMAS DARLING HOUSE ORDINANCE

Town Counsel discussed with the Board the proposed ordinance creating a Thomas Darling House Commission and each section thereof. The Board considered the close relationship of this Commission with the Commission on Use of Publicly Owned Property now being drafted.

VOTED: MOVED that the Board of Selectmen approve the ordinance creating the Thomas Darling House Commission for a Public Hearing.

Vote-Unanimous

Public Hearing to be the same night as the hearing on ordinance creating the Commission on Use of Publicly Owned Property date to be set at June 12th meeting. Copy of this accepted ordinance will be come part of these minutes.

LETTER TOWN COUNSEL RE: DOG KENNELS

Copies of Town Counsel's letter dated May 21, 1974 re: Under our Zoning Regulations laws concerning maintenance of kennels in Residence A District were distributed to the Board and contents duly noted.

VOTED: THAT the Zoning Enforcement Officer be ordered to issue a "cease and desist" order addressed to the violation existing as described in Town Counsel's letter of May 21, 1974.

Vote-Unanimous

(Stoddard-Scherr)

AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDY RE: Democratic Town Committee's recommendation that relationship of Town of Woodbridge to the Amity Regional District be examined.

The following resolution, prepared by Town Counsel after consultation with Russell Stoddard and Edward B. Winnick as a special committee, was offered for consideration of the Board.

VOTED: UPON motion made by Guido Calabresi and Seconded by Russell Stoddard, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Vote-Unanimous

(Calabresi-Stoddard)

RESOLVED THAT - (Copy resolution attached to these minutes)

Discussion followed concerning the status of the pending reapportionment suit brought by John Baker et al as taxpayers of Orange.

Town Counsel reported his appearance has been filed and a Motion to Intervene as a party has been made on behalf of the Town of Woodbridge as he was authorized and directed to do by the Board of Selectmen previously. Said motion will be heard by Judge Newman on Wednesday, June 12, 1974. Town Counsel also reported that Motion for Summary Judgement has been made by the Plaintiffs and is assigned to be heard at the same time.

He reported that in the event the Summary Judgement were granted, the relief sought would be a Court directed referendum addressed only to reapportionment, and injunctive relief to force such an action would also be granted.

Messer's Calabresi, Stoddard and Winnick expressed the opinion, which the Board accepted, that the committee to be appointed under the above resolution have representation from the Board of Finance, Board of Education, other people in a position to supply townspeople's reactions such as a member of each political party and an unaffiliated voter and other members at large from the community.

Mr. Calabresi also recommended looking into the utilization of such resources as Legislative research services offered by Yall Law School students.

LANDFILL SITUATION

Mr. Clark announced that the Town of Woodbridge has been granted an extension till June 14, 1974 by the Department of Environmental Protection to present our extended plan. He requests assistance in dealing with the pollution water problem at least a sub-committee to meet with him and Mr. Brest from Blair Associates as



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VINCENT R. FALCONE

September 25, 1974

Mr. Jerome Weinstein  
11 Cross Hollow Road  
Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525

Re: Regional High  
School Study

Dear Jerry:

As you probably know, on June 12, 1974 John Baker and Geraldine George, the nominal Plaintiffs in the lawsuit against the Regional Board and the Treasurers and Clerks of the member Towns, argued their motion for a summary judgment compelling each member Town to hold an election on the basis of an allocation of Board members to each Town based on its population. At the same time, Gerald Dwyer, Esquire, on behalf of the Town of Bethany, and I, on behalf of the Town of Woodbridge, argued our motion to intervene in this action as Defendants and to seek to have the Town of Orange also named as a Defendant because, as we argued, the Towns were necessary parties without whom a judgment could not be implemented, even if granted as sought.

No judgment has been forthcoming from Judge Newman on either motion. However, on the basis of the law as it now stands, it would not be unreasonable to anticipate that Judge Newman will find the one-man one-vote principle applicable to the election of members to our Regional Board. The same may be said about the prospect of his joining the Towns of Woodbridge, Bethany and Orange as parties-Defendant.

If Judge Newman should decide in the way I suggested above, I would expect an election to be ordered based upon an allocation of Board Membership to each Town according to its population. Obviously such a judgment would give Orange 55% of the membership while Woodbridge would have 29% and Bethany 16%. In the meantime, your committee and a like committee in Bethany would be studying whether withdrawal from the Region as presently constituted is advisable. And, in the event of withdrawal, another lengthy



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statutory procedure must be implemented. In short, the Court-ordered apportionment, in my opinion, would be in effect for perhaps 2 or 3 school years.

I am writing to suggest you schedule a meeting with me while Bethany people meet on the same basis with their counsel, to explore other alternatives such as satisfactory compromise in a legislative amendment which could reach the next session of the General Assembly.

Please note I described the compromise legislation as another alternative.

If you feel such a meeting would be worth while, I will meet your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Cousins

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cc. Gerald Dwyer, Esquire  
S. Robert Jelley, Esquire  
Mr. Theodore R. Clark



## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 9, 1974

## MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by First Selectman T. R. Clark at 7:37 pm., Wednesday, October 9, 1974 at the Woodbridge Town Hall.

SELECTMEN PRESENT: C. Donaldson, J. Donato, A. Scherr, R. Stoddard.

ABSENT: G. Calabresi, Town Counsen W. J. Cousins.

GUESTS: Mrs. RoseMary P. Bergen Town Accountant, Mrs. Nora Simon - (League of Women Voters)

EZRA ACADEMY

The Board of Selectmen again discussed the March 5, 1974 and March 18, 1974 bills from Ezra Academy. Mrs. Bergen was asked to look into this matter, and ask Mr. Raffone for an explanation of these bills.

TOWN CLERK

The Board of Selectmen signed the Warning, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, that was given them by the Town Clerk. Also, the Board of Selectmen reviewed the Quarterly Report.

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen accept the Quarterly Report of the Town Clerk.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor (Scherr-Donaldson)

APPOINTMENT OF JURY DUTY COMMITTEE

MOTION: That we appoint the same people who served on the committee again this year. Mrs. Carolyn C. Bowles, Mrs. Marjorie H. Buccino, Mrs. Nancy Scully.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor (Scherr-Donato)

\* NOTE - Mrs. Scully informed the Clerk of the Board that she did not wish to continue on the Jury Duty Committee. Mrs. Anne B. DiNorscia was named to be Mrs. Scully's replacement. The VOTE: Unanimous in favor - was taken by telephone. 10/24/74.

CLARENCE BLAIR ASSOCIATES

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen have a special meeting to review the report on the Landfill. October 17, 1974 at 7:30 pm.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor (Clark-Scherr)



BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING 10/9/74

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REPORT FROM ACCOUNTANT

Mrs. Bergen answered questions that were asked by the Board of Selectmen regarding the two reports of July and August. Also, Mrs. Scherr mentioned the possibility of publishing a list of delinquent tax payers.

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen accept the reports from the Accountant.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

(Stoddard-Donaldson)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REGULATIONS

Mr. Stoddard commented on this session that was held on Tuesday, September 24, 1974, saying that he too wanted to speak but the list of witnesses was long and it would have gone into the morning before he could speak. Mr. Stoddard also stated that Mr. Cousins' questions were very good ones. These questions probably would be read into the minutes for the record at the next session to be held in New London on September 30, 1974. Mr. Stoddard also mentioned that the regulations were upgrading of the regulations of sewage systems.

REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDY

The Board of Selectmen read a letter from Mr. Cousins to Mr. Jerome Weinstein, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, and no action was taken.

LETTER TO DELL'ORO OIL & TRUCKING CO.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the letter that would be sent to Dell'Oro Oil Co. Mrs. Scherr mentioned that several Oil Co.'s had called her about delivering oil to the town. Mr. Clark stated that Dell'Oro's price was the lowest price for oil. Also, the question was asked by Mrs. Scherr if the town had always had a two year contract. Mr. Clark stated that it had. Mr. Clark stated that he would sign the agreement unless there were objections from the Board of Selectmen. A copy of the letter to be sent to Dell'Oro Oil & Trucking, Inc. is attached to these minutes.

LETTER FROM HENRY S. BROWN

The Board of Selectmen discussed this matter of a small piece of land that Mr. Brown requests. The questions were asked, 1. do we have the right to give up this land? 2. do we have anything on record as to the amount of land that Mr. Brown gave the town during the reconstruction? 3. would this affect the width of the road? Mr. Clark gave the Board of Selectmen the answers to these questions stating, yes, we did have the right, and that this was a verbal agreement, and that the width of the road would not be affected. The Board of Selectmen took the following action:

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen table this matter until the next meeting on the 17th of October.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

(Stoddard-Scherr)



TOWN OF WOODBRIDGEMEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
December 11, 1974

Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by First Selectman T.R. Clark.

Present: Mrs. Ann Scherr, Mrs. Christine Donaldson, Russell Joseph Donato, T.R. Clark; Town Counsel, William J. Hoddard, Also, Journal-Courier reporter Priscilla Margenau.

Minutes of meeting of November 7, 1974 - Motion on Page 3 corrected to read: The bond of \$2,500 for the completion of the skating facility was released on the condition that if a request for said facility is made within the next two years, it will be built by Turner Construction Co., guaranteed by a letter from Turner Construction Co. and kept on file by the Board of Selectmen.

Minutes approved as corrected above.

Minutes of meeting of November 13, 1974 - Motion on first page recommending appropriation for Town Counsel bill is corrected by inserting "\$650 in funds" in lieu of "of funds."

Under Clarence Blair Associates - Correction to insert "what \$1800 estimate of Blair's charges covers" in lieu of "what this report will encompass."

On Page 2 - Motion to create Town Safety Commission is corrected to read: That the Board of Selectmen direct Town Counsel to draw up a proposed ordinance to create a Town Safety Commission which would have power to promulgate, etc.

Approved as corrected.

Letter of December 11, 1974 from Dolph Luciani, Corresponding Secretary of the Woodbridge Fathers Baseball League was read and is attached to these minutes.

Discussion referred to motion passed at meeting of November 7, 1974 directing the Recreation Commission to decide on the condition of baseball fields and to request any necessary appropriation.

No report has been made by the Recreation Commission.

Motion that Mr. Luciani be advised by the Clerk of this Board that The Woodbridge Fathers League should present its proposal to the Recreation Commission with a copy of this motion being sent by the Board of Selectmen to the Recreation Commission directing it to report its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen as soon as possible.

Donaldson - Donato. Unanimous

At 8:15 p.m. a recess was called to hear the recommendation of the Amity Advisory Committee concerning reapportionment.



Report submitted by Judy Stein and attached to these minutes.  
Peter Ellis, Register reporter present.

Present from Committee: Edward Winnick, Judy Stein, Joe Waters, Tom Murphy.

Mrs. Scherr reported that other regions of the state are now expressing feeling that something must be done.

Mr. Waters reported that the state Board of Education is also studying the problem. Also, advised that Committee considers statutes are badly written.

Mr. Winnick, at the request of Mr. Stoddard, explained that ruling of Judge Newman is that 14th Amendment requires one-person, one-vote.

William J. Cousins reported by reading relevant portions of Judge Newman's memorandum indicating that the problem of malapportionment should be resolved by the legislature.

If 6-4-2 used Mr. Stoddard asks, what would happen if population changes. Report covers this in Option 2.

Mrs. Scherr asked if it would be effective to appeal and, if appealed, can still be working on legislation.

Mr. Winnick expressed the opinion that the Supreme Court may not follow Judge Newman.

William J. Cousins advised that appeal is not recommended by him; and neither do other counsel advise appeal.

Judy Stein reported that Bethany has done a study and had met once with Woodbridge Study Committee but no further than that.

Study Group suggested Board of Selectmen should consider an appeal.

Mrs. Donalson suggested that Option No. 2 would be best avenue.

Mr. Winnick expressed concern that even if Option 2 were adopted, there are other considerations, such as, what kind of regional policy will the Board follow.

Mr. Murphy pointed out that the Committee's basic recommendations are to stay in the region, provided needed educational improvements are provided.

There is some feeling on the part of Committee members to withdraw regardless of malapportionment.

Mrs. Stein feels that a group representing all three towns could iron some of the problems out.

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING 12/11/74

Mr. Winnick expressed the thought that the suit was political and that the political motive has to be considered.

Mr. Donato asked the chances of some voluntary action by all three towns to dissolve by special act of the legislature. Even if accomplished, Mr. Murphy opined that this would not result in the best educational system.

Mr. Stoddard asked if safe to let appeal time pass in case Orange does not agree.

Tactic to appeal to make time for bargaining was suggested but not followed up.

William J. Cousins suggested a group of legislators capable of developing the votes to pass the general assembly ought to be assembled, then pursue the options in legislative proposals.

Ann Scherr would prefer Option 3, an appointed board, followed by Option 6, and then Option 5. Option 2 is too impractical to consider because Orange would not agree to 6-4-2 representation.

Judy Stein reported that the Committee itself found 6-4-2 acceptable and, therefore, included it in its Options.

Tom Murphy pointed out that a joint action by the Boards of Selectmen of the three town would facilitate progress. Judy Stein affirmed this.

Leonard Lohne expressed opinion that Orange members of the Regional Board would not agree to an appointed Board but would accept 6-4-2.

Dr. Hershenson expressed opinion that Regional Board wants region to stay together but feels joint action by Boards of Selectmen would be effective.

Joseph Donato is in favor of the three Boards of Selectmen to get together.

Joseph Waters recommended that a small group from each town get together, the sooner the better.

Recess for purpose of hearing the recommendations was ended at 10:30 p.m.

At the resumed meeting, Mrs. Scherr presented a letter to the Board resigning her post effective thirty day from this date. A copy of the letter of resignation is attached hereto.

Motion that the Boards of Selectmen of the Town of Bethany and Orange be invited to meet with the Board of Selectmen of Woodbridge at the Woodbridge Town Hall on Wednesday, December 18, 1974 at 7:30 p.m., or another mutually convenient date within the week.

Stoddard - Donato. Unanimous



TO: Board of Selectmen  
Town of Woodbridge

FROM: Amity Regional School  
Study Committee

SUBJECT: REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DATE: December 11, 1974

Over the period of the past several months the committee has examined options for the education of Woodbridge students now attending the Amity Regional School System as directed by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Woodbridge. These studies, in summary, developed a general conclusion that at this time it would probably be best from a financial and educational viewpoint to continue the district as now constituted provided needed improvements could be implemented. It should be noted that two major factors supporting this conclusion are the difficulty in dissolving a regional district due to the vagueness of current legislation, as well as the stagnation that would exist during the transition period.

The decision recently concerning the "one person-one vote" does pose for our town a new set of problems which we believe must be reviewed and acted upon by the Selectmen.

The following appears to be the options available at this time:

OPTION NO. 1 - Stay in the Amity Regional District and reorganize on the basis of "one person-one vote".

This acquiescence would give Orange majority representation on the board, and might permit Orange to dictate board policy. Any major capital expenditure and the budget would still be subject to referendum vote by the three towns, which would perhaps give some control to the minority towns. However, building renovations and needed programs could be thwarted by board action.

OPTION NO. 2 - Stay in the region with an agreed arrangement where no one town would have a majority.

Such an arrangement would have to be acceptable to Judge Newman and the three towns and would require action by the legislature. Recognizing the possibility of future population shifts, this arrangement must include a workable mechanism for withdrawal.

OPTION NO. 3 - Stay in the region with an appointed board.

This would require legislation in the next session of the General Assembly. Under such an arrangement the board could continue with equal membership from each of the three towns. This would appear to be an acceptable solution.



OPTION NO. 4 - Stay in the region with a board elected <sup>by district or</sup> at large.

This would also require legislative action. Theoretically, this solution has appeal but it is unlikely in view of the current political climate that members would be elected on the basis of the educational needs of the region as opposed to town loyalties and interest.

OPTION NO. 5 - Withdraw from the region and operate our independent school system for grades K-12.

Although a Woodbridge K-12 system has the advantage of simplicity and control, it must be recognized that with our school population, to provide continuation of the current high school programs would result in significant increased expenditures for the Town of Woodbridge.

To do so under existing legislation would require the following:

- (1) Majority vote of two of the three towns in favor of dissolution.
- (2) Approval of the committee appointed by the three towns to determine asset distribution, etc.
- (3) Majority vote of all three towns if the committee recommends a plan of dissolution.

It should be anticipated that many court cases might result as the statutes are very vague, even if all three steps above were accomplished. It is desirable that the above procedure be clarified and simplified by legislation.

OPTION NO. 6 - Withdraw from the region and form a new 7-12 region with Bethany.

This would create a more diversified school than Option 5. It must be noted that the "one person-one vote" would apply and might be considered undesirable to Bethany unless Woodbridge agreed to an acceptable arrangement. Such an arrangement would provide a viable school population and should be considered.

#### GENERAL COMMENTS

The committee recognizes the advantages of the current regional education system. Unfortunately, at this time these advantages are negated by the current political climate that prevents existing programs from being improved, new essential programs from being developed, and needed capital improvements from being undertaken.



Even if the system were dissolved, there would be a period of at least four to five years before Orange could build a new high school. During these years the Amity system would be on a "status quo" basis which in the committee's opinion would be very detrimental to the education of all students from the three towns.

The committee met with an education consultant from the University of Connecticut to review the problem, the options, and give an estimate of a study on the feasibility of operating a 7-12 system alone or with Bethany. We were not able to obtain a cost for this project but it would be expensive and take several months of research. In fairness, they did question if their report, after time and expense, would be viewed with any different attitude than the reports already issued by two educational consultants employed by the Amity Board and Town of Orange. They also questioned if their report would have any real value in light of probable action by the Amity Regional Board, the State Board of Education, and the legislature.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) The Board of Selectmen should consider appealing Judge Newman's decision. It should be noted that the Woodbridge Town Clerk and Treasurer are defendants and have status to appeal. The magnitude of the case, and its impact, seems worthy of a review by a higher court.
- (2) Whether or not an appeal is filed, the Board of Selectmen should appoint a small representative committee to meet with similar groups from Bethany and Orange and attempt to arrive at a permanent solution that will be responsive to the educational needs of all of the students.
- (3) In addition to steps (1) and (2) above, it is the committee's recommendation that the Town of Woodbridge introduce legislation to effect that option selected by the Board of Selectmen and define procedures for dissolution.
- (4) If the above recommendations are not successful in arriving at a solution satisfactory to the Town of Woodbridge that the Amity Regional School District be dissolved.



TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S TRANSFERRING OF FUNDS

After the Board of Selectmen reviewed this transferring of funds, the following action was taken:

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen approve of these transfers, and that they recommend to the Board of Finance the taking out of the contingency fund the amount of \$1000.00 as outlined on the attached sheet.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor (Calabresi-Donaldson)

RECYCLING OF METALS

The Board of Selectmen discussed the possibility of recycling of metals at the Landfill. Mrs. Donaldson mentioned the possibility of setting up separate bins for the recyclable metals at the Landfill. Mr. Stoddard suggested to the Board that other things besides those that have been buried in the past at the Landfill could be recycled. The question of how to enforce this separation of items at the homes of the residents was brought up, and Mr. Calabresi stated that the person collecting the garbage or recyclable materials could enforce it by not picking them up unless they were separated. It was the consensus of the Board to invite Mr. Schiavone to the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen to discuss the matter of recycling.

MOTION: That Mr. Schiavone, or his representative, be invited to come to the next Board of Selectmen's meeting to discuss with the Selectmen the matter of recycling at the Landfill.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor (Donaldson-Donato)

GYM FLOOR - BEECHER ROAD SCHOOL

Mr. Cousins reported to the Board about the school gym floor. Mr. Cousins stated that he met with Ed Hafner, the architect, the contractor, and the Bonding Co.; and Ames would replace the gym floor at their cost according to our architect's specifications, but if it failed again, it would prove that the floor wasn't at fault and the Town would then have to pay Ames for the cost of the new floor. Mr. Cousins mentioned that this seemed to be a satisfactory solution to the problem. The following action was taken by the Board of Selectmen.

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen authorize Town Counsel to prepare an agreement for the replacement of the gym floor to be brought back for final approval.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor (Calabresi-Scherr)

AMITY REGIONAL DISTRICT #5

Mr. Cousins stated to the Board that the Town Counsel for Orange advised against all of the Boards of Selectmen meeting together, but would meet only with the Town Counsels, and First Selectmen



of Woodbridge and Bethany in a private office. Mr. Donato asked what would be Woodbridge's stand when the First Selectmen met. Mr. Cousins said the Town of Woodbridge would appeal the order only if it is necessary to protect our right to come in later and argue, if not, we should join the appeal. After this discussion, and after the Board of Selectmen learned that the Amity Board would appeal, the following action was taken by the Board.

MOTION: Given that the Amity Board has decided to appeal Judge Newman's decision, the Board of Selectmen authorize Town Counsel to join that appeal representing the Town Treasurer and Town Clerk for the purpose or prepsenting and protecting the Town's interests.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor (Calabresi-Scherr)

The special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Kinney*  
Clerk of the Board of Selectmen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

January 8, 1975

MINUTES

The Board of Selectmen's meeting was called to order by First Selectman, T. R. Clark, at 7:35 p.m., on Wednesday, January 8, 1975, at the Woodbridge Town Hall.

SELECTMEN PRESENT: G. Calabresi, C. Donaldson, J. Donato, A. Scherr, R. Stoddard.

ABSENT: Mr. William Cousins, Town Counsel.

GUESTS: Mr. Don Perry, representative of Schiavone, Mrs. Barbara Miller, Mrs. Virginia Burson; Mr. Wilder Greeley, Mr. Malcolm Baldwin, Mr. Thomas Seymour all from the Board of Police Commissioners, Mrs. Loretta Lipka from League of Women Voters.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 11, 1974 meeting were approved as corrected.



UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

Re: David Johns

The Board of Selectmen discussed the transferring of funds to pay this unemployment insurance in the amount of \$1,274.00. Mr. Clark stated to the Board that the Town has to pay this unemployment insurance. Mrs. Fetter asked if the Town was eligible to join the state unemployment fund. Mrs. Bergen told the Board that it would cost the Town a lot of money just to belong to this fund. Mr. Stoddard mentioned that if you join this fund you would have to pay the maximum rate for a certain number of months, and then the rate would be lowered. Mrs. Bergen informed the Board that if the Town wanted to join this fund, it could only do so on January 1st. After this discussion, the Board took the following action.

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen approve of this transfer out of Highway Wages to Unemployment Compensation, from 551-104 to 814-000, in the amount of \$1,274.00.

VOTE Unanimous in favor

(Stoddard-Fetter)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Re: Extention of budget submission date.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Board of Education asking for an extention of two weeks in regard to submitting the budget. After this discussion, the Board of Selectmen took the following action.

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen does not have the authority to extend the time period for the budget submission, but the Board hopes to have this budget to the Board of Finance by April 3, 1975.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

(Stoddard-Donato)

OSHA - TRANSFERS FROM CONTINGENCY

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a list of transfers from contingency to OSHA Requirements. These transfers are in regard to Seton Name Plate - Signs, Fire Control Service - Additional fire extinguishers, Preston - Safety Screen, and Exhaust fan in the Men's room; totaling to \$1,024.65. The Board of Selectmen took the following action.

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen recommend to the Board of Finance the transferring of \$1,024.65 from contingency to OSHA Requirements.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

(Fetter-Stoddard)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Re: Amity Regional Board of Education.

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SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING 3/20/75

Calistro, Chm. of the Republican Town Committee, and Mr. Edward  
Winnick, Chm. of the Democratic Town Committee are requested to  
recommend names of people for the nominating committee to fill the  
position on the Amity Regional Board of Education. These names  
for the nominating committee have to be submitted to the Board of  
Selectmen at their special meeting on the 27th of March.

BUDGETS

The Board of Selectmen updated their list of budgets submitted by  
the different Boards and Commissions of the Town. Mrs. Bergen read  
the totals to the Board to be filled in on their list. The Board  
of Selectmen will review these amounts and any question they have  
in regard to the budgets will be taken up at the special meeting  
on the 27th of March.

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Kenney*  
Clerk of the Board of Selectmen

SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 27, 1975

MINUTES

The special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to  
order by First Selectman T. R. Clark, at 7:30 p.m. at the  
Woodbridge Town Hall.

Present: C. Donaldson, J. Donato, A. Fetter, and R. Stoddard.  
Absent: G. Calabresi and W. Cousins, Town Counsel.  
Guests: Police Commissioners Wilder Greeley (Ch.), Malcolm  
Baldwin, and Thomas Seymour.

Mrs. Bergen, Town Accountant presented Selectmen with copies  
of the Budget Package (for 1975-'76) that is sent by the Board  
of Finance to all spending agencies of the Town.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD  
Mrs. Fetter nominated Fred Moss (R), Allen Duffy (D), and  
Jerome Weinstein (Unaffiliated) to serve as members of the  
committee to nominate one member for the Amtiy Regional School  
Board. Mrs. Bette Gruskay (D) is the present incumbent.  
Donato-Stoddard

VOTE: Unanimous in favor

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Mr. Greeley went over the budget figures for 1975-76, pointing



to dog kennel licenses. It was suggested that a resolution be passed referring the matter to the Town Plan & Zoning Commission. Mr. Resnik stated that he would not pass a resolution at this time, but would wait for the courts decision.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Nominating Committee has nominated Mrs. Frank Gruskay to be on the Amity Regional Board of Education.

REGIONAL COUNCIL ON AGING

Mrs. Olive LeRoy has volunteered to be the representative from the Town of Woodbridge at the meetings of the Regional council on Aging.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Re: Thomas Darling House.

Mr. Stoddard informed the Board of Selectmen that Mr. Stuart Peck of the Historical Society called him in regard to the wing of the Darling House which would be converted into living quarters for the custodian. The Board of Selectmen took the following action.

MOTION: That the Board of Selectmen recommends to the Board of Finance to appropriate funds not to exceed the sum of \$25,000 (anticipated gifts) for the remodeling of the Darling House.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor (Clark-Donaldson)

RESOURCE RECOVERY SYSTEMS, INC.

Mr. Stoddard informed the Board of Selectmen that he and Mrs. Donaldson had talked with two representatives of the Resource Recovery Systems, Inc. in regard to placing collection bins at the landfill. The materials placed in the bins would be recycled. Mr. Stoddard stated that they would be meeting again with the representatives from Resource Recovery Systems, Inc.

WEST RIVER FIELD - PARKING

Mrs. Fetter brought to the Board's attention the problem of parking at the West River Ball Field. If it has rained, the area is very muddy and there are a lot of ruts in the road. It was suggested that the Highway Department could fill some of the areas with gravel.

The Board of Selectmen's meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Julie Kenney*  
Clerk of the Board of Selectmen