

**Town of Durham
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
September 8th 2015**

Call to Order: Selectman Wakeman called the meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Jeffrey Wakeman, Vice Chairman Sarah Hall, Selectman Mark Blake, Selectman Joshua Libby, Selectman Michael Stewart.

Quorum: Chairman Wakeman announced a Quorum has been met with five (5) members present.

Also Present: AA/TA Ruth Glaeser, Road Commissioner Calvin Beaumier, Codes Official Paul Baines, Secretary Jill Toher. Fire Chief/EMA Director William St. Michel excused.

Pledge of Allegiance: Completed.

Amendments to the Agenda: Chairman Wakeman added the following: strike "A" under Action and Discussion Items; Add Executive Session pursuant to Title #1, M.R.S.A., ss. 405(6)(A) – Personnel at the end of the meeting.

Public Present: Sara Donnelly, freelance writer and editor for Downeast Magazine, Candice Descipkes for Historic District Commission.

Public Comments: Candice Descipkes stated that the Historic District Commission is becoming active again, has gained some new members and is requesting that the Selectmen authorize a training session with the Town Attorney for Commission members. Chairman Wakeman requested AA/TA Glaeser set this up on a regular Commission meeting night, if possible.

Consent Agenda:

- a. **Approval of Treasurer's Payables Warrant**
- b. **Approval of Regular Selectmen's Meeting Minutes –August 25th 2015**

Selectman Libby Moves to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vice Chairman Hall Second. Motion Carried 5-0.

Action and Discussion Items:

a. **Discuss Policies – Strike.**

b. **Act on Voting Credential for MMA Annual Business Meeting** – Vice Chairman Hall stated she will be unable to attend the MMA Annual Business Meeting and asked if anyone .

could attend in her place for voting purposes on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Selectmen Libby stated he plans on attending.

Vice Chairman Hall Moves that Selectman Libby be the Town voting representative in her place. Selectman Stewart Second. Motion Carried 5-0.

Department/Committee Reports:

a. Town Administrator AA/TA Glaeser – AA/TA Glaeser supplied the Board with the updated budget figures for the Board's review. She reported that FEMA monies for the winter storm have been received with part being allocated to DPW payroll, a portion to salt costs related to the storm with a small amount going toward truck revenue.

b. Road Commissioner Beaumier - stated that additional ditching is still being performed on the Quaker Meetinghouse Road and culverts have been installed along some edges along the fields. Additional culverts were added pitching drainage away in the area of the Ross Road intersection. He reported that Crooker will begin the Quaker Meetinghouse Road project in about three weeks. For patching, the DPW crew has been using cold mix instead of patch as it seems to be more durable. The Road Commissioner reported that mowing is "going good" with Ken but noted that there were some mechanical problems with the truck so same day clippings pick up was not possible for one day, and he went back to pick up the clippings as soon as the truck was repaired.

Road Commissioner Baumier stated that the crew picked up some fifteen bags of trash dumped along the Cedar Pond Road. Upon sifting through the trash bags contents, they discovered pieces of mail containing the same address. He notified the Sheriff who issued a summons. A November, 2015 court date is scheduled.

c. Codes Official Baines – reported he found no evidence of ants in the attic at the Office and suggested the foundation be sprayed. The Road Commissioner offered to do the spraying to deter carpenter ants around the office perimeter.

Codes Official Baines advised that Junkyard Permit Applications have been mailed and he plans to present a photo essay via Power Point for each. A brief discussion followed and it was the general consensus of the Board to hold a Public Hearing regarding Junkyard Permit Applications at the next Board Meeting which is September 22nd 2015.

The Codes Official reported he has not heard from John Piela, that Larry Emerson advised him that he has transferred the property to his son\ and that Alvin Dennison has been unable to make any changes due to his continuing fight with cancer. Codes Official Baines reiterated Ken Carl's contention that he does not have a junk yard.

Codes Official Baines provided the Board with a handout regarding current State requirements for Historic District Commissions and stated, that in his opinion the current Ordinance is cumbersome and creates a large burden to homeowners in the Historic District, as not all buildings in the District are historic. He stated he will look into the Maine Historic Preservation Commission as an alternative since there are a number of buildings located elsewhere in Town that are historic in nature but not located in Durham's Historic District. He plans to follow up at the next Board meeting. The Codes Official added that the Commission met only eight times during the last fifteen years.

Codes Official Baines reported he has had no responses to his inquiries regarding the repair of the War Memorial Park Gazebo, and suggested a few alternatives, namely; check with the high school for a carpentry project or perhaps following up on creating a volunteer day,

d. Fire Chief/EMA Director St. Michel - none.

Selectmen's Comments: Chairman Wakeman publicly thanked Scout Troop #145 and Eagle Scout Candidate Justin Levesque for the work performed at War Memorial Park, adding that an official flag raising ceremony was held on Monday, Labor Day, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Wakeman announced the following: Regular Selectmen's meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd 2015 and Tuesday, October 6th 2015 at the Town Office at 6:30 p.m. Chairman Wakeman announced a Public Hearing for Junk Yard Permit Applications will also be held on September 22nd 2015.

Executive Session: **Chairman Wakeman Moves** the Board into Executive Session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A., ss. 405(6)(A), preceded by a brief recess at 7:05 p.m. Selectman Libby Second. Motion Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill S. Toher, Secretary

Chairman Wakeman Moves the Board out of Executive Session at 7:29 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: None.

Adjournment: **Selectman Libby Moves** to Adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Selectman Stewart Second. Motion Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Glaeser, AA/TA