

**Town of Durham
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
May 5th 2015**

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Hall called the meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m.

Establishment of a Quorum:

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

Quorum: Vice Chairman Hall announced a Quorum has been met with three (3) members present.

Also Present: AA/TA Ruth Glaeser, Interim Road Commissioner Ronald Dube, Secretary Jill Toher, Deputy Fire Chief Keith Russell.

Pledge of Allegiance: Completed.

Amendments to the Agenda: Vice Chairman Hall adds Boy Scout Eagle Project item "C" under Action and Discussion Items.

Public Present: Justin Levesque, Troop #145, Colette and John Wagner, Justin's parents.

Public Comments: None.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Treasurer's Payables Warrant
- b. Approval of Regular Selectmen's Meeting Minutes – April 21st 2015

Selectman Libby Moves top Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Selectman Stewart Second. Motion Carried 3-0.

Action and Discussion Items:

a. **Discussion of Toilets at Runaround Pond** – AA/TA Glaeser reported the precast cement tank with above ground wooden enclosures including one or two metal seats would cost about \$3,252.00 to install. Pumping contract currently would cost \$250.00 each time pumped. The Town is now paying \$88.00 per month rent which includes pumping. A general discussion followed regarding permitting, making the unit totally cement, and approaching LL Bean for assistance. The topic was Tabled pending receipt of additional information.

b. Coastal Humane Society Contract – AA/TA Glaeser requested permission to sign.

Selectman Libby Moves to Allow the AA/TA to sign the Coastal Humane Contract as presented. Vice Chairman Hall Second. Motion Carried 3-0.

c. Justin Levesque – Eagle Scout Project Update – Justin Levesque reported he is still in the process of getting price quotes for electric and still needs to meet with the Historic District Commission regarding flag placement, then meet with the Codes Official. A discussion followed regarding electricity. He advised he hopes to have the project completed by the July 4th holiday and will provide an update soon.

Department/Committee Reports:

a. Town Administrator Ruth Glaeser advised that the office staff would like to participate in the Memorial Day parade and festivities, perhaps using the DPW truck and flatbed to be used to hold a parade float. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to agree with the proposal providing the office staff do preparations and participate in the festivities on their own time

b. Interim Road Commissioner Ronald Dube reported the DPW completed the Mill Pond Road project, which only took one-half day to complete today.

The Interim Road Commissioner requested the Safety Grant, previously approved by the Board of Selectmen, be signed tonight.

Interim Road Commissioner Dube was enthusiastic about having the DPW participate in the Memorial Day Parade and will ask the remainder of the crew if they would like to donate their time and get on board.

c. Codes Official – none.

d. Deputy Fire Chief – Keith Russell presented the Board with a letter of resignation from firefighter/paramedic Andrew Primavera effective May 15th 2015.

The Deputy Chief reported that the Model A antique fire truck would be costly to insure and requested the Town consider taking over ownership from the Fire Department Corporation. Currently the vehicle is uninsured. He will get and provide AA/TA Glaeser with a quote from MMA for the cost of insurance, with the hope that this matter could be settled by the Memorial Day holiday.

Memorial Day Festivities - A general discussion continued regarding the Memorial Day parade and festivities. It was made abundantly clear by the Board members that anyone participating would be donating their time and would not be paid.

Selectmen's Comments:

Vice Chairman Hall announced the following: Regular Selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19th 2015 and Tuesday, June 2nd 2015 at the Town Office beginning at 6:30 p.m.

RSU#5 will hold the final discussion on the proposed budget at Freeport High School beginning at 6:30 p.m., on May 13th 2015.

Adjournment: **Selectman Libby Moves** to Adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Selectman Stewart Second. Motion Carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill S. Toher, Secretary