

**Town of Durham
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2019**

1. Call to Order: Chairman Nadeau called the meeting to Order at 6:37 p.m.

Members present: Kevin Nadeau, Chairman; Mark Blake, Vice Chairman; Todd Beaulieu; Richard George; and Rob Pontau

Quorum: Quorum met with five (5) members present

Also present: AA/TA Ruth Glaeser; Fire Chief Joseph Moore; Road Commissioner Calvin Beaumier

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Done

3. Amendments to Agenda: None

4. Public Comment: None

5. Action/Discussion:

a) Town Meeting Preparation

b) Spirit of America Awards

Rich George Moves to award the Spirit of America Award to the Durham AMVETS Post 13 and the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post 13. Kevin Nadeau Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

c) Contract for Internet at Public Works

Rich George Moves to accept the Comcast proposal for high speed Internet for Public Works for three (3) years, and to give TA/AA Ruth Glaeser authority to execute a contract. Rob Pontau Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

6. Departments/Committees:

- a) Fire Chief (see attached)
- b) Road Commissioner (see attached)
- c) Town Administrator

7. Consent Agenda:

- a) Approve Treasurer's Payable Warrant
- b) Approve Minutes from February 26, 2019 and March 12, 2019
- c) Correspondence
 - i. Pictures of Meadow Brook Road submitted by resident
 - ii. Facebook message submitted by resident
 - iii. Letter of Response from MMA Risk

Mark Blake Moves to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Rob Pontau Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

8. Selectmen's Comments:

Kevin Nadeau announced the following:

Elections for Town offices will be held on Friday, April 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Durham Community School. The Annual Town Meeting will take place on Saturday, April 6, at the Durham Community School.

The next Regular Board of Selectmen meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 9, and Tuesday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Durham Town Office.

Kevin Nadeau Moves the Board enter into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) – Personnel. Mark Blake Seconds. Motion Passes 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Dion
Meetings Secretary

**Kevin Nadeau Moves the Select Board out of Executive Session
Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) – Personnel. Mark Blake Seconds.
Motion Passes 5-0.**

No Action Taken

**Rob Pontau Moves to Adjourn. Todd Beaulieu Seconds. Motion
Passes 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Nadeau
Select Board, Chair



DURHAM FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report on Department

Durham Select Board

03/26/19

General Overview:

- The department is currently functioning well with many discussions and projects underway.

Departmental Changes/Major Projects:

- All Automatic Aid Agreements sent to neighboring departments, awaiting return
- EMS Mutual Aid Agreement (Attached Document) with suggested wording to be reviewed by board
- Completing training to allow 4 EMS providers (20% of current licensed staff) to relicense along with development of long term EMS training program.

Apparatus:

- New ambulance arrived in town on 3/19, in Bangor now for final outfitting. Delivery estimated within 30 days.
- New Engine 22 is under construction and moving along well (Attached Document). A/C Dimock and Capt. Salve will be attending factory inspection of truck.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph C. Moore

Chief of Department



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Durham Public Works Department Head Report 3-26-2019

- Continued work with Crooker on quantities and pricing for the 2019 maintenance paving and the anticipated 2.1-million-dollar road bond.
- Continued work on thirty-year road plan.
- We have been busy treating Roads early mornings and late nights due to melting snow during the warm days and freezing on the roadways sometime after the sun sets.
- Communicating with contractors that are trying get work done with limitations due to posted roads. I have been allowing them into sites only when the temps are below freezing and roads are dry.
- We have been patching pot holes. We are in peak pot hole season as the frost comes out of the ground. This includes gravel roads that pot- hole worse than the paved roads.

Town Administrator Report 3/26/19

State Street Band

I have been approached by a couple who would like to hold a concert at War Memorial Park. The gentleman is in a traditional jazz band. This would be a Community Event associated with the Town. I would like to know if this is something the Board would like me to pursue.

Scholarship Award

The Scholarship Award this year will be presented to Anna Labbe. I have the certificate here to be signed. The award is usually presented by the Chair of the Scholarship Committee but Kendra won't be able to make it. She has requested that the Chair of the Select Board present it.

Spirit of America Award

I have prepared the Spirit of America resolves for you to sign. I would like the Board to make a motion to award the Spirit of America Tribute to AMVETS Post 13 and The Ladies Auxiliary.

Training

I attended the manager's interchange this past Friday. The training was well attended with over 100 town and county managers and administrators from around the State. The focus was civility in Town/County government. A few of the take-aways for me:

Civility is more than how we treat each other. It includes engaging and seeking out residents' views regarding subjects that are important to them and having honest and sometimes difficult conversations; one on one, in groups and at meetings/public hearings. In today's busy world, it is important to engage citizens proactively and sometimes outside of the "box" instead of reactively. It is about setting rules to facilitate Town Business (who, when, where, and how long) and clearly communicating these expectations. It is learning to listen and truly "hear" what residents are trying to tell us. It is about allowing free speech but not being afraid to exercise your own right to voice your opinions clearly, concisely and respectfully.

Our key note speaker was the conductor of the Bangor Symphony, Lucas Richman. He spoke about how he is responsible for each note that is played during any concert which he conducts; either with his own symphony or when he guest conducts. He talked about his philosophy on when things are not perfect at a performance – "the Whoops". "The Whoops" meaning he smiles, perhaps gives a little giggle and moves ahead. About his newest composition called "This Will Be Our Reply" which is a tribute to Leonard Bernstein and takes inspiration from a Leonard Bernstein quote; "This will be our reply to violence, to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly, than ever before".

Conservation Committee

The Comprehensive Plan talks about a Conservation Committee. I have several residents interested in reviving this committee. I would like to begin formally seeking members.

Public Works Internet

Public Works currently works off a DSL connection through Consolidated Communications. The highest speed available in the PW location with Consolidated is 42/2. I went to Public Works and tested the speed of the three computers; Calvin's is 14.73/1.04, Mike's is 9.12/2.84 and Ron's is 15.68/609.39Kbps (less than 1). I called Consolidated and they have some fiber through Town (see map below) but it does not run by Public Works. At this time there is no plan to install fiber down Royalsborough Road. Comcast wants a 3 year agreement with a speed of 75/5. I would like the Board to authorize me to sign the agreement.

	Comcast	Consolidated	Additional Cost with Comcast
Cost per month	\$126.85	\$42.16	\$84.69
Cost over 36 month	\$4,566.60	\$1,517.76	\$3,048.84

Consolidated Fiber in Durham

