

**Town of Durham
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2019**

1. Call to Order: Kevin Nadeau called the meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Kevin Nadeau, Chairman; Todd Beaulieu; Rich George; and Marc Farrin

Quorum: Quorum met with four (4) members present

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Done

3. Amendments to Agenda:

Kevin Nadeau moves items 5 and 6 up in the order; he adds item 7b to the “Action and Discussion” section. He wants to have a discussion about communication from Department Heads and communication with the press.

4. Public Comment:

Jolene Ozga addresses the Board regarding automobile graveyard/junkyard permits and a neighbor on Davis Road. Code Enforcement Officer Bob Forrest says he has tried to get the property owners to comply through violation letters. He will send a third, involving the Town Attorney and the Board of Selectmen.

Kevin Nadeau closes the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

5. Public Hearing: Automobile Graveyard/Junkyard Permits

Bob Forrest presents a slide show on the five permit applicants. None of the applicants are compliant with Town of Durham ordinances regarding automobile graveyards/junkyards. The Board agrees that the applicants should receive a letter of violation detailing why they are not in compliance and be instructed to fix the issues. If they rectify the issues by a deadline set by Bob Forrest, they will receive a permit. If

they do not resolve the issues they will not receive a permit. None of the applicants were issued permits at tonight's meeting.

Kevin leads a discussion with those present and requests of all Town of Durham Department Heads to alert the Board of Selectmen if they are interviewed by the press about anything controversial.

A discussion follows about the Maine Department of Transportation and the growing asphalt pile. Bob Forrest plans to send the MDOT another letter of violation. Kevin asks him to invite the appropriate MDOT representative to the next Board of Selectmen meeting to have a face-to-face discussion about mitigation strategies.

6. Public Hearing: General Assistance Ordinances Appendixes A-H 2019-2020

Kevin Nadeau Moves to accept the General Assistance Ordinances Appendixes A-H 2019-2020. Todd Beaulieu Seconds. Motion Carries 4-0.

7. Action/Discussion:

a) Solid Waste: Town Administrator Ruth Glaeser will draft a solid waste RFP and send to the Board of Selectmen for approval. She will then communicate it to the public and see where we land.

8. Departments/Committees:

Fire Chief Joseph Moore presents his report (see attached).
Road Commissioner Calvin Beaumier presents his report (see attached).
Town Administrator Ruth Glaeser presents her report.

There is a brief discussion of the Comast lawsuit.

Ruth Glaeser respectfully declines taking over the direct supervision of the Code Enforcement Officer and the Town Planner.

Ruth Glaeser updates the Board on the status of Trio SQL.

Kevin Nadeau updates the Board on tentative plans for a Planning Board Special Meeting on December 9, 2019 on Phase 1 of a two-phase project they are working on regarding updating Town of Durham ordinances.

There is a brief discussion regarding the Union Church work and the addition of a ramp for handicapped access. Kevin Nadeau cautions that the Historic District Commission must be informed about the work, and he asks the Town Administrator to check all Americans With Disabilities Act requirements before moving ahead with the ramp.

Kevin Nadeau Moves to go into the Assessor's Section. Todd Beaulieu Seconds. Motion Carries 4-0.

9. Assessor's Section:

a) Abatement for Map 9 Lot 52 E:

Kevin Nadeau Moves to grant the abatement for Map 9 Lot 52E in the amount of \$911.25 for the 2019 tax year. Todd Beaulieu Seconds. Motion Carries 4-0.

b) Abatement for Map 3 Lot 35E:

Kevin Nadeau Moves to grant the abatement for Map 3 Lot 35E in the amount of \$76.95 for the 2019 tax year. Rich George Seconds. Motion Carries 4-0.

c) Abatement for Map 7 Lot 97:

Kevin Nadeau Moves to grant the abatement for Map 7 Lot 97 in the amount of \$58.73 for the 2019 tax year. Rich George Seconds. Motion Carries 4-0.

Kevin Nadeau Moves to move out of the Assessor's Section. Rich George Seconds. Motion Carries 4-0.

7. Consent Agenda:

a) Approve Treasurer's Payables Warrant

- b) Approve Minutes from September 10, 2019
- c) Waiver of foreclosure on Emerson, John (heirs of) property
- d) Oath for Election Warden
 - i) Gary Spring
- e) Correspondence

**Todd Beaulieu Moves to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
Rich George Seconds. Motion Carries 4-0.**

8. Selectmen's Comments:

Kevin Nadeau announces that the next regular Board of Selectmen meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Durham Town Offices on: Tuesday, October 8; and Tuesday, October 22.

Adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Dion
Meetings Secretary



DURHAM FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report on Department

Durham Select Board

09/24/19

General Overview:

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

Departmental Changes/Major Projects:

- Continued work on 2020 budget and CIP needs
- Still awaiting word on Fire Act Grant status
- Continued Preparation for 2nd Annual Open House
- Growth of our Explorers Program

Apparatus:

- N/A

Discussion Topics:

- Retired apparatus disposition
- Billing for Fire Department on Responses

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph C. Moore

Chief of Department



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Durham Public Works Department Head Report 9-24-2019

- Plummers Mill Road has been shouldered and ditched and is pretty much complete except for transition paving and the surface layer going on next year.
- Crooker has ground up pavement on Brown Road and are adding reclaimed asphalt today. The plan is to perform the liquid asphalt injection on this Thursday.
- Crooker has moved equipment onto Brickyard Hill Road this week and we are planning to start that road tomorrow. I have decided to bring that project an additional 450 feet to the top of the hill and this will take pretty much all of the left-over funds from the 2018 bond account, approximately \$50,000
- I went over the plan with Crooker regarding the short end of Meadow Road and they started ditching that today. We are hoping to grind that road up late this week or early next week.
- We are planning to start Bowie Hill Road late this week or early next week.
- Beavers are back on Bowie Hill Road. Four Beavers have been trapped and relocated. The trapper believes that he has them all so we are going to clean out the culvert again tomorrow morning.
- Crooker has paved Collins Way and Steig Road off of Route 125. (Maintenance Paving)
- Public works crew has finished ditching and changing cross culverts on Leighton. I would like to grind Leighton Road and pave as we are the Bond Roads rather than shim and overlay. This will be an additional \$60,000 cost but I have the money in the 2019 bond project to cover it. This will give us a 30-year road rather than a 10-year overlay.
- I have applied and been awarded a speed radar device for the Town from the MDOT. We should be receiving this unit later in the Fall.