

**Town of Durham  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2019**

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

**Members present:** Kevin Nadeau, Chairman; Rob Pontau, Vice Chairman (tardy); Todd Beaulieu; Rich George; and Marc Farrin

**Quorum:** Quorum met with five (5) members present

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Done

**3. Amendments to Agenda:**

Kevin Nadeau adds items 5b and 5c to the agenda.

**4. Public Comment:** None

**5. Action/Discussion:**

- a. No bids received to purchase 1995 Spartan Fire Truck. Chief should come back with proposal on donation of truck for approval at next meeting.
- b. Union Church needs some repairs; window in steeple, siding falling off steeple, front stairs. The question was posed regarding the possible requirement of a ramp if the stairs are replaced? Would that affect the status on the Register of Historic Building?

**Kevin Nadeau Moves to permit the Town Administrator to look at procuring bids for the work on the Union Church and to check on the requirements of ADA ramp. Rich George Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.**

- c. Discussion of proposal from Lois Kilby-Chesley regarding the Methodist Church. Generally, the Board supports the

idea. Questions regarding what would happen after five years if nothing was accomplished toward renovating the Methodist Church. Would like Lois to be invited to discuss this in future meeting?

There is a discussion of looking into the possibility of acquiring land for sale next to Fire Station. The Board will discuss it at a future meeting.

## **6. Departments/Committees:**

The Fire Chief and Road Commissioner are both absent and do not present their reports. (see attached)

There is a short discussion regarding the DOT decision to not piggyback on the Town's contract with Crooker regarding Meadow Road. This leads to a discussion regarding how much of Meadow Road to grind and overlay keeping in mind the intersection with Route 125 will be moved and redone by DOT at a later date. This conversation was left off until the next meeting when the Road Commissioner could be available.

Town Administrator Ruth Glaeser presents her report (see attached). She also discusses a letter from the American Lung Association requesting a commitment for a rest stop to again be located at the Eureka Center in 2020. The general consensus is that the Trek Across Maine event and the stop in Durham in 2019 went well and the Town would have no issues with the Trek again using Town land.

There is a preliminary discussion of a lawsuit filed by Comcast with the Town of Durham, along with the State of Maine and other municipalities, being named as defendant. The lawsuit involves a law passed in the last legislative session which requires that cable providers provide cable service on an a la carte basis. Comcast is looking for an injunction and maintains that the law conflicts with the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment and Federal Law and is therefore not legitimate legislation. The case has been referred to our legal counsel.

There is a discussion regarding the possibility that the Board make the Town Administrator the direct supervisor to the Code Enforcement

Officer and the Town Planner. This discussion will be continued at a future meeting.

**7. Consent Agenda:**

- a) Approve Treasurer's Payables Warrant
- b) Approve Minutes from August 27, 2019
- c) BYOB permit
- d) Oath for Planning Board
  - i) Allison Goodridge
- e) Correspondence
  - i) Proposal regarding Methodist Church from Lois Kilby-Chesley

**Rob Pontau Moves to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Rich George Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.**

**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, September 24; and Tuesday, October 8.**

**Rich George Moves to Adjourn. Marc Farrin Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

---

Kathy Dion  
Meetings Secretary

## **Town Administrator Report**

**September 10, 2019**

The Town has received a resignation from Bonnie Cobb with regard to the Planning Board effective immediately. Per John Simoneau, the vacant seat will be filled with the senior alternate to the Planning Board with your approval. I will have an oath prepared for Allison Goodrich for the Select Board to approve and sign.

The Town received a request for a BYOB permit from Colleen Swanson who will be renting the Eureka. It is included in the consent agenda.

The Town was approved for the fall offering of the Municipal Bond Bank in the amount of \$2,350,000 (the \$250,000 ambulance and the \$2.1 million road bond). These monies should be available to the Town at the beginning of November. The Town will not require any further draw down of our BAN as we have sufficient cash resources to hold us over until November.

I've included budget spreadsheets. I do not see anything concerning.



# DURHAM FIRE & RESCUE

## Chief's Report on Department

### Durham Select Board

09/10/19

#### General Overview:

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

#### Departmental Changes/Major Projects:

- We are continuing work on preparing for the Fire Prevention Week activities the second week of October. More information to be presented at next meeting.
- Preparing preliminary 2020 budget with current focus on CIP needs being identified.
- Still awaiting word on Fire Act Grant status. Award status is updates every Friday. Nothing posted for us in the last two weeks, but no refusal either.

#### Apparatus:

- All apparatus in service and working well. Preparing for annual ladder testing.

#### Discussion Topics:

- N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph C. Moore

Chief of Department



## ***Town of Durham***

**1099 Royalsborough Road  
Durham, Maine 04222**

**Tel.: (207) 353-3281**

**Road Commissioner  
Calvin Beaumier  
Cell Phone (207) 844-1774**

### **Durham Public Works Department Head Report 9-10-2019**

- Public Works Crew installed oversized Stop signs provided by MDOT at intersections of Route 9 and 136 where they intersect with Rabbit and Quaker Meetinghouse and Rabbit and Runaround Pond. They are still working on their final report to address the safety issue with a long- term solution.
- Crooker has moved grinding machine onto Meadow Road with plans to start grinding that this week.
- Crooker is hoping to grind Brickyard Hill Road this week as well. They had scheduled it for last week but cancelled due to rain.
- MDOT has decided to put the route 125 and Meadow Road intersection out to bid since Crooker told us that they are now booked into next season and would not be able to get it done until next year. I am still working out the details but they are hoping to get it done in December.
- Public works crew has finished ditching on Collins and Steig Road and continues changing cross culverts and ditching on Leighton Road.
- Crooker has completed Shim and overlay of Colonial Drive (Maintenance Paving) and surface paving of Quaker Ridge. They need to install the shoulders and transition pavement on a few driveways to complete.
- New Freightliner is at Viking Cives for plow gear and scheduled to start building out next week.