

**Town of Durham  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017**

**SITE WALK – Durham United Methodist Church – 23 Runaround Pond Road – 5:00 p.m.**

The full Board met with members of the Historical Society to inspect the building. Also present was AA/TA Glaeser, Meetings Secretary Jill Toher, Road Commissioner Calvin Beaumier, Terry Kirk and Lois, a neighbor who has been mowing the front lawn.

During the meeting inside the sanctuary, Tia Howe advised she wrote to Stephen King asking for a monetary donation in order to help with the needed repairs.

In 2002, the North Pownal United Methodist Church sold the West Durham United Methodist Church to the Town for \$1.00, as the Church could no longer keep up with repairs and associated expenses. The Town took possession on June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2002.

Obvious repairs include aligning foundation stones located on the right rear side of the building, repair posts to shore up the sagging roof, repair cracks in the Queen Anne beams, replace broken window panes, replace front wooden steps, repair and/or remove outhouse behind the building, repair leaks in the roof, patch holes in ceiling and walls, replace door knobs, update electrical, add heat and possibly add septic and water for bathrooms.

During a lengthy conversation inside the building, Chairman Nadeau suggested holding a joint workshop in order to create a feasibility survey to outline possible objectives for future use of the building. Chairman Nadeau ended this phase of the site walk and asked all to reconvene at the Union Church.

**SITE WALK – Union Church Hall – 744 Royalsborough Road – 5:45 p.m.** - The group reconvened at 5:45 p.m., to inspect the building. Issues were found with the stone foundation blocks. The Historical Society has been actively working on cataloging old/antique items donated from various residents and/or their heirs. Much work has been done over the years.

In addition to repairing/re-setting stone foundation blocks that have slid away from the sill plate, other obvious repairs include patching the roof, repairing ceiling and walls due to water seepage, make repairs in the attic area where a variety of rodents have chewed through and/or made nests, repair/replace areas in the staircase that are unsound. The gallery, where books are currently kept, needs extensive cosmetic work.

Chairman Nadeau suggested holding a joint workshop to create a list of repairs in order of importance. AA/TA will advise exactly how much money is available in the budget.

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

Resident Kyle Warren requested that boulders be placed across the road from Runaround Pond Park and remove the gate. Road Commissioner Beaumier will check with the Fire Chief regarding any potential safety issues.

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approve Treasurer's Payable Warrant**
- b. Approval of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes – August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**
- c. Correspondence – none.**

**Selectman Blake Moves** to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Selectman George Second. Motion Carried 5-0.

**Action and Discussion Items:**

**a. Photo Contest Winner Presentations** – Chairman Nadeau presented awards to Moria Shanahan and Suzy Surnow, two of the contest winners that appeared tonight.

**b. Marijuana Ordinances and Public Hearing** – AA/TA Glaeser presented a proposed Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Retail and Recreational Marijuana, which has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. She stated he added the following clause at the top of page two pertaining to the Marijuana Legalization Act, Title #7, M.R.S.A., Ch. 417.

It was the general consensus of the Board to hold a Public Hearing pertaining to the proposed Ordinance and requested that AA/TA Glaeser contact the RSU#5 to reserve the school cafeteria with a preferred date of September 19<sup>th</sup> 2017. Board members also decided to include a small regular meeting agenda addressing critical issues only. AA/TA Glaeser will advise of the RSU#5's availability. Once the date is set, AA/TA Glaeser will see that the Public Hearing is advertised in the usual manner.

The Board also reviewed and signed a Town Special Referendum Warrant pertaining to the proposed Marijuana Moratorium to be voted upon during the November 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 general election. The signed Warrant and proposed Moratorium Ordinance Regarding Retail Recreational Marijuana will be posted and advertised in the usual manner.

**c. Network Audit and Review** – AA/TA Glaeser supplied the Board with the BEK Estimate Review. Due to financial constraints, Selectman Pontau suggested doing "A" and "B" now, and "C" if possible then defer the remaining items until after January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. The remainder of the Board concurred.

She stated suggestions included removing the wall in the center hall and replace with a sliding door for the purpose of accommodating more people in the Boardroom. Also discussed was converting the ladies room into an office for the Codes Official.

It was suggested that Jerry Welch, a HVAC contractor, come to the office and give his assessment for heating and cooling the building.

**Selectmen's Comments:** Chairman Nadeau announced the following:

Regular Selectmen's meetings will be held on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 and Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the Town Office beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2017 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

**Executive Session #1:** **Chairman Nadeau Moves** the Board into Executive Session pursuant to Title #1, M.R.S.A. ss. 405(6)(A) – Personnel – PIT Hiring at 8:04 p.m., preceded by a brief recess. Selectman Nadeau Second. Motion Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jill S. Toher  
Meetings Secretary

**Chairman Nadeau Announced** the Board came out of Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

**ACTION TAKEN:** **Selectman George Moves** to extend offer to selected candidate. Selectman Blake Second. Motion Carried 5-0.

**Executive Session #2:** **Chairman Nadeau Moves** the Board into Executive Session pursuant to Title #1, M.R.S.A., ss. 405(6)(A) – Personnel – Discuss ACO Position at 8:16 p.m.