

**Town of Durham  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2017**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Nadeau called the meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

**Chairman Nadeau Motion to go into Executive Session – Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(F)-Confidential. Selectman Blake Seconds. Motion Carried 3-0**

**Chairman Nadeau Motion to exit Executive Session. Selectman Blake Seconds. Motion Carried 3-0.**

**Chairman Nadeau Motion to deny abatement pending additional information at 6:25 pm. Selectman Blake Seconds. Motion Carried 3-0.**

**Members Present:** Chairman Kevin Nadeau, Vice Chairman Mark Blake, Selectmen Richard George. Selectman Todd Beaulieu and Selectman Rob Pontau excused.

**Quorum:** Quorum met with three (3) members present.

**Also Present:** AA/TA Ruth Glaeser, Road Commissioner Calvin Beaumier, Meetings Secretary/PIT Tammy Quimby, Assistant PIT Alden Allen, Later arrival: Fire Chief/EMA Director William St. Michel, and Paula Erdmann-Purdy of the Durham Historical Society

**Public Present:** John Carroll from Central Maine Power (CMP), Josh Howe, Hunter Howe

**Amendments to the Agenda:** Ruth added 7 f, g, h and 8 a

**Public Comment:** No Public Comment

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approve Treasurer's Payables Warrant
- b. Approval of October 3, 2017 selectman meeting minutes
- c. Correspondence
  - a. Resignation of Kimberly Allen, Historic District Commission

**Selectman Blake Moves to Approve the Consent Agenda. Selectman George Seconds. Motion Carried 3-0**

**Action & Discussion Items:**

- a. John Carroll of CMP – NE Maine Energy Connect: Mr. Carroll presented and discussed CMP's bid on RFP for large injection of clean energy into the New

England Grid. Discussed that if they get the bid the impact to Durham would be CMP would need to change the poles in Durham to be single poles, which are slightly larger, can transfer more energy, down the road; would be about 2018 or further with vetting process. All discussed concerns over this. Mr. Carroll asked that Durham submit a letter to assist with bid indicating that Durham is happy with the business CMP has done with them over the years. Going to send Ruth a draft letter to review and to draft something for the Selectmen to review at next Board meeting.

- b. Hunter Howe's Eagle Project – Presented Hunter with a Certificate of Appreciation for the work he did at War Memorial Park walkway and flag poles.
- c. Paul First – Capital Improvement Planning: Mr. First, former town manager of New Gloucester presented about comprehensive capital improvement plan, how to build a plan and what the process looks like (C.I.P. process). He offered his assistance with, and provided a memo with useful information.
- d. Planning Services – Chairman Nadeau suggested tabling until full board – approach to planning services. All agreed.
- e. Town Pole Permit – Selectman agree to allow and sign.
- f. Leightronix – Tammy presented that subscriptions to Total Info and Viebit expiring. **Selectman Blake Moves to let them go. Selectman George Seconds. Motion Carried 3-0.**
- g. Oath for Historic District Commission: Put Page Atherton on the Commission. **Selectman George Motions to put Page on the Commission. Selectman Nadeau Seconds. Motion Carried 3-0.**
- h. Oath(s) for Code Enforcement Officer: 2 Oaths for Robert Forrest – 1. Code Enforcement, Building Inspector and Electrical Inspector; 2. Licensed Plumbing Inspector – need waiver. Calvin continue to do Plumbing interim. **Selectman Blake Moves to grant the first one. Selectman George Second. Motion Carried 3-0. Bringing back 2<sup>nd</sup> Oath at next Board Meeting.**

#### **Departments/Committees**

- a. **Fire Chief:** not present. Ruth indicated Chief wanted to talk about RFP that went out for Lisbon RFA – they did not do because of limited resources. Just FYI. Also discussed Fire Chief job announcement – living within 5 or 20 miles. All agreed to change to “within reasonable distance” of Durham. Ruth to make changes and post. (Chief showed up after Calvin presentation – reiterated and discussed all)
- b. **Road Commissioner:** (see attached 10-17-2017 Report from Commissioner and Winter Sand Bid Attachment). Calvin presented – Winter Sand Salt Bid – Board discussed pick up vs. delivery, agreed to go with potential delivery, but leave to Calvin's discretion as he will be working with. **Selectman Nadeau Moves to accept the Winter Sand Bid from Albert Blackstone Jr. Evac. Selectman Blake Seconds. Motion Carried 3-0.**

**Late Add-on:** Paula Erdmann-Purdy of the Durham Historical Society joined meeting with concerns that rumor that the Board of Selectmen had sold the old Methodist Church. Select

Board indicated that is not the case, and that they would/will definitely involve Historical Society if even entertaining a sale. Discussion about the Town ownership of this property. Selectmen indicated that Calvin needs to be doing grounds maintenance on the old Methodist Church since it is Town property. To evaluate the ownership and all about church at a later date.

- c. Town Administrator:** Ruth presented – Congregational Church donated \$600 to Town Heating Fund. Also discussed changing lease on Canon copier, permission to go ahead with.

**Selectman Blake Moves to give permission. Selectman George Seconds. Motion Carried 3-0. -**

**Selectman's Comments:**

Chairman Nadeau Announced the following: next meeting will be abbreviated meeting for voting items on October 31, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Next Regular Selectmen Meetings will be held: Tuesday November 14, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, November 28, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Next Comprehensive Planning Board meeting will be held Wednesday October 25, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

**Chairman Nadeau Motion to go into Executive Session – Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A)- Personnel – Public Works. Selectman Blake Seconds. Motion Carried 3-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Quimby  
Public Information Technician

**Chairman Nadeau Motion to leave Executive Session – Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A)- Personnel – Public Works. Selectman Blake Seconds. Motion Carried 3-0**

**Chairman Nadeau Motion to promote Carl Schaeffer to mechanic at a pay rate of \$18.00 per hour. Selectman Blake Seconds. Motion Carried 3-0**

**Chairman Nadeau Motion to adjourn at 9:11 pm. Selectman George Seconds. Motion Carried 3-0**

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Nadeau  
Board of Selectmen, Chair

