Town of Durham Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes October 31, 2017

Call to Order: Vice Chairman Blake called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Members Present: Vice Chairman Mark Blake, Selectman Richard George, Selectman Rob Pontau, Selectman Todd Beaulieu.

Members Absent: Chairman Kevin Nadeau

Also Present: Town Administrator Ruth Glaeser, Road Commissioner Calvin Beaumier and Fire Department Office Assistant Diana Dimock

Quorum: Vice Chairman Blake announced a Quorum had been met with four (4) members present.

Amendments to Agenda:

Table 5.b. Approval of October 17, 2017 selectman meeting minutes - tabled

Add 6.b. Public Works request for job advertisement

Add 6.c. Update by Diana Dimock

Add 6.d. Use of Eureka for Trunk or Treat

Motion by Rob Pontau to accept the Consent Agenda as amended. Seconded by Mark Blake. Motion passed 4-0.

Consent Agenda as amended:

5.a. Approve Treasurer's Payables Warrant

6.a. Pole Permit for Cedar Pond Road (Tyler Thibealt)

Motion by Rob Pontau to approve pole permit. Seconded by Mark Blake. Motion passed 4-0

6.b. Public Works

Durham Road Commissioner Calvin Beaumier stated that David Kennedy had tendered his resignation and Calvin would like permission to advertise for a replacement. Calvin also would like to advertise for a part-time/seasonal employee for the winter and on call plow drivers.

Motion by Rob Pontau to approve advertisement for one (1) full time public works employee, one (1) part-time/seasonal employee and on call plow drivers. Seconded by Mark Blake. Motion passed 4-0

6.c. Update by Diana Dimock

Diana updated the Board on the situation in town caused by the rain and wind storm from 10/29 into 10/30/17. Most of the Town is out of power (1750 out of 1782 customers per CMP). Calvin added that many downed trees had been removed but several roads were still closed because of trees on downed power lines including Route 125 (Pinkham Brook Road) from the Lisbon Bridge to Shiloh Road and Old Brunswick Road. Stackpole Road has low hanging wires crossing

the road and will be impassable to emergency vehicles. The Town Hall, Fire Station and Public Works are all working off generator power and do not have internet access. Because of the Emergency declaration, the Town will be preparing reimbursement forms for possible FEMA reimbursement.

6.d. Use of Eureka for Trunk or Treat

Several surrounding Towns had postponed Halloween Trick or Treating and other related events to Friday, November 3, 2017, because of the widespread power outages and downed trees. Durham put out a statement stating that residents should use their best judgement. Several residents had suggested a Truck or Treat take place at the Durham Eureka as an alternative to Trick or Treating.

Motion by Rob Pontau to approve the use of the field by the Durham Eureka Center for Trunk or Treat. The event shall be organized by residents and the field use at your own risk. Seconded by Mark Blake. Motion passed 4-0

Motion by Rob Pontau to adjourn at 4:20 pm. Seconded by Mark Blake. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted?

Ruth Glaeser

Town Administrator