

**Town of Durham
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2018**

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

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

Members Not Present:

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

Also Present: AA/TA Ruth Glaeser, Fire Chief William St. Michel, Road Commissioner Calvin Beaumier, Assistant PIT Alden Allen

Amendments to the Agenda: None

Public Present: Jacob (last name?), Boy Scout badge, Linda Litchfield, Anita and other members present

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: (Any Board member may request to have an item removed from the consent agenda for discussion)

- a. **Approve Treasurer's Payables Warrant**
- b. **Approval of January 23, 2018 selectman meeting minutes**
- c. **Approval of February 13, 2018 selectman meeting minutes**
- d. **Approval of January 24, 2018 selectman meeting minutes**
- e. **Correspondence**

Selectman Blake Moves to Accept the Consent Agenda without the Minutes (Minutes to be reviewed at the next Meeting). Selectman George Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

Action & Discussion Items:

- a. **Historical Society:** Not present, going to come back to.
 - b. **Warrant Discussion:** started discussion about finishing/fixing paving of public works garage front lot. Did a review of all of the Articles.
- Article 12: Selectman George Moves to change the \$100,000 Public Works Capital Improvement Fund to \$50,000. Selectman Pontau Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.**

Article 13: Selectman Pontau Moves to Change Their Recommendation to Match that of the Budget Committee transfer \$28,292; and raise \$335,425; for total of \$363,717. Selectman George Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

Article 14: EMS Coverage – Selectman Pontau Moves to Match their Recommendation to the Budget Committees Recommendation. Selectman George Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

Public Works – leave as is

***a. Back to Historical Society:** Discussed role of Historical Society in the Town and if a Committee should be formed to evaluate all, and work to be done on Historic Buildings. Linda Litchfield passed out quotes work on outside of Union Church: drainage and stone work.

Article 16/17?: Administrative Expenses – raise and appropriate: Leave as is

Advisory: discussed making as separate items – marijuana moratorium. Selectman Pontau indicated he would rather put it out as a survey; discussed what best information point to use: survey, town meeting or other. Possibly hand out survey with the ballots at municipal election. Agreed to have it put out paper survey at Town Meeting and at the Ballot as well.

Assessing: Selectman George Makes Motion to Match the Budget Committees Recommendation. Selectman Blake Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

Cemeteries: Selectman Nadeau Moves to Match the Budget Committee Recommendation. Selectman Pontau Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

Donations: Selectman Blake Motions to Match the Budget Committee Recommendation. Selectman Pontau Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

General Assistance: Selectman George Motions to Match the Budget Committee Recommendation to transfer \$2,000 from undesignated funds. Selectman Nadeau Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

- c. **Discussion of annual report:** Mil Rates, the Town itself and comparison to other towns.

Departments/Committees:

a. Town Administrator:

Ruth presented Oaths for Joseph Moore: **Selectman Pontau Moves to Appoint Joseph Moore as the Town of Durham EMA Director, Fire Chief and Forrest Warden. Selectman Blake Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.**

Ruth presented Appointing Wesley Grover as Associate to the Planning Board. **Selectman Beaulieu Moves to Appoint Wesley Grover as Associate to the Planning Board. Selectman Blake Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.**

Ruth presented Aspen Energy approached her about signing a contract for Town's Electric Services. She showed the comparison of unsolicited bids they gave her. Selectman Pontau indicated that she should look into combining all, and looking to get a lower rate. All agreed to take some time to research and do a more thorough comparison, wait on.

Ruth presented: Moderator for Town Meeting options.

Selectman Pontau Moves to Accept the Full Warrant as Newly Presented. Selectman George Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

Selectmen's Comments:

Chairman Nadeau Announced the following: Next Regular Selectmen Meetings will be held Tuesday March 13, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., and Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Selectman Nadeau Motions to Adjourn. Selectman Blake seconds. Motion Carries 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,

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