

**Town of Durham**  
**Select Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 22, 2022**

1. **Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum ~ In attendance: Kevin Nadeau, Rob Pontau, Richard George, Todd Beaulieu, & Marc Farrin.**

2. **Amendments to the Agenda ~ None**

3. **Reports:**

**Fire Chief:**

- **Call volume remains steady, above last year's pace**
- **80% of our requests are medical related, that includes motor vehicle accidents**
- **The Department is actively hiring new recruits. (3 per diem EMS Shifts 7am to 7pm)**
- **Gear Grant from MSA ~ Globe Company of Lewiston granting 5 sets of gear, plus helmets at \$2,000.00 each.**
- **Radio Grant from the Local Maine EMA \$15,000.00**
- **Boat Grant ~ replacing old boat that was given through the Stephen King Foundation.**

**Road Commissioner:**

- **Busy with consecutive snow storms**
- **Gravel roads are showing signs of honey spots ~ grading has begun**
- **Down one driver, due to sickness, using on-call part-time drivers to get through the winter season.**
- **Stream Crossing Grant ~ Working with Engineers from the Army Corps**
- **Code Enforcement Coverage ~ Working with the Town Planner with the Land Use Ordinance**
- **Vandalism at the Eureka Center ~ Someone spun out of the parking lot and threw rocks up into the vinyl siding, putting holes into the vinyl.**
- **Roads were posted on March 1st.**

4. **Update from Board on Interim Town Manager and future search process**

**Postponed until Mitch Berkowitz (Interim) is available to discuss the process. Mitch stepped in as Interim Town Manager on March 15, 2022**

**5. Public Comment:**

**Jane Rice (Bowie Hill Road) ~ Attended the last meeting and she has some concerns about the land use ordinance, she's uncomfortable with pulling stuff out of the ordinance and putting things back in. She is also waiting for information on the Bowie Hill Subdivision and it's affect on the school system.**

**Joe Roy (Pinkham Brook Road) ~ Concerned with the changes to the Land Use Ordinance, moving forward he would like to see that information be provided to the public on agricultural regulations.**

**Heather Roy (Hallowell Road) ~ Appreciates the new Agenda Format, more detail presented. Concerns with Land Use Ordinance ~ Why are we splitting it into 2 Phases? If we split it into 2 parts, we lose the ability to put land use into resource protection. Suggested putting the Land Use Ordinance Warrant on the June Ballot to give the public more time to absorb the information.**

**Zack Labbay (Stackpole Road) ~ Land Use Ordinance ~ Looked back at a 2018 Survey that showed 72% of the residents of Durham preferred increasing natural protections, so why is the warrant being prioritized backwards?**

**Juliet Caplinger (Royalsborough Road) ~ Concerning the Ordinance changes, we should be careful with the language and she would like to see before Phase 2 is complete, and that all the Boards are Aligned and on the same page.**

**6. Consideration of amendments to Land Use Ordinance Articles to be voted on at Town Meeting:**

- **Road Ordinance for Private Roads ~ Currently it reads that if the road serves more than 3 lots, it must be paved.**

**Board amends the language of Ordinance 523Roads on Article 11 at the Town Meeting ( 523e) insert the words "except for paving" after appendix.**

**Motion ~ Kevin/2nd ~ Rob                      Approved (5-0)**

- **Fees Embedded in Ordinances ~ Board discussed pulling the fees out and putting them into a separate fee schedule to be approved annually.**

**Town Planner suggested putting this on a Warrant Article for next year ~ 2023  
The Board decided to leave this discussion for town floor discussion at the Town Meeting on April 2, 2022.**

**7. Conservation Commission: Update and Discussion of Grant Opportunity**

- **The committee would like to ask the Select Board for a letter of support to become applicants for the grant opportunity from Community Resilience Partnership Grant. Several Workshops are required from the Conservation Commission for the grant funds, up to \$50,000.00.**

**The Board motioned to write a letter of support for the Conservation Commission to become applicants for the Community Resilience Partnership Grant.**

**Motion~ Rob/2nd ~ Rich**

**Approved (5-0)**

**8. Consent Agenda:**

**Motion~ Kevin/2nd ~ Rob**

**Approved (5-0)**

**9. Upcoming Meetings & Town News**

- Town Meeting Durham Community School  
Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 9am**
- Select Board Meeting, In Person  
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall**

**10. Executive Session: Motion~ Kevin/2nd ~ Rich**

**Approved (5-0)**

**Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(H) & Title 30-1, Section 4452  
Enforcement Matters**

**11. Re-Convene**

**12. Adjourn**