



Town of Durham Board of Selectmen

**Town Hall
February 28, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum, Pledge of Allegiance

In Attendance: Kevin Nadeau (Chair), Rich George (Vice-Chair), Todd Beaulieu, Joe Tomm, Josh Klein-Golden, Jerry Douglass (Town Manager).

2. Amendments to Agenda:

Add 7a). Board Discussion to add a warrant article to reduce the number of members on the Budget Committee from 9 to 7. Final vote on which articles will go on the warrant for Town Meeting will be March 14th during the Board of Selectmen Meeting.

3. Public Comment:

Neil Berry (Stackpole Road)
Luke Cusard (Runaround Pond Road)
Joe Roy (Pinkham Brook Road)
Jeff Dewitt (Runaround Pond Road)

4. Update on Affordable Housing Ordinance, Resource Protection Areas & Private Roads

John Talbot, Chair of the Planning Board, and George Thebarger, Town Planner, discussed Resource Protection, Parts 1A and 1B. The Planning Board will hold another Public Hearing on March 22, 2023 at the Eureka Center at 6:30pm.

5. Discussion on Financial Service Contract from Berry-Talbot-Royer

Joe Tomm motions to move forward with authorizing the Town Manager to contract Berry-Talbot-Royer Certified Public Accountants to handle the town's payroll and accounts payable. Todd Beaulieu seconds, motion carries 5 – 0.

6. Technology Estimate for Setting Up the Eureka Center for Streaming Meetings

Board tables this discussion until a later SB meeting.

7. Department Head Reports

Road Commissioner – Calvin Beaumier

- Crews have been steady with storms and working on trucks and equipment.

- Public Works is caught up on salt deliveries.
- Our 2023 Tandem Axle truck was delivered and went out on its first storm on 2-23-23. The operator was plowing a gravel road when the wing fetched up in a patch of thawing soft gravel. This caused the wing to slam back into the passenger door and mirror. We now have a new door and mirror coming that cost \$750 for the door and \$240 for the mirror. We will replace that with all the existing molding and glass.
- Finished the Road Commissioner Report for the 2022 annual report.
- The Eureka Center had a water leak caused by ruptured pipes in the ceiling that froze during the last extreme cold snap. We had the pipes repaired before replacing the ceiling tiles. We also replaced the kitchen faucet that froze and repaired the handicapped bathroom toilet.
- All town roads were posted for seasonal weight restrictions on February 22, 2023. We worked together with Freeport and Pownal so that trucks wouldn't unwittingly get caught at Town Lines.

Fire Chief – Rob Tripp

- Definition of Mutual Aid: Every own jurisdiction has a plan to have coverage on the scene, run cards and station coverage.
- Grant Update: Applying for the Maine Municipal Association Safety Grant Program
- In the months of January and February, the Fire Department has responded to 79 calls.
- Chief is recommending doubling of our ambulance billing fees.

Joe Tamm motions to double the ambulance billing fees for the Durham Fire & Rescue. Rich George seconds, motion carries 5 – 0.

8. a) Board Discussion to Reduce Budget Committee Members from 9 to 7

- Having a hard time filling the vacant seats
- Mission has changed since the committee was originally formed.

9. Town Manager's Report

- Town Clerk was on vacation last week and the remaining staff stepped up and were able to keep the counter windows open and functioning.
- Annual Report is ready to send to production for printing.

10. Consent Agenda:

Kevin Nadeau entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Josh Klein-Golden moves to accept, Joe Tamm seconds. Motion carries 5 – 0.

11. Upcoming Meeting(s) and Town News:

- **Selectboard Meeting, Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Town Hall, 6:30pm**
- **Selectboard Meeting, Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at Town Hall, 6:30pm**
- **Planning Board Public Hearing, Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at the Eureka Center, 6:30pm**

12. Executive Session Citations: None Needed

13. Adjourn

Joe Tomm moves to adjourn, Josh Klein-Golden seconds. Motion carries 5 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.