



Town of Durham Board of Selectmen

Town Hall
March 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).

Guests: Kim Wing and Fred Palmer (FHS Scholarship Foundation)

2. Amendments to Agenda: None

3. Public Comment: None

4. Freeport Scholarship Foundation

- Board members Kim Wing and Fred Palmer
- Mitchell Scholarship awards a Junior and Senior \$20,000 Scholarship (\$5,000 per year to the college of their choice) and this scholarship includes a mentor to assist and guide the recipient to prepare for their college education.
- University of Southern Maine (USM) Promise Foundation Scholarship awarded to a qualifying student who wishes to attend USM for a 4-Year Program for free.
- FSF has a \$2 Million Dollar Goal, currently the Foundation has \$1 Million Dollars and is seeking Leadership Donors.
- FHS Scholarship offers 4-Year \$20,000 Scholarship (\$5,000 per year) and a Vocational Program Scholarship (\$4,000 per year).
- FHS Scholarship currently has 12 Community Members, seeking a representative from Durham as well as mentors.
- Seeking First Gift of \$30,000

The Board Chair addressed the committee members that the request for the \$30,000 would have to be put on an article for the next Town Meeting in April of 2024 for the townspeople to vote on.

5. Durham Ball Field Discussion

- Review of the Lease Agreement – Town Attorney deemed the lease to be not valid due to the resolve of Durham Softball.
- Rich George reached out to Durham Youth Baseball and Tri-Town Little League/Softball and both organizations have worked out a plan that works for both organizations. Tri-Town will use the DCS Softball Field and Durham Youth Baseball will use the Durham Ball Field (Behind Eureka).

Board Chair moves to authorize the Town Manager to enter a 3-Year Contract with Durham Youth Baseball for the use of the Durham Ball Field (Behind Eureka) and permit DYB to begin scheduling and pre-season work pending the signing of the lease agreement.

Kevin Nadeau amended his motion to authorize the Town Manager to contract up to 5 years with Durham Youth Baseball with negotiated renewal clauses as the parties agree upon and that we allow DYB to proceed with scheduling and pre-season work pending the signing of the lease agreement. Joe Tomm seconds, motion carries 5 – 0.

6. Department Head Reports

Fire Chief: Rob Tripp

- Call volume is up, over 100 – 911 Calls
- Working on Requests for Proposals for capital improvements
- Purchased Battery Back-Up System for the Fire Department's radio system
- Chief Trip and the Fire Department would like to recognize Kevin Nadeau and Todd Beaulieu for their contributions and efforts on the Selectboard.

Road Commissioner: Calvin Beaumier

- Crews have been out responding to black ice conditions on the roads
- Gravel roads – crews are working to fill pot holes
- Stream Crossing Project (Swamp Road) going to bid on Wednesday, March 29th
- Weight restrictions on town roads will be lifted on Friday, March 31st
- MMA Assessment of Compliance on Safety – Town scored off the charts!
- Fire Department will be conducting Fire Extinguisher Training for the Public Works crew

7. Town Manager Report

- MMA – Good report from all three departments (Fire Department/Public Works/Town Office).

8. Consent Agenda:

- Approve minutes from March 15th, 2023 SB Meeting
- Approve and Sign March 17th & 24th, 2023 Warrant(s) both Payables and Payroll

Josh Klein-Golden moves to consent the agenda, Joe Tomm seconds. Motion carries 5 – 0.

9. Upcoming Meeting(s) and Town News:

- **Municipal Election, Friday, March 31, 2023 at the Eureka Center, 8 am – 8 pm**
- **Annual Town Meeting, Saturday, April 1, 2023 (9am Durham Community School)**
- **Planning Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at Town Hall, 6:30 pm**
- **Selectboard Meeting, Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at Town Hall, 6:30 pm**

10. Executive Session Citations: None Needed

Rich George, Joe Tomm and Josh Klein-Golden would like to thank Kevin Nadeau and Todd Beaulieu for their dedicated work on the Selectboard.

11. Adjourn

Todd Beaulieu moves to adjourn, Joe Tomm seconds. Motion carries 5 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.