



TOWN OF DURHAM SELECTBOARD

630 Hallowell Road, Durham, Maine 04222

05/23/23 6:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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

In Attendance: Joe Tomm (Chairman), Rich George (Vice- Chair), Josh Klein-Golden, Heather Roy, Joe Roy, Jerry Douglass (Town Manager), Rob Tripp (Fire Chief), and Calvin Beamier (Road Commissioner).

2. Amendments to Agenda: None

3. Public Comments: Limited to 3 Minutes Per Person (None)

4. New Business:

Michael Friendly – Trail Steward for Runaround Pond/Chesley Meadows at Royal River Conservation Trust – wants to brief the Board about doing trail work.

- Seeking permission to put in cedar boardwalks
- Royal River will provide the material
- Permission to remove invasive plants
- Trail Crew will meet every Wednesday

Joe Roy moves to allow boardwalks to be placed and permission to remove invasive plants. Josh Klein-Golden seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

Application for a Catering Permit – Replenoa Farm

Josh Klein-Golden moves to accept the catering application for Replenoa Farm. Joe Roy seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

Note: Heather Roy pointed out that in the future the Town may want to capture revenue for mass gathering permits.

Vote of Acceptance for a Donation to the Eureka Center

Joe Roy moves to approve the donation to the Eureka Center. Josh Klein-Golden seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

5. Department Head Reports:

Fire Chief

- Grant from MMA Workman's Comp awarded for Fall Protection Equipment
- 22 ½ % increase in Call Volume – The Department has already received 170 – 911 Calls
- Rapid Response Vehicle has been outfitted.
- Casco Bay Ford is repairing one of the Fire Trucks for a blown turbo.
- Save the Date – Sunday, September 3rd – Sea Dogs Game – The Fire Department Honor Guard will be posting the colors at the Sea Dogs Game.
- The Fire Department had a new hot water heater installed.

Road Commissioner

- Cleaning up Cemeteries
- Mill Pond Bridge Deck replaced
- Gravel roads and grading maintenance
- Truck Bid Out

6. Ambulance Reconciliation – Chief Tripp

- **39,000 deficit from non-payment for EMS, Chief is looking for a direction as to whether the Town has ComStar reconcile/write-off the deficit or send out letters for the unpaid bills.**

Heather Roy moves to send a letter to the available people we can collect funds from that is already part of our contracted service with ComStar. Joe Roy seconds. Motion is denied 0-5. The Board decided after a lengthy discussion to wait for further information from Chief Tripp and ComStar before deciding.

7. Manager's Report:

- Town Manager met with Lois Kilby-Chesley, George Theborge and Alan Plummer to discuss the Historic District's role in the Union Church as well as looking at quotes to replace the rotted sills at the Church and the long range plan for the Union Church.
- Onboarding process with Royer Advisors & Associates (Formerly known as Berry-Talbot-Royer) is moving along, the Chart of Accounts is almost completed

and the company should be taking over the Accounts Payable in mid-June and Payroll by mid-July.

- Enterprise Electrical from Lewiston, is looking into the lights for the Town Office building, Eureka Community Center, Fire Department and Public Works – Looking to see what we qualify for through Efficiency Maine

8. Agenda Items for Future SB Meetings

- GPCOG Workshop for the June 13th SB Meeting – Regular Meeting will begin at 5:30pm followed by the workshop with GPCOG.
- Tax Commitment – meeting with Donna Hayes
- Ambulance Reconciliation – re-visit with Chief Tripp and additional information from ComStar.
- Casella representative to discuss our extended contract

9. Tree Growth Penalty – William Hotham II – Map 14, Lot 6

Joe Tomm moves to enter the Board into Assessor's Session. Heather Roy seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

The property was gifted to a family member (3,000 sq. ft.) and that piece of property was in tree growth. Joe Roy moves that the Board move the area of Map 14, Lot 6 from tree growth with the assessed penalty of \$7.33. Josh Klein-Golden seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

Joe Tomm moves that the Board return to regular session. Joe Roy seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

10. Consent Agenda

- **Approve minutes from May 9th, 2023 SB Meeting**
- **Approve and Sign May 12th & May 19th 2023 Warrant(s) both Payables and Payroll**

Joe Roy moves to accept the May 9th SB Meeting Minutes and approve and sign the May 12th and May 19th Warrant(s) both Payables and Payroll. Josh Klein-Golden seconds. Motions carries 5-0.

11. Upcoming Meeting(s) and Town News:

- **Planning Board Meeting, June 7, 2023, Town Hall, 6:30 pm**
- **Select Board Meeting, June 13, 2023, Town Hall, 5:30 pm**
- **RSU5 Budget Referendum, June 13, 2023, Durham Amvets, 8am – 8pm**
- **Planning Board Ordinance Review, June 14, 2023, Town Hall, 6:30pm**

12. Adjourn

Josh Klein-Golden moves to adjourn the meeting. Joe Roy seconds. Motion carries 5-0.