



TOWN OF DURHAM SELECTBOARD

630 Hallowell Road, Durham, Maine 04222

07/11/23 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 and Joe Roy.

Absent: Jerry Douglass (Town Manager) Excused

Guest(s): Alan Plummer (Code Officer), Mike Friendly (Representing Royal River Conservation Trust).

2. Amendments to Agenda: None

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

4. New Business:

Royal River Conservation Trust (Mike Friendly)

- Bike Rack at Runaround Pond
- Donated Blue Picnic Tables at Runaround Pond by Bruce's Burritos

Signs (Alan Plummer)

- Ordinance states no "off-premise signs"
- Code Officer recommends to the SB codification from a professional company (will help to keep ordinances to not conflict with one another)
- Joe Tomm and Rich George suggested speaking with our legal counsel for advice about the sign ordinance - do they agree with MMA?
- Joe Roy asked the Board what can the SB do?
- Josh Klein-Golden suggested eliminating everything below Item G on the 5.24 Signage Ordinance.
- Joe Roy asked the Board if we can put a temporary intervention on the sign ordinance?
- Joe Tomm discussed with the Board that we would hold on enforcement until we hear back from legal counsel and asked if the Codes Officer could research another town that has done this and report back to the Select Board.

Update on Land Use Articles (John Talbot)

- Affordable Housing – Legislature has extended the deadline to July 1, 2026

- Planning Board will design something to take affect for the Town Meeting next year.
- Receive input from residents/committees, Planning Board will be involved with various resources.
- Select Board will be sent a draft article for review and then the Planning Board will schedule a formal public hearing and after the hearing before Town Meeting.
- Planning Board will work on housing – something that will meet the State rules with the town of Durham in mind.
- Reached out to the Town Attorney about Fees
- Conservation Commission will help with solar and cell tower ordinances.
- Appeals Board will give some leeway to codes to approve.
- Joe Roy suggested the Planning Board reach out to GPCOG about ordinance fees, does MMA have any grants for extra planning?

5. Manager Report: (Town Clerk, Jessica Landberg sitting in for Town Manager)

- Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) notified the Town that a case of animal rabies in a woodchuck was recently identified in our town. Animal Control has been notified, the Fire Chief (Health Officer) has also been notified and the public has been informed on social media and the town website.

6. Union Church Committee Appointments

Board discussed what the committee's goals are going to be as well as a time frame, appoint seven voting members and two alternate members.

Joe Roy motions to create this committee, consisting of an uneven number of members, to make a recommendation for use of the Union Church within a 9-month time frame. Heather Roy seconds.

Rich George recommended that the committee consist of 7 voting members and 2 alternate members. Joe Roy accepts the friendly amendment.

Joe Roy amends his motion to include an uneven number of members (7 voting members and 2 alternate members) to make a recommendation for use of the Union Church, within a 9-month time frame. Heather Roy seconds.

Joe Roy amends his motion that the Select Board create this committee, consisting of 7 voting members and 2 alternate members, to present us with an option to move forward in four (4) months and have an additional two (2) months to get public input on the committee's recommendations. Heather Roy seconds. Motion carries 4-0-1. Heather Roy abstained.

7. Executive Session Citations:

- Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) – Union Church Committee Appointments

Josh Klein-Golden motions that the Board move into Executive Session to appoint the members of the Union Church Committee. Joe Roy seconds. Motion carries 5 – 0.

8. Re-convene Regular Meeting

Josh Klein-Golden motions that the Board move to appoint Neil Berry, John Talbot, Tyler Hutchison, Emily Alexander, Lois Kilby-Chesley, William Schneider and Paula Erdmann-Purdy as the seven (7) voting members and Candace DeCsipkes and Tia Wilson as the two (2) alternate members of the Union Church Committee. Joe Roy seconds. Motion carries 5 – 0.

9. Consent Agenda

- **Approve minutes from June 27th, 2023 SB Meeting and Approve and Sign June 30th and July 11th, 2023 Warrant(s) both Payables and Payroll**

Josh Klein-Golden moves to accept the meeting minutes from the June 27th, 2023 meeting, and accept and sign the June 30th and July 11th 2023 Warrant(s) both Payables and Payroll. Joe Roy seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

10. Upcoming Meeting(s) and Town News:

- **Select Board Meeting 7-25-23 & 8-8-23, Town Hall @ 6:30pm**
- **Planning Board Meeting 8-2-23, Town Hall @ 6:30pm**

11. Adjourn

Heather Roy motions to adjourn. Josh Klein-Golden seconds. Motion carries 5 – 0.