



TOWN OF DURHAM SELECT BOARD

630 Hallowell Road, Durham, Maine 04222

12/26/23 6:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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

In Attendance: Joe Tomm (Chairman), Josh Klein-Golden, Heather Roy and Jerry Douglass (Town Manager).

Absent: Rich George and Joe Roy (excused)

2. Amendments to Agenda:

Remove Budget Discussion from Item 6: New Business until January SB Meeting.

3. Public Comments: Limited to 3 Minutes Per Person – None

4. Reports: Road Commissioner and Fire Chief

Calvin Beaumier, Road Commissioner

- ◆ Public Works has been busy with the latest storm and flooding event.
- ◆ Collaborated with the Fire Department, RSU5 Transportation Department, Town Manager, MaineDOT and utility companies throughout the storm event.
- ◆ Crews will be cleaning up debris and repairing washouts, etc. over the next week or two. We are still assessing the damages.
- ◆ The Road Commissioner has continued working with MMA's Loss Mitigation Department on property deficiencies and repair issues.
- ◆ Continuing work on the 2024 Budget numbers and processes.
- ◆ Road Commissioner and the Town Manager met with Casella Waste Management for the bid opening.
- ◆ PW repaired the stairs on the Modular at the Fire Department.
- ◆ Eureka Community Center - foundation work is necessary.

Rob Tripp, Fire Chief

- ◆ The Fire Department ran twenty-five (25) 911 call for the 2-day storm event. These numbers continue to grow and do not account for service calls, or storm damage assessments.
- ◆ On December 19th, the MDOT in conjunction with Durham Emergency Management, shut down Route 136 from Davis Road to Stackpole Road at 12 noon. Later that day, the road closure was pushed from Davis Road to Mill Street in Auburn. On Thursday, December 21, Route 136 was reopened after flood waters receded and the State DOT inspected and cleaned the road of debris.
- ◆ The Eureka Community Center was opened as a charging and warming center from 9am to 4pm, with Fire Department Staff. No visitors were recorded.
- ◆ The FD inspected and monitored Snow Road subdivision, Route 136 and the Lisbon Dam multiple times during the storm event.

- ◆ The Fire Station experienced some damage to include the flagpole, some interior flooding and some loose roof panels.
- ◆ Please note: Facebook is not an official way of communicating. The Fire Department does not monitor FB in real time. The phone system was down during the storm, so leaving voicemails is not helpful. If it's an emergency, dial 911. The Fire Department was in constant communication with the road commissioner and the town manager.

5. New Business:

Solid Waste Bid – One (1) Bid returned, Casella Waste Management, cost will increase 5% each year or whatever the CPI is for trash collection and year two (2) or three (3) the automated system with bins will be added with an additional \$80,000 for that service. The contract is for 5 years.

Durham Historic District Commission – Appoint two (2) applicants for approval.

- David McClellan – Full Member Appointment
- Sandra Hilton – Alternate Member Appointment

Heather Roy motions to appoint David McClellan as a full member and Sandra Hilton as an alternate member of the Durham Historic District Commission. Josh. Klein-Golden seconds, motion carries **3 – 0**.

6. Town Manager's Report:

- ◆ Reached out to the Town Attorney concerning the possible transfer of the Union Church building, the transfer could be handled as a quick claim deed, but the money will have to be handled at Town Meeting.
- ◆ Marc Roy (Accounts Payable and Payroll Specialist) will be leaving the firm, March 15, 2024, which means our A/P will be back in-house and payroll will be outsourced.
- ◆ The Town Office staff has stepped up while an employee is recovering from a broken leg.

7. Board Member Reports:

Heather Roy – The Select Board has been working on the By-Laws, edit to drafts to be discussed and voted on at a future meeting.

8. Consent Agenda:

- ◆ Approve Minutes from December 12th, 2023 SB Meeting and approve and sign the December 26th AP Warrant.

Joe Tamm moves to accept the consent agenda as presented, **Josh Klein-Golden seconds**, motion carries **3 – 0**.

9. Upcoming Meeting(s) and Town News:

- ◆ Select Board Meeting 1-09-24 & 1-23-24 @ Town Hall, 6:30 pm
- ◆ Planning Board Meeting 01-03-24, Town Hall @ 6:30 pm

10. **Adjourn** – **Josh Klein-Golden motions** to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm, **Heather Roy seconds**. Motion carries **3 – 0**.