

**Town of Durham
Board of Selectmen
Public Hearing
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2020 via Zoom**

Kevin Nadeau opens the virtual Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. and gives a brief overview of the budget year.

Ruth Glaeser gives a presentation on the Warrant for the secret ballot Referendum on July 14.

There is time for Public Comment and Questions.

Kevin Nadeau Moves to close the Public Hearing for the Referendum on July 14. Marc Farrin Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

Call to Order: Kevin Nadeau calls the Select Board regular meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Kevin Nadeau, Chairman; Rob Pontau, Vice Chairman; Marc Farrin; Richard George; and Todd Beaulieu

Quorum: Quorum met with five (5) members present

Amendments to Agenda:

Kevin Nadeau adds an item to the Consent Agenda: 7a) 5-5 Minutes to approve.

Public Comment: None

Action/Discussion: None

Departments/Committees:

Fire Chief Joseph Moore presents his report (see attached).
Road Commissioner Calvin Beaumier presents his report (see attached).

Town Administrator Ruth Glaeser presents her report.

Consent Agenda:

Kevin Nadeau Moves to accept the Consent Agenda as presented, with the addition of the 5-5 Minutes. Todd Beaulieu Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

Selectmen's Comments:

Kevin Nadeau announces that the next regular Select Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, via Zoom. The next regular meeting after that will be held on Tuesday, July 14, which is Voting Day, at 6:30 p.m. It is undetermined at this time whether this meeting will be held via Zoom or in person.

Kevin Nadeau Moves to Adjourn. Todd Beaulieu Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Dion
Meetings Secretary



DURHAM FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report on Department

Durham Select Board

06/09/20

Report Date: 06/09/20

General Overview:

- The department is currently functioning well with many discussions and projects underway.

Departmental Changes/Major Projects:

- **DFR COVID-19 Response and Preparedness** – We continue to monitor the situation locally and state wide. Our call volume continues to be lower than normal and we are maintaining an appropriate stock of PPE for our responders. We continue to follow current Maine EMS guidelines for all responses and department operations. Through the month of June, we are continuing trainings and meetings in small groups that are within current recommendations. The fire station will remain closed to the public at least until the end of June. As we have a small and entirely voluntary staff of EMS providers, our goal is to continue to protect them until we can see a more promising drop in infection numbers. As LHO, I am reviewing the plan outlined by Gov. Mills yesterday and will be discussing any potential projects with the town administrator.
- **Well/Septic Projects** – The well has been drilled, with disappointing results after 700ft. After discussion and recommendations, we are moving forward with hydrofracking, scheduled for this week. The septic system project is scheduled to begin within the next week.
- **Station Cleanup/Surplus Equipment Disposal** – With the down time we do have, we are picking away at small projects to clean the station and make the space more functional and efficient. With this, I am exploring the option of disposing of a remote air bottle fill station that was purchased with grant monies some time ago. Will present more information to the board when I have it.

Apparatus:

- **No Major Issues** - All apparatus are in service and functioning with annual pump tests being scheduled.



DURHAM FIRE & RESCUE

Discussion Topics:

- Suspension of Online Burn Permits - This is only suspending the portal through the Maine Forest Service website that required the \$7 fee. This choice was made by me after the state issued a burn permit through that site last week before the predicted weather came out. This loophole resulted in a resident beginning to burn on a class day when it was not actually permitted or safe, requiring our response. Burning is still permitted in the town, and free online permits are available through www.wardensreport.com
- Law Enforcement Coverage - After a recent issue with proper law enforcement coverage not being available for a call here in town, I have had a conversation with the Sheriff regarding the contract, rumored coverage changes and who will actually be responding to the towns requests for help. I have attached the copy of the agreement between the State and the Sheriff's Office. After everyone has had a chance to digest this, I recommend we come back to the discussion to assess the town's needs and any possible changes we may want/need to request. I also want to take a moment and commend the Sheriff's Office on their support and assistance with resolving a potentially dangerous situation for our staff on that call last week.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph C. Moore, Chief of Department



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Durham Public Works Department Head Report 06-09-2020

- We have completed all of the culvert replacements that we had on our list from last year.
- We have painted the crosswalks and Stop AHD signs/bars, the Town office, Public Works, and Fire Station parking lots.
- I worked with Crooker on Friday and today to surface-pave Meadow Road. We have everything paved up to the area that MDOT was supposed to work with us on. We will be shimming that tomorrow.
- We will be relocating the speed radar trailer this week. I have delegated the data collection and sharing components of the speed radar trailer to Tom and he was on vacation last week. We will be getting caught up on that this week.
- I have been putting the information together for the speed study request for Meadow Road and should be sending that in tomorrow.
- I have been quite involved with Crooker regarding the Day Road construction. I have made a few field changes to move the centerline in places. Crooker should be ready to grind up the pavement that's left and start prepping for new pavement within the next week or so. I will be working with Crooker on the scheduling of that.
- We are cutting trees and overhanging branches along Deervale and Cottage Woods Roads so that we can ditch there. We will start ditching that neighborhood this week.