

**DURHAM SELECT BOARD
VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 11, 2021**

1. Call to Order: Kevin Nadeau calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Members present via Zoom are: Kevin Nadeau, Chair; Rob Pontau Vice Chair; Todd Beaulieu; Marc Farrin; and Richard George.
2. Amendments to the Agenda:
Kevin Nadeau adds the following items to the agenda:
4d) Approve the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting May 22, 2021
4e) Approve the Oath for Ruth Glaeser to Serve as Deputy Treasurer
3. Public Comment:
Heather Roy has several questions.
4. Action & Discussion:
 - a) Tax Settlement and Re-Commitment
Kevin Nadeau Moves to approve the Tax Settlement amount of \$15,223.60, relieving the current Town Administrator/Treasurer of that responsibility, and re-committing the same amount to the new Durham Town Manager and Tax Collector, Kathy Tombarelli. Rob Pontau Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.
 - b) *Kevin Nadeau postpones this item until after the following Road Posting Ordinance discussion.*
 - c) Discussion of Road Posting Ordinance
Kevin Nadeau Moves to post the proposed Road Posting Ordinance on the Town of Durham website and other channels in preparation for a public hearing on the ordinance on May 25, 2021, then a Select Board vote on the ordinance as presented, without the inclusion of Rabbit Road and with the formatting of the headlines of the sections to clarify the meeting. Rob Pontau Seconds. Motion Carries 4-1 (Pontau Opposed).

Kevin Nadeau Amends his Motion to remove Rabbit Road from the list of roads on the Road Posting Ordinance. Rich George Seconds. Motion Carries 4-1 (Pontau Opposed).

The agenda goes back to item 4b) Town Meeting Mailer

Kevin Nadeau Moves to send the presented draft mailer to all households in Durham as soon as possible, and incorporating the suggestions of using bright yellow paper and editing the formatting of the headline. Rich George Seconds. Motion Carries 4-0 (Farrin Abstains).

- d) Approval of the Special Town Meeting warrant and the RSU5 Budget warrant.

Kevin Nadeau Moves to approve the Special Town Meeting warrant as presented. Todd Beaulieu Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

Kevin Nadeau Moves to approve the RSU5 warrant for the June 8, 2021 Budget Validation, as presented. Marc Farrin Seconds. Motion Carries 4-1 (Beaulieu Opposed).

- e) Oath for Ruth Glaeser:

Kevin Nadeau Moves to approve the oath for Ruth Glaeser to continue as Deputy Treasurer for the Town of Durham, until the end of her employment with the town. Marc Farrin Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

5. Department/Committee Reports:

- a) Road Commissioner Calvin Beaumier presents his report.
- b) Fire Chief Joseph Moore presents his report.
- c) Town Manager Kathy Tombarelli presents her report.

6. Consent Agenda:

Kevin Nadeau Moves to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Rich George Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.

7. Selectmen's Comments:

Select Board Chair Kevin Nadeau announces the following:

- **A Special Town Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, at the Durham Town Offices**
- **The next virtual regular Select Board meetings are at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 25 and June 8, via Zoom**

8. Executive Session:

**Kevin Nadeau Moves to go into Executive Session. Rich George
Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,
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Durham Public Works Department Head Report 5-11-21

- I forwarded the bid tab from the contract documents to the Board after the last meeting. I rescheduled the signing to May 18th. I am looking for authorization to sign the docs on that date.
- The Army Corp Of Engineer permits have been submitted for the stream crossing grants. The ACOE has requested additional information that the engineer is putting together. Engineer is requesting permission from MDEP to allow us to bid while ACOE permit is pending. Hope to have an update before the meeting.
- I sent the proposed Weight Restriction Ordinance to the Board just prior to the last Board meeting. Hopefully everyone has had a chance to review it and have a discussion at the meeting. Pete Coughlan of the MDOT Maine Local Roads division and I determined that the ordinance had some significant flaws. It appears that the ordinance was started using the MMA Model and that there were some improper references made to MDOT as well as a few outdated references. Pete and I have modified the ordinance to differentiate between year- round and seasonal postings and cleaned up the references. Pete also changed the definition of Frozen Road to match the 2019 updated MDOT definition of "solidly frozen".
- I have been in discussions with the MDOT regarding the Meadow Road & Rt 125 intersection. Back when they decided to do the rebuild by joining our contract with crooker, we had agreed at a transition point to merge the two projects. Since they backed out of that agreement, they had moved the transition point back toward Roue 125 which would leave a 125 ft section of Meadow Rd with just an overlay of pavement that we put on as a band aid to carry us over to the intersection rebuild. After several discussions, MDOT has agreed box-cut to our rebuild point and rebuild to that point. They are still waiting for Comcast to remove the old poles before they can start construction. They will give me an update later this week.
- Public Works crew has been working on gravel roads, adding gravel, repairing pot holes, and shaping them up.