

**Town of Durham  
Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2020**

**1.Executive Session** Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) – interviews  
**Kevin Nadeau moves the Board into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6)(A). Marc Farrin Seconds. Motion carries 4-0.**

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**2. Call to Order:** Kevin Nadeau called the meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m.

**Members present:** Kevin Nadeau, Chairman; Rob Pontau, Vice Chairman (arrived late); Todd Beaulieu; Rich George; and Marc Farrin

**Quorum:** Quorum met with five (5) members present

**3. Pledge of Allegiance:** Done

**4. Amendments to Agenda:**

Kevin Nadeau adds item:

Candace Decsipkes, Durham Historic District Commission

**5. Public Comment:** None

**6. Action/Discussion:**

- a) Jack Conway/CEO Bob Forrest – Discussion of Piela Consent Agreement/Carl junkyard

Bob Forrest states that there are five junkyards in violation of Durham ordinances. He says he would rather work with the owners through Consent Agreements than go to court on each of them. Discussion with the Select Board and Jack Conway about the pros and cons.

Bob Forrest will approach each owner in violation with Consent Agreements that the properties be cleaned up by July 1, 2020 or they will be brought to court.

**Todd Beaulieu Moves to sign a permit for a junkyard for Troy and Lisa Peterson. Rich George Seconds. Motion Carries 4-0 (Rob Pontau was not present for discussion).**

b) Jack Conway – Discussion of marijuana ordinances

Discussion around Durham's interest in allowing commercial marijuana activities. Jack Conway says the first thing the Town needs to do is vote to opt-in before moving forward. Kevin wants to discuss the process for developing marijuana operations ordinances and the time frame involved. The Board agrees they will put the question of opting-in before voters at Town Meeting in the spring. Ruth will draft a question.

c) Discussion of Methodist Church – Lois Kilby-Chesley

Lois reports that the Friends of the West Durham Methodist Church has been created and they want to take ownership of the church. They have been given permission to be an independent subcommittee of the West Durham Methodist Church and may use their nonprofit status. She says she has applied for several grants and has received a \$50,000 grant from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation to begin repairs. The group will prioritize repairing the roof of the church. Lois says she has come before the Select Board tonight to ask for the deed to the Church to be transferred to the Friends of the West Durham Methodist Church for \$1 so they can get started on the repair work.

**Kevin Nadeau Moves to approve the transfer ownership of the West Durham Methodist Church to the Friends of the West Durham Methodist Church for \$1. Rich George Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.**

d) Durham Historic District Commission/Candace Decsipkes

The Durham Historic District Commission is requesting a change in the language of the Town Ordinance to allow the Commission to add more members. Discussion around whether it is necessary to bring this question before voters to change the language, or just have the group add non-voting associate members at their own discretion without a town vote.

**Rob Pontau Moves to draft a Warrant Article that changes the Historic District Ordinance Article 2, Section B to read “five members and up to four alternate members.” Rich George Seconds. Motion Carries 4-1 (Nadeau opposed).**

e) Solid Waste RFP

TA/AA Ruth Glaeser reports that she has received two bids from her call for Solid Waste RFPs. Discussion about moving forward. Ruth will gather more information and report back to the Board.

## **7. Departments/Committees:**

TA/AA Ruth Glaeser does not have anything additional to report. Fire Chief Joseph Moore and Road Commissioner Calvin Beaumier are not present at tonight’s meeting and there are no reports from them.

**Rich George Moves to give Capital Area Technical Center until January 14 to pick up the fire truck or other arrangements will be considered. Rob Pontau Seconds. Motion Carries 5-0.**

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**Kevin Nadeau moves to offer the Town Clerk position to Rebecca Taylor-Chase at the wage of \$20 per hour to start on or about the first week of February. Rich George Seconds. Motion carries 5-0.**

**Rob Pontau moves to adjourn. Kevin Nadeau Seconds. Motion carries 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Kathy Dion  
Meetings Secretary