



**Town Of Durham**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
Town Hall  
October 11, 2022  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum**

In attendance: Rich George (Vice-Chair), Joe Tomm, Josh Klein-Golden, Jerry Douglass (Town Manager), Ron Tripp (Fire Chief) and Calvin Beaumier (Road Commissioner).

Absent: Kevin Nadeau (Chair) and Todd Beaulieu

**2. Amendments to Agenda: None**

**3. Public Comments:**

John Talbot would like to put “All Trash Day” back into the budget.

**4. Reports:**

Fire Chief

The Fire Chief began his report stating that the Town of Durham Fire Department has lost revenue in its funding for rescue transports. Prior to Covid, in 2018 the Fire Department collected \$43,000. The Department switched billing collection companies in 2019, previously they were contracted with Freeport, and now ComStar handles the billing collections. When Covid hit, the number dropped to \$30,000, it reached \$45,000 when Covid waned and then last year it went back down to \$42,000. (Note: Call volume is up 21% and 70% of those calls are EMS/Rescue calls.)

Requests for the Fire Department for Capital Improvement/ARPA Funds

- Utility Vehicle/Used Crew Cab Truck ~ \$60,000 to use for a Chief’s Car and an EMS Response Car. (Chief is currently using his personal vehicle and the Town is paying him a stipend.)
- Plymo-Vents (Diesel Exhaust) ~ \$50,000 to fix the ill-functioning exhaust system in the bay. Currently using a 3 x 3 hole in the wall fan.
- Rehab the Quint Truck ~ Currently the ladder truck has 25,000 miles, requesting \$100,000.

## Road Commissioner

### Requests for Public Works for Capital Improvement/ARPA Funds

- \$150,000 for MDEP Stream Crossing for Meadow Brook/Swamp Road Flood Mitigation and Environmental Improvements for fish passageways. The complete project price is \$300,000.
- \$100,000 to maintain the fund, using property taxes.

### **5. Town Manager's Report:**

Agility completed the HVAC projects at the Town Hall and the Fire Department. Insulation work was completed at the Town Hall. Phone systems were transferred over to Comcast from Consolidated on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Spacial Alternatives is working with George Thebarg (Town Planner) to get the GIS Mapping Project underway.

Boards and Committee Vacancies ~ Received two (2) requests for the Budget Committee and the Conservation Commission. Josh Klein-Golden has a possible candidate for a seat on the Planning Board.

A leasing company will be coming to do an assessment on what the town has for computers on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

### Requests for the Town Office using ARPA Funds

- \$6,000 to replace the CANON copier that is currently being leased, as well as the fax machine, that is costing the Town \$5,000 per year. By purchasing the copier and entering into a service agreement for approximately \$800 a year, the town will save approximately \$14,000 over a five-year period. The life expectancy of a copier is 800,000 copies and the Town uses roughly 50,000 copies per year.

### **6. Public Input Regarding the Use of ARPA Funds**

Phyllis Brannon (Brookside Drive) ~ Would like to see funding for additional Police/Sheriff patrol in Durham. The Town has seen more development and there is increased traffic on our roads.

## **7. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approve minutes from September 27, 2022 Board of Selectmen Meeting
- b. Approve and Sign September 30<sup>th</sup> & October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Warrant(s) both Payables and Payroll.

Josh Klein-Golden motions, Joe Tomm seconds, motion carries 3-0.

## **8. BYOB Permit Review, Discussion**

Nathan Ledger was present for the Durham Amvets BYOB Permit(s).

- Celebration of Life
- Halloween Dance

Rich George entertains a motion for the Durham Amvets to hold a Celebration of Life on October 29, 2022 from the hours of 11 am to 6 pm. Joe Tomm motions, Josh Klein-Golden seconds, motion carries 3-0.

Rich George entertains a motion for the Durham Amvets to hold a Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 29, 2022 from the hours of 6 pm to 11:30 pm. Josh motions, Joe seconds, motion carries 3-0.

Sandra Moore requests a BYOB Permit for a 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party to be held on November 5, 2022 at the Durham Amvets, with approximately 60 people attending.

Rich entertains a motion for Sandra Moore to hold a 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party at the Amvets on November 5, 2022 from the hours of 3 pm to 7 pm. Joe motions, Josh seconds, motion carries 3-0.

## **9. Upcoming Meeting(s) and Town News:**

Board of Selectmen Meeting ~ October 25, 2022 at Town Hall/6:30 pm

Planning Board Meeting ~ November 2, 2022 at Town Hall/6:30 pm

Board of Selectmen Meeting ~ November 8, 2022 at Town Hall/6:30 pm  
Public Input for use of additional ARPA Funds

## **10. Executive Session Citations: None**

## **11. Adjourn**

Joe Tomm motions to adjourn, Josh seconds, motion carries 3-0. Meeting adjourns at 7:15 pm.