



TOWN OF DURHAM SELECTBOARD

630 Hallowell Road, Durham, Maine 04222

07/25/23 6:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Guest(s): Chris McHale (District Manager – Casella), Mark Haley (Office Manager – Casella) and Talya Bent (Municipal Account Manager – Casella).

2. Amendments to Agenda:

Joe Tomm motioned to amend the second part of Item #7 – New Business (Goals/Priority Setting) to the end of the meeting.

3. Public Comments: Limited to 3 Minutes Per Person (None)

4. Reports: Fire Chief, Road Commissioner

Fire Chief

- The Chief/Health Agent has been following the report of an animal (woodchuck) that tested positive for rabies in the Hallowell Road area.
- The fire department was gifted a recent donation of radios and assorted fire truck adaptors from Mr. Keith Higgins (Stackpole Road).
- The department has hired three (3) residents: One EMT-B and two support personnel.
- The department received a drinking water donation from Anheuser-Busch and NVFC.

Road Commissioner

- Discussed adding a battery backup for the warning lights.
- Ditching Quaker Meeting House Road between Meadow Road and Route 125.
- Battling some beavers on Dewitt Hill Road that have decided to build a dam in our cross culverts. We have cleaned them out and put in metal grates for now and we will continue to monitor the activity.
- Working with DEP Swamp Road Stream Crossing.
- Concerns with plowing near the Tracy Brook Bridge project this winter.

5. Town Manager's Report:

- Royer & Associates is fully onboard.
- Audit is almost complete.
- Deadline for Efficiency Maine is at the end of August 2023.
- Waiting to hear back from the electrician who works with Efficiency Maine.

6. Old Business: N/A

7. New Business:

Casella (Chris McHale)

- Extended our current contract for with hopes of a longer-term contract with the Town of Durham.
- Switch to an automated system – residents are given two bins (64-gallon totes – one for trash, one for recycling) and a split body truck would pick up both bins using an automated arm that is on the side of the truck. (This system replaces the Rear Load System.)
- Recommends doing an RFP before the end of this calendar year.

8. Board of Assessors

Joe Tomm motions to move the board into Assessor's session, Joe Roy seconds. Motion carries 5 – 0.

- Abatement for James & Monica Millhime (Map 6/Lot 89A)
- Abatement for Jeffrey Packard (Account 1393 Map 12/Lot 26A ON)
- Abatement for Jeffrey Packard (Account 720 Map 12/Lot 26A)

Joe Tomm moves that the Board accept the Assessor's abatement notifications for James and Monica Millhime and (2) abatements for Jeffrey Packard, Josh Klein-Golden seconds. Motion carries 5 – 0.

Joe Tomm moves the Board out of Assessor's session, Joe Roy seconds. Motion carries 5 – 0.

9. Agenda Items for next SB Meeting

Note: Heather Roy and Joe Roy will not be present for the August 11th SB Meeting.

10. Consent Agenda:

- **Approve Minutes from July 11th, 2023 SB Meeting**
- **Approve and Sign July 16th & July 23rd, 2023 Warrant(s) both Payables and Payroll**

Joe Tomm moves to accept the meeting minutes from the July 11th, 2023 SB Meeting and accept and sign the July 16th and July 23rd, 2023 Warrants, Heather Roy seconds. Motion carries 5 – 0.

11. Upcoming Meeting(s) and Town News:

- **Planning Board Meeting 8-2-23, Town Hall @ 6:30pm**
- **Select Board Meeting 8-11-23 & 8-22-23, Town Hall @ 6:30pm**

12. New Business (Continued)

Goals/Priority Setting

- Coming up for the next Town Meeting, need to get a contract in place for our trash collection.
- Assessment for reevaluation (long overdue – last assessment was done in 2010)
- Outstanding ARPA Funds

- Technology upgrade at Eureka Community Center
- Committee in place for Old Town Hall (Union Church)
- Possibly moving into a Fiscal Year Budget
- Need a long-term CIP Funding Plan
- Lack of written policies – Heather Roy – lead person to work on this issue.
- Put policies on the next agenda.
- Town Manager recommended getting the RFP out for the reevaluation assessment.

13. Executive Session Citations: None

- Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A)

14. Adjourn

Rich George motions to adjourn. Joe Tomm seconds. Motion carries 5 – 0.