



Town of Durham

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Town Hall

September 13, 2022

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order & Establishment of Quorum

In attendance: Kevin Nadeau (Chair), Rich George (Vice-Chair), Todd Beaulieu, Joe Tomm, Josh Klein-Golden, Jerry Douglass (Town Manager), Rob Tripp (Fire Chief), Calvin Beamier (Road Commissioner) and John Talbot (Planning Board, Chair).

2. Amendments to Agenda:

Remove Assessor's Session (Item #9) – Board needs clarification from the Town Assessor.

3. Public Comments:

Richard Merrill and Chad Burke would like to re-instate the Durham “Old Home Days”

- They have held meetings to discuss bringing the “Old Home Days” back.
- They would like the support of the town
- The goal is to have it the First Weekend in August 2023 (3 Day Event).
- Considering having amusement rides, food trucks, a parade and live entertainment.

The Board recommended drawing up a detailed proposal for the event, explaining what the town's role would be, parking and public safety concerns, insurance for use of the land, etc.

4. Reports:

Road Commissioner's Report

- Ditching continues on Auburn/Pownal Road and tree cutting and brush cutting on Stackpole Road.
- Crack sealing on various roads in town
- Gravel road repair, ditching and shoulder work continues
- Spoke to the Maine DOT about the Tracy Brook Bridge, likely going to bid in November.
- Spoke to a regional engineer about putting up the advanced warning lights for the intersection of Route 9, Swamp Road and Plummer's Mill Road. Work should be started the last week of September.
- Stackpole Road paving was completed from Route 136, a mile and a half up to #311. Later this month, or the first of October the remainder of the paving will be completed.

Fire Chief's Report

- Responded to 34 Service Calls in the month of August.
 - Assisted Topsham for a second alarm fire
 - Carbon Monoxide incident
 - Assisted Topsham with a water rescue and recovery
- Chief wanted to thank Public Works for assisting the Fire Department with a septic issue and getting it pumped out and up to code.
- Currently looking for grant money to repair the Brush Truck.

Planning Board Update (John Talbot, Chair)

- Celebration Tree Farm came to the Planning Board in July, asking for some non-conforming use of their land. They asked for a continuance in September and will meet back with the Planning Board in October. They are working with the Town Planner to sort things out and a site walk is scheduled for October 5th at 5pm followed by the Planning Board meeting at 6:30pm at Town Hall. (If the applicant is ready, a public hearing as well.)
- Deer Creek Project (13-Cluster Lot Subdivision) – Preliminary Plan Approval, next step is the Final Plans.
- The Planning Board is working on two (2) articles, changing the ordinances.
 - Affordable Housing Act
 - Roads

Mr. Talbot mentioned a public comment meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th at the Fire Department at 6pm to discuss the issues of Affordable Housing and Roads.

5. Town Manager's Report:

- Efficiency Maine Grant Opportunity – Lighting at Town Hall, inside the building and the parking lot. (Deadline for this grant is August 2023)
- Update on Approved Projects Using ARPA Funds
 - Town Office/HVAC work will be completed by September 16th and work will begin at the Fire Station the following week. Work should be completed by the end of September.
 - Signed contract to blow the insulation in the attic of the Town Office.
 - Contract for GIS Mapping, needs authorization
 - Phone and Internet will be done on Wednesday, September 21st at the Town Office and Thursday, September 22nd at the Fire Department and Public Works.
- Boards and Committee Vacancies – 2 seats on the Budget Committee, Alternate seat on the Board of Appeals, 2 seats on the CIP Committee and 1 seat on the Planning Board.

6. Discuss ARPA Project Selection Process

The allocating of the remaining ARPA Funds, around \$300,000, and discussion of the public's input in the process. The Board discussed holding a Public Input Meeting in October, during the Select Board's regular meeting. The board discussed putting together an initial list from the Town Manager and department heads for their capital requests.

7. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve minutes from August 23, 2022 SB Meeting
- b. Approve and sign August 29/September 5, 12, 2022 Warrant(s) Both Payables & Payroll
- c. Approve Various Oaths for Town Manager (Deputy Registrar of Voters, GA Administrator, Deputy Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector)
- d. Applications for BYOB Permit

Todd Beaulieu motions to approve the consent agenda as presented, minus (8d) Applications for BYOB Permit. Joe Tomm seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

Applications for BYOB Permit

Rich George motions to approve Durham Amvets two (2) applications and Bliss Farm Inn's application. Joe Tomm seconds. Motion carries 5-0.

8. Upcoming Meeting(s) and Town News:

- Select Board Regular Meeting ~ Tuesday, September 27th at Town Hall, 6:30pm
- Planning Board Meeting ~ October 5th at Town Hall, 6:30pm
- Select Board Meeting/Public Input ~ Tuesday, October 11th at Town Hall, 6:30pm
- Planning Board/Public Comment Meeting ~ October 12th at the Fire Department, 6pm

9. Executive Session

Kevin Nadeau motions to move into executive session. Rich George seconds. Motion carries 5 – 0, Board is in Executive Session at 8:10pm.

10. Re-Convvene Regular Meeting

11. Adjourn

Meeting is adjourned at 8:28pm.