BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING BOARD OF SELECTMEN

6:00 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025

DURHAM TOWN HALL 3rd FLOOR AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE Zoom Recording

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Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

Called to order at 7:00pm

Roll call

BOF: William Castro, Jim Martinelli, Phil Muzio, Nancy Cuomo, Eileen Buckheit, Molly Nolan

BOS: Brendan Rea, Robert Chadd, Tom Hennick

DMIAAB: Dom DelVecchio

Absent:

Staff: Beth Moncata, Finance Director

Others in attendance: other members of the public

2. Discuss DMIAAB Sticker Fees and Credit Card Fees

- a. Eileen Buckheit briefly summarized the issue: There was previously a moratorium raising the sticker fee for three years. Last year the board could not come to an agreement on a solution. Middlefield decided not to increase sticker fee, Durham BOF also agreed. Implementation of credit card and debit card options was suggested to reduce the amount of cash handled.
- b. Discussed credit card use, noted that credit card vendors require a convenience fee which would either be absorbed by the town or the customer. DMIAAB is not currently accepting credit cards. It was noted that the sticker fee does not cover 100% of the cost to the town
- c. Eileen Buckheit suggested a \$5 increase per year. Noted that some towns absorb the cost completely, and residents who already pay for private pickup would not agree with adding the cost to the town budget. Molly Nolan suggested deciding on a plan for Durham and presenting the plan to Middlefield. Phil Muzio noted safety issue of handling large amounts of cash at transfer station and suggested public information campaign to notify residents of switch to credit cards. Nancy Cuomo suggested requiring credit cards for transactions over \$10

d. Discussed at length cost for taxpayers and for town over the past several years. Generally agreed to propose a \$10 sticker fee increase and eliminate cash payments, accepting credit cards or checks instead. Decided to wait to increase other waste fees.

3. Adjournment

a. MOTION BY NANCY CUOMO, SECONDED BY SEVERAL TO ADJOURN. ALL AYE, MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Charest