

Town of Durham
Board of Selectmen
Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
3rd floor, Town Hall, and Remote via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Recording
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1. Call to Order
First Selectman Rea called the Board of Selectmen meeting of Wednesday, November 5, 2025 to order at 8:30 a.m. Also present: Selectman Chadd and Selectman Hennick.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
First Selectman Rea led with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda
MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE TABLING OF ITEM NUMBER 6 AND ITEM NUMBER 11
Discussion: First Selectman Rea explained the proclamation information has not come in yet from the family and the approval of the minutes will be on the next agenda.
VOTE: ALL AYE
4. Public Comment (open to agenda items only)
Rick Parmelee: disagreed with 8:30 a.m., meetings for the Board of Selectmen and wondered about the ticketing inconsistency for the speed cameras/if the town will investigate other vendors. Selectman Chadd responded that the ticketing is done by a third party for transparency purposes. First Selectman Rea noted he is looking into other vendors including attending an informational meeting this week.
5. Accept nominations and vote to fill the following vacancies (per Charter Sec. 2.6):
 - a. America 250 Committee, Durham Fair Representative
 - b. **MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK TO APPOINT NORM HICKS TO THE AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE AS THE DURHAM FAIR REPRESENTATIVE. VOTE: ALL AYE**
 - c. Building Code of Appeals
None.
Ethics Commission, Regular, 2028
None.
 - d. Ethics Commission, Alternate, 2028
None.
 - e. Fire Company Trustees, D, 2026
None.
 - f. Sustainable Durham, Alternate, 2027
None.
6. Approval of Proclamation: Jeffrey Siena
Tabled.
7. Discuss and take action to approve the resolution authorizing DMIAAB to enter into a lease purchase agreement for a 2026 Peterbuilt Roll Off Truck Model 567 in the amount of \$248,000
First Selectman Rea explained the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance have had multiple conversations regarding the financing of a new truck for DMIAAB.

Finance Director Beth Moncata was present to add that the leasing company requires this resolution from both towns.

MOTION BY SELECTMAN CHADD, SECONDED BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DMIAAB TO ENTER INTO A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR A 2026 PETERBUILT ROLL OFF TRUCK MODEL 567 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$248,000. VOTE: ALL AYE
8. Discuss and take action to approve an Authorizing Resolution granting permission to the First Selectman to enter into an agreement with the CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for 2024 Homeland Security Grant Program
MOTION BY SELECTMAN HENNICK, SECONDED BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, TO APPROVE AN AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CT DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY FOR 2024 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM. VOTE: ALL AYE

9. Discuss and take possible action to approve 2026 Meeting Schedule

MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK TO APPROVE THE 2026 MEETING SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED. VOTE: ALL AYE

(Attached).

10. Local Traffic Authority:

- a. Public Informational Session: Speed Camera Study: Feedback and Next Steps

First Selectman Rea felt the feedback from the Public Informational Session was very positive. A topic that came numerous times was the location of the cameras for the speed study on Rt 17 and Rt 68. He agreed those locations were not in the best area to collect data and has asked the company to redo these locations. He added that this week he is meeting with the company the City of Middletown has a contract with. The town does not have a contract in place with any vendor, and nothing set in stone. One of the top complaints the Office of the First Selectman gets is about speeders.

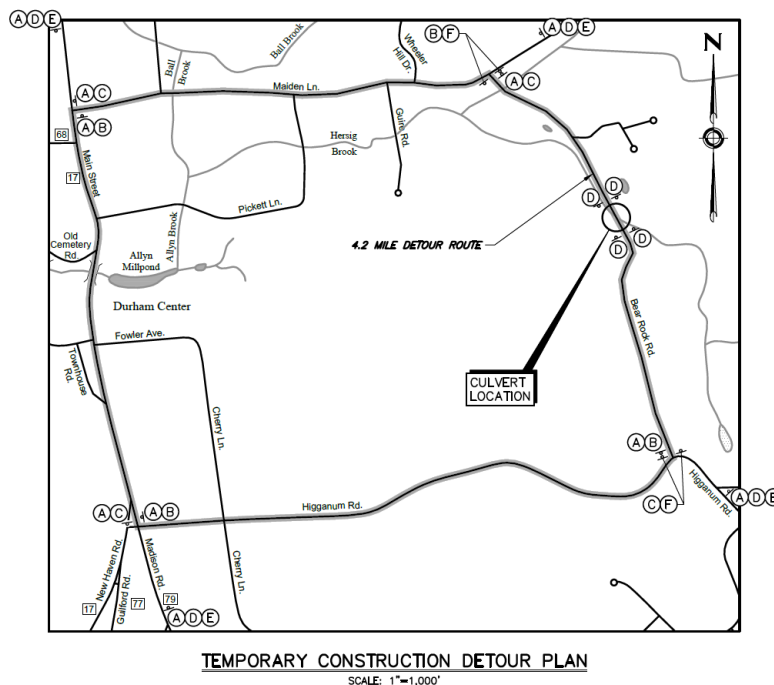
Selectman Hennick felt a lot of information came out of the meeting. Although many residents would like to see these cameras on their street, the town cannot do that. He would like to see the town put the cameras in spots that are most effective. He liked the idea of funds coming back to pay for road improvements in town.

Selectman Chadd felt the overall feedback was in support of the cameras. Residents are concerned about the safety of the town, not so much about the potential revenue although it is a bonus. First Selectman Rea noted there were comments on the safeguarding of information and privacy concerns.

More to come after the speed study results are completed for Rt 17 and Rt 68.

- b. Discuss and take action to approve a road detour for Bear Rock Road Improvements

John Jenkins, Road Foreman noted the sign/message boards are out indicating the detour. First Selectman Rea stated letters will be delivered tomorrow to residents on Bear Rock Road, Sycamore Dr, Mattabasset Dr and Sachem Ct



MOTION BY SELECTMAN HENNICK, SECONDED BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, TO APPROVE THE ROAD DETOUR FOR BEAR ROCK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. VOTE: ALL AYE

11. Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 20, 2025
Tabled.

12. Approval of Tax Refunds

MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK TO APPROVE A TOTAL OF (15) TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$5,220.38 AS PRESENTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR. VOTE: ALL AYE

13. Old/New Business

First Selectman Rea spoke about the following Old/New Business:

- a. Received correspondence from the Senior Citizen Board requesting a new dishwasher at the Community Center. The Facilities Director is soliciting quotes for both replacement parts or replacement of entire machine.
- b. Request from Board of Finance chairman to hold a joint Durham/Middlefield BOS/BOF/DMIAAB meeting. Waiting for the seating of new board members.
- c. Reminder Joint Boards/Commission meeting on November 17th
- d. Veterans Day ceremony on Tues 11/11 at 11am on the Town Green, rain or shine. Reminder, town buildings will be closed.

14. Selectmen Comments

Selectman Chadd: congratulated all the new elected officials. Asked about the leak in the DART bay at the Community Center. First Selectman Rea responded it was due to the temperature change.

Selectman Chadd: stated a resident brought to his attention that the DMIAAB stump grinder was located on Orchard Lane in Middlefield and it was stated in the DMIAAB minutes as well. He felt this was unacceptable and from an outside perspective looks bad for DMIAAB. First Selectman Rea responded he just found out about this as well and he spoke with the Middlefield First Selectman and requested a meeting with DMIAAB, both Public Works Director and both Tree Wardens to get on the same page.

Dom Delvecchio, chair of DMIAAB, was in attendance and agreed a meeting to discuss would be beneficial. He felt a conversation could be had on how to save taxpayer funds by grinding municipal trees.

15. Public Comment (open to non-agenda items)

Rick Parmelee: does not agree with hours of Social Services Coordinator, town staff should not be working remotely and disagree with the board's morning meeting schedule. First Selectman thanked Mr. Parmelee for his comments but respectfully disagreed.

Leslie Builion: agreed that the town heard positive feedback from the Public Hearing for the Speed Cameras and noted success in other towns.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.,

Respectfully submitted,

Jaclyn Lehet

Board of Selectmen, 2026 Meeting Dates
Town Hall, 3rd floor Meeting Room

Day	Date	Time	Meeting	Location
Monday	January 5, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Monday	January 26, 2026	5:00 p.m.	BOS Budget Workshop	3 rd Floor
Monday	January 26, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Monday	February 9, 2026	5:00 p.m.	BOS Budget Workshop	3 rd Floor
Monday	February 9, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Thursday	February 12, 2026	6:30 p.m.	BOF/BOS Joint Budget Meeting	3 rd Floor
Thursday	February 19, 2026	5:00 p.m.	BOS Budget Workshop	3 rd floor
Monday	February 23, 2026	5:00 p.m.	BOS Budget Workshop	3 rd Floor
Monday	February 23, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Tuesday	February 24, 2026	6:30 p.m.	BOF/BOS Joint Budget Meeting	3 rd Floor
Monday	March 2, 2026	5:00 p.m.	BOS Budget Workshop	3 rd Floor
Monday	March 2, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Thursday	March 5, 2026	5:00 p.m.	BOS Budget Workshop	3 rd floor
Tuesday	March 10, 2026	6:30 p.m.	BOS Present Operating Budget to BOF	3 rd Floor
Monday	March 16, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Monday	March 16, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Joint Boards/Commissions	3 rd Floor
Monday	April 6, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Thursday	April 23, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Regular	Community Center
Thursday	April 23, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Annual Budget Hearing	Community Center
Monday	May 4, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Monday	May 11, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Annual Budget Meeting	Community Center
Monday	May 18, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Wednesday	June 3, 2026	8:30 a.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Monday	June 22, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Wednesday	July 1, 2026	8:30 a.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Monday	July 20, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Wednesday	August 5, 2026	8:30 a.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Monday	August 17, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Wednesday	September 2, 2026	8:30 a.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Monday	September 14, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Monday	October 5, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Regular	Community Center
Monday	October 5, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Annual Town Meeting	Community Center
Monday	October 19, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Wednesday	November 4, 2026	8:30 a.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Monday	November 16, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Monday	November 16, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Joint Boards/Commissions	3 rd Floor
Wednesday	December 2, 2026	8:30 a.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor
Monday	December 14, 2026	7:00 p.m.	Regular	3 rd Floor

Approved by Board of Selectmen 11/5/2025