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11:44 AM Jodi Moore, ATC

Town of Durham
Special Board of Selectmen
Monday March 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Community Center, 144 Pickett Lane, and Remote via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Recording
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1. Call to Order
First Selectman Rea called the Special Board of Selectmen meeting of Monday, March 2, 2026, to order at 7:00 p.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 AS PRESENTED. VOTE: ALL AYE
4. Public Comment (*Open to agenda items only*)
None.
5. Accept nominations and vote to fill the following vacancies (per Charter 2.6):
 - a. Building Code of Appeals, Alternate, 2028
None.
 - b. Ethics Commission, Regular, 2028
None.
 - c. Ethics Commission, Alternate, 2028
None.
 - d. Sustainable Durham, Alternate, 2027
None.
6. End of Year Appointments:
 - a. Historic District Commission: 1 Alternate
MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK TO APPOINT CHARLES AUGUR TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION AS AN IN DISTRICT ALTERNATE WITH A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2028. VOTE: ALL AYE
7. Bid Award: Howd Road Property Lease for Grass Crop Harvesting
First Selectman Rea explained the town went to bid and received (1) bid from the current vendor. The Conservation Commission reviewed the bid and recommended Board of Selectmen award to Russel Robinson.

MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK, TO AWARD THE HOWD ROAD PROPERTY LEASE FOR GRASS CROP HARVESTING TO RUSSEL ROBINSON. VOTE: ALL AYE
8. Discuss proposed revised language options to § 14-1 Removal of snow from sidewalks ordinance
First Selectman Rea explained the board discussed revising language to the sidewalk ordinance at the last meeting. The town has received complaints that residents on Main Street are not shoveling their sidewalks. The town attorney provided two options of revised language to make the ordinance easier to enforce. The board felt the following language was most practical:

§ 14-1 Removal of snow from sidewalks.

All owners or occupants of property adjoining sidewalks shall remove the snow from same 24 hours after the cessation of a snowstorm. If the said snow is not removed within 24 hours after the cessation of a snowstorm, the ~~Board of Selectmen~~ **First Selectman** may order the removal of same, the cost of which shall be charged against the owner or occupant of the property adjoining said sidewalk. The cost of removal of snow shall be collected from the party responsible by the Board of Selectmen for the use of the Town of Durham, together with a fine of ~~\$5~~ **\$100**.

MOTION BY SELECTMAN HENNICK, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN CHADD, TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE § 14-1 REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM SIDEWALK ORDINANCE. VOTE: ALL AYE

9. Discuss and take possible action to approve a request from the Durham Public Library for Disposal of Surplus Property:

a. A/V Equipment

MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN CHADD TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM THE DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY TO DISPOSE OF A/V EQUIPMENT PER THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY POLICY. VOTE: ALL AYE

b. Furniture

MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN CHADD TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM THE DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY TO DISPOSE OF SPECIFIED FURNITURE PER THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY POLICY. VOTE: ALL AYE

c. Podium

MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN CHADD TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM THE DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY TO DISPOSE OF PODIUM PER THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PROPERTY POLICY. VOTE: ALL AYE

10. Approval of Tax Refunds

MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN CHADD TO APPROVE A (4) FOUR TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$12,797.93 AS PRESENTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR. VOTE: ALL AYE

11. Old/New Business

Tabled.

12. Selectmen Comments

Selectman Chadd noted the town has been hit hard with snow this year, felt Public Works has been doing a great job. First Selectman Rea agreed and stated there have been some complaints in neighborhoods with cul-de-sacs. He explained there has been so much snow this year with limited places to put it.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.,
Respectfully submitted,
Jaclyn Lehet