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10:49 AM Jodi Moore, ATC

Town of Durham
Special Board of Selectmen
Monday, June 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
3rd floor, Town Hall, and Remote via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

First Selectman Rea called the Monday, June 22, 2026, Special Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 6:00 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*)

Rick Parmelee: asked about the Johnson Lane intersection. First Selectman Rea explained the town received complaints about this intersection. He will present the engineers' findings of this intersection from many years ago and noted that Public Works will check the sightline this week.

Beck Anderson: happy to see the town moving forward with the speed cameras.

5. Expiration of Terms (*per Charter Sec. 2.7*):

- a. Ethics Commission, terms ending April 30, 2026 (1 regular, 1 alternate)
None.

6. Accept nominations and vote to fill the following vacancies (*per Charter 2.6*):

- a. Building Code of Appeals, 2028
None.
- b. Ethics Commission, Regular, 2028
None.
- c. Ethics Commission, Alternate, 2028
None.
- d. Sustainable Durham, Alternate, 2027
None.

7. Discuss and take action to enter into a Cooperative Purchasing Service Agreement with Altumint Inc., for Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices

First Selectman Rea noted the board has discussed this process and agreement at a few different meetings. The ordinance for the speed cameras passed and entering into a agreement is the next step. The town is able to enter into an agreement with Altumint Inc., through the CROG Cooperative Purchasing Service Agreement. This is also allowed through the towns Procurement Policy. He explained the town has worked with Altumint Inc., on the speed studies. He felt they are extremely responsive and they have a project manager who lives in town. First Selectman Rea also spoke with the Police Chief in a neighboring town who is working with Altumint on their speed cameras, they are a bit farther in the process than Durham and had very positive things to say. First Selectman Rea would like to move forward with Altumint. Selectmen agreed.

MOTION BY SELECTMAN CHADD, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ALTUMINT INC., FOR AUTOMATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SAFETY DEVICES. VOTE: ALL AYE

8. Local Traffic Authority:

- a. Approval to temporarily close Town House Road from Broadway to Town Hall during the America 250 reading of the Declaration of Independence and Time Capsule event on Thursday, July 2, 2026, from 5:30 p.m., to 7:30 p.m.

MOTION BY SELECTMAN HENNICK, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN CHADD, TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE TOWN HOUSE ROAD FROM BROADWAY TO TOWN HALL DURING THE AMERICA 250 READING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND TIME CAPSULE EVENT ON THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026, FROM 5:30 P.M., TO 7:30 P.M. VOTE: ALL AYE

- b. Haddam Quarter/Johnson Lane 4-way stop sign request

First Selectman Rea explained the town received a complaint from RSD13/Bus Company regarding this intersection; they have requested a 4-way stop sign. The town engineer provided a inspection of this area in 2014, who felt the town should avoid the installation of a 4-way stop sign so long as the intersection sight distance from Haddam Quarter Road is acceptable. First Selectman Rea agreed to have Public Works check this area and clear what is necessary. The board agreed.

9. Discuss and take action to approve a Certified Resolution for the State Historic Restoration Fund Grant at the Durham Public Library

Tabled for a future meeting.

10. Old/New Business

The following was discussed:

- a. Tax bills / Mill Rate set

The Board of Education budget referendum was approved on Thursday, June 18th and the Board of Finance is setting the mill rate as we speak. The Tax Collector's Office and billing vendor is now in the process of completing the tax billing, which is expected to take approximately 12 to 15 working days. The 2025 Grand List Tax Bills for Durham may not be available for the first installment due date of July 1, 2026. In accordance with CT. Gen. S.S. 12-142; Durham taxpayers will have 30 days from the date the bills are mailed to pay without any interest penalty.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this process. The Tax Collector's Office is committed to issuing tax bills as quickly as possible now that the required budget and mill rate have been finalized. After the 30-day payment period, unpaid bills will be charged interest from the July 1 due date at a rate of 1.5% per month (or any portion of a month). All delinquent interest will be calculated from July 1, 2026, per State Statute.

- b. Received correspondence from a resident requesting the Town of Durham adopt the local-option property tax exemption authorized under Connecticut General Statutes §12-81(83), as amended by Public Act 25-168 (2025). This amendment allows towns to exempt up to two acres of land associated with the primary residence of veterans who have a 100% service-connected Permanent and Total disability rating, see attached.
- c. Shady Lane is out to bid, posted on the State of CT contracting portal and the towns website. A pre-bid conference will be held on Wednesday, June 24 and bids are due July 23rd
- d. America 250
On Thursday, July 2nd the America 250 Committee will host a reading of the Declaration of Independence and Time Capsule commitment. The event will be held on the Town Green at 5:30 p.m., rain or shine. The First Company Governor's Foot Guard will be in attendance and CRHS student, Kaiya Ayotte, will read her winning America 250 essay written for Durham/Middlefield.

The committee is selling Commemorative Coins for \$20/each. Coins can be purchased at Town Hall and all proceeds go to the America 250 Committee

11. Selectmen Comments

None.

12. Public Comments

Roger Kleeman: spoke about the HR consultant/Compensation Review, Maple Avenue speed limit, Howd Road cut through.

Rick Parmelee: spoke about Seward Lane signage and Charter Revision.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaclyn Lehet