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Town of Durham
Special Board of Selectmen
Monday, August 24, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
3rd floor, Town Hall, and Remote via Zoom
Meeting Motions

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1. Call to Order
First Selectman Rea called the Special Board of Selectmen meeting of Monday, August 24, 2026, to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present: Selectman Chadd, Selectman Hennick, Town Attorney Rich Roberts.
2. Discuss and take action with respect to the [Final Report of the Charter Revision Commission](#), including possible referendum question(s) to be submitted to the electors at the November 2026 general election

MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK, TO REMOVE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR POSITION FROM THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN CHARTER.

**VOTE: 2 AYE (B. REA, R. CHADD), 1 NAY (T. HENNICK)
MOTION PASSED**

MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK, TO REMOVE SECTION 4.8.4: "*Within 12 months of the adoption of this Charter, the Board of Selectmen shall adopt a written administrative handbook or policy document describing the roles, responsibilities, duties and operational practices of the First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen. Such handbook shall be consistent with this Charter and the General Statutes and shall be advisory in nature. The handbook shall be amended and updated at least once annually by the Board of Selectmen*" FROM THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN CHARTER. VOTE: ALL AYE

**MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN CHADD TO REMOVE SECTION 8.2 FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES LANGUAGE FROM THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN CHARTER AND REVERT TO THE CURRENT TOWN CHARTER LANGUAGE.
VOTE: ALL AYE**

MOTION BY SELECTMAN HENNICK, SECONDED FIRST SELECTMAN REA, TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING SEPARATE QUESTIONS ON THE NOVEMBER 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT:

1. **BOARD OF SELECTMEN CONSISTING OF ONE FIRST SELECTMAN AND TWO SELECTMAN TO ONE FIRST SELECTMAN AND 4 SELECTMAN**
2. **AN ELECTED TAX COLLECTOR AND TOWN CLERK TO AN APPOINTED TAX COLLECTOR AND TOWN CLERK**

VOTE: ALL AYE

**MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK, TO ACCEPT THE FINAL REPORT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN CHARTER PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON TONIGHT.
VOTE: ALL AYE**

**MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK, TO APPROVE
EXPLANATORY TEXT FOR THE NOVEMBER 2026 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.
VOTE: ALL AYE**

3. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Jaclyn Lehet