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Town of Durham
Board of Selectmen
Monday, October 5, 2026, at 6:00 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 Board of Selectmen meeting of Monday, October 5, 2026, 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 CHADD TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. VOTE: ALL AYE
4. Public Comment (*Open to agenda items only*)
Rick Parmelee: interested in more information on items #9 and #10.
5. Proclamation: Sarah Atwell
First Selectman Rea explained Sarah Atwell is the chair of the America 250 Committee and has done a tremendous amount of work. Durham has gone above and beyond this year celebrating America's 250th birthday.

MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN CHADD TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION FOR SARAH ATWELL AS PRESENTED. VOTE: ALL AYE

Proclamation

Sarah Atwell

WHEREAS, Sarah Atwell was born and raised in Middlefield, Connecticut. She graduated from Coginchaug Regional High School and Wesley College. She later graduated from Goodwin University. Sarah eventually moved to Middletown, Connecticut where she still resides with her husband, Mike Kudrak and their son Robert J Kudrak, and;

WHEREAS, the Atwell Family has lived in Durham since the mid 1700's. Sarah's sixth great grandfather, Sgt. Jesse Atwell, a courageous soldier of the Revolutionary War who answered the 1775 Lexington Alarm from his home in Durham, Connecticut where he was born. Sgt. Atwell's commitment to liberty and justice exemplifies the spirit of resilience and patriotism that defines Sarah's lineage to this day. Sarah has been interested in Durham History and involved with the Durham Historical Society since she was a child. Her parents Bishop Robert Atwell III and Joan and her Grandparents Bishop Robert Atwell, Jr. and Peg, helped nurture this interest, and;

WHEREAS, Sarah currently serves as the President of the Durham Historical Society and is the driving force in the Society that has kept it going. One of her accomplishments has been computerizing the collection. Sarah also has a great interest in clothing and textiles and has worked to preserve the Society's textile collection that goes back to the 1700's, she also has a great interest in the Old Cemetery including gravestone preservation, gravestone markers, and the history of those who are buried there. Sarah demonstrates this often through offering Cemetery Tours, and;

WHEREAS, Sarah and Town Historian Fran Korn wrote the book "*Durham 1900-1930*", which is a postcard history of Durham, and; Sarah and Fran also have spent countless hours meticulously preserving many Durham historical artifacts for display at the historic 1775 Durham Schoolhouse on Townhouse Road that belongs to the Durham Historical Society, and;

WHEREAS, Growing up, she participated with her Dad in Civil War reenactments and attended many Fife and Drum Corps events. She has been an active member of The Daughters of the Revolution since 2007, and;

WHEREAS, in 2025 Sarah was named the Chair of the Durham America 250 Committee. She has spent countless hours coordinating a lecture series, historical walks, a townwide picnic, Time Capsule committal and Declaration of Independence Reading, and planning a Revolutionary War Encampment and Battle, and;

WHEREAS, in her professional life, Sarah is a hospice nurse. She dedicates her life to others, finding hospice and palliative care aligned with her personal values most, and;

NOW, THEREFORE WE, the Board of Selectmen, of the Town of Durham, on behalf of the residents of the Town of Durham, take this opportunity to honor ~~Sarah Atwell~~ *Sarah Atwell* on her loyal and dedicated service to the Town of Durham and thank her for her unwavering commitment to preserving and promoting the rich history of our community, her tireless efforts in educating and engaging residents through her leadership in the Durham Historical Society, and her compassionate service as a hospice nurse, which reflects the very spirit of generosity and dedication that enriches our town.

Brendan Rea
First Selectman

Robert Chadd
Selectman

Thomas Hennick
Selectman

Dated in Durham, Connecticut, this 5th day of October, 2026

6. Expiration of Terms (per Charter Sec. 2.7):
 - a. Ethics Commission, terms ending April 30, 2026 (1 regular, 1 alternate)
None.
7. Accept nominations and vote to fill the following vacancies (per Charter 2.6):
 - a. Building Code of Appeals, 2028
None.
 - b. Economic Development Commission, 2027
None.
 - c. Ethics Commission, Regular, 2028
None.
 - d. Ethics Commission, Alternate, 2028
None.
 - e. Sustainable Durham, Alternate, 2027
None.
 - f. Sustainable Durham, Regular 2027
None.
 - g. Sustainable Durham, Regular, 2028
None.
8. Discuss and take action to approve a Surplus Property Disposition Request from the Community Center
First Selectman Rea explained these are old recliners that are falling apart and dangerously malfunctioning.

MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK TO APPROVE A SURPLUS PROPERTY DISPOSITION REQUEST FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER. VOTE: ALL AYE

9. Discuss and take action to approve FY 2025 State Homeland Security Grant Program Region 2 Memorandum of Agreement and Resolution
MOTION BY SELECTMAN CHADD, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK TO APPROVE FY 2025 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM REGION 2 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION. VOTE: ALL AYE
10. Discuss and take action to approve the First Amendment to the Altumint Inc., Service Agreement
First Selectman Rea explained the original service agreement included license plate reading technology, also known as Flock Cameras. Due to the negative feedback lately from these cameras, Altumint offered to remove the cameras and instead the town will be credited \$150 per month per camera.

MOTION BY SELECTMAN CHADD, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK TO APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE ALTUMINT INC., SERVICE AGREEMENT. VOTE: ALL AYE

11. Discuss and take possible action on Proposed Draft of the Plan of Conservation and Development
First Selectman Rea explained the board still has time to review before sending their action to the Planning and Zoning Commission. There will be a Public Hearing on the Plan of Conservation and Development on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall.

First Selectman Rea noted he spoke with the Town Planner about why the town is not exploring bringing sewers down the Main Street corridor, who informed him that could bring the potential for housing developments on Main Street. First Selectman Rea would still like to look at this a little further for potential businesses and vacant lots on Main St that cannot be filled. The board agreed to discuss further at the next meeting.

12. Approval of Tax Refunds
MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN CHADD TO APPROVE (14) TAX

REFUNDS TOTALING \$3,197.30 AS PRESENTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR. VOTE: ALL AYE

13. Old/New Business

First Selectman Rea spoke about the following:

- a. America 250 Battle and Encampment: October 17, 2026, at the Durham Fairgrounds. More information on the town website

14. Selectmen Comments

None.

15. Public Comments

Carol Kleeman: spoke about information Economic Development Commission received on sewers. She will forward that company/study to the First Selectman.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jaclyn Lehet