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Town of Durham
Board of Selectmen
Monday, May 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
3rd floor, Town Hall, and Remote via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

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1. Call to Order
   First Selectman Rea called the Board of Selectmen meeting of Monday, May 18, 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 WITH THE FOLLOWING REVISION: #7 CORRECTION OF DATE FROM JUNE 6TH OR JUNE 5TH. VOTE: ALL AYE

4. Public Comment *(Open to agenda items only)*
   Rick Parmelee: questioned the speed camera cost to the town, spoke about the Facilities Manager, felt the Building Official should complete those duties and felt there were job applications never reviewed for the Facilities position. First Selectman Rea responded that is not true.

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. Proclamation: William Kent Day, June 5TH
   MOTION BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN CHADD TO APPROVE THE WILLIAM KENT DAY PROCLAMATION AS PRESENTED. VOTE: ALL AYE

Proclamation

William Kent

June 5th

WHEREAS, William Kent was a fiercely independent, self-taught American artist whose career defied convention and authority. Best known for his monumental wood and stone sculptures and his groundbreaking slate monoprints, Kent carved out a singular place in postwar American art, and;

WHEREAS, born June 5, 1919 in Kansas City, Missouri, Kent's early path began in music before shifting to painting and sculpture in the late 1940s. Restless and inventive, he rejected academic traditions and instead forged his own approach to form, scale, and meaning.

WHEREAS, by 1963, he had pioneered an original printmaking technique: carving into slate to pull bold, one-of-a-kind impressions without the use of a press. This innovation established him as one of the most radical and unorthodox printmakers of his time, and;

WHEREAS, Kent's work was marked by a sharp combination of technical mastery and biting social commentary. His prints and sculptures often addressed politics, culture, and human folly with both wit and gravity, earning him critical recognition but also controversy, and;

WHEREAS, settling in Durham, Connecticut, Kent lived a life of simplicity and relentless productivity, creating more than 800 sculptures and 2,000 monoprints over the course of his career. In his later years, he devoted himself primarily to large-scale wood sculpture, producing commanding works of raw presence and enduring power, and;

WHEREAS, unapologetically personal and uncompromisingly original, Kent's art stands as a testament to individuality, dissent, and the courage to challenge accepted truths. He passed away at the age of 93, leaving behind an extraordinary body of work and a legacy carried forward by the William Kent Art Foundation, and;

NOW, THEREFORE WE, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Durham, on behalf of the residents of the town of Durham, do hereby proclaim June 5th as **William Kent Day,** honoring his remarkable contributions to the arts and celebrating his dedication to inspiring our community through his exceptional talent and creativity.

Brendan Rea	Robert Chadd	Thomas Hennick
First Selectman	Selectman	Selectman

Dated in Durham, Connecticut, this 18th day of May 2026

8. Discuss and take action to grant permission to the First Selectman to apply for a CT Municipal Stipend grant application to CT Humanities for America 250 support
   First Selectman Rea explained this grant could be up to $750 to support the America250 Committee upcoming events etc.

   MOTION BY SELECTMAN CHADD, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN HENNICK TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE FIRST SELECTMAN TO APPLY FOR A CT MUNICIPAL STIPEND GRANT APPLICATION TO CT HUMANITIES FOR AMERICA 250 SUPPORT. VOTE: ALL AYE

9. Discuss next steps: Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Devices (ATESD)
   First Selectman Rea explained he has been going back and forth with the Town Attorney on how best to utilize the Procurement Policy and CROG preferred vendors. He recommended tabling this item for tonight to allow him more time to review the documents. Once he has final approval from the Town Attorney that the board does not have to go out to bid and could utilize the towns policies and the states preferred vendor list, he will add it back to the agenda for discussion and possible vote.

10. Request from Facilities Director to use Alternate Bidding Option (3) Simple negotiations with appropriate legitimate suppliers, for procurement of Controls to be purchased from SNE Building Systems for the Chiller project at the Community Center.
    The Facilities Manager would like to have all town buildings controlled by one company, to make it easier especially if the town wants to go out to bid in the future. He is looking to request a transfer from building maintenance reserve in the amount of $150,000 for the replacement of the chiller. The total project consists of a train chiller, totaling $115,581. First Selectman Rea noted the Procurement Policy allows this as it is on the state bid. Furthermore, the town is hopefully going out to bid for the

removal of the existing chiller, installation of the new chiller, and required re-piping and associated work estimates. Estimated at $60,000, controls estimated at $25,000.
Selectman Chadd spoke about money left in the Community Center reserve fund.

MOTION BY SELECTMAN HENNICK, SECONDED BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, TO USE ALTERNATE BIDDING OPTION (3) SIMPLE NEGOTIATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE LEGITIMATE SUPPLIERS, FOR PROCUREMENT OF CONTROLS TO BE PURCHASED FROM SNE BUILDING SYSTEMS FOR THE CHILLER PROJECT AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER. VOTE: ALL AYE

11. Request from IT Coordinator:
Selectman Chadd explained the town would like to use Professional Services with our current vendor AOS to procure a server backup appliance, and migration of data. Partially funded from leftover ARPA funds. The town's current server is out of date and vulnerable to security patches starting soon. The server holds all our files, Town Clerk, Fire Department, etc. The second item allows the town to continue with the same vendor for the camera system at town buildings.

    a. To use Professional Services Option for Information Technology, to utilize the current vendor Advanced Office Systems, for Server Project that will include the procurement of a new server, backup appliance, and migration of data.
    MOTION BY SELECTMAN CHADD, SECONDED BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, TO USE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OPTION FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TO UTILIZE THE CURRENT VENDOR ADVANCED OFFICE SYSTEMS, FOR SERVER PROJECT THAT WILL INCLUDE THE PROCUREMENT OF A NEW SERVER, BACKUP APPLIANCE, AND MIGRATION OF DATA. VOTE: ALL AYE

    b. To use Professional Services Option for Information Technology, to use Alternate Bidding Option (3) Simple negotiations with appropriate legitimate suppliers, for procurement of exterior camera system to be purchased from American Total Protection at town buildings
    MOTION BY SELECTMAN HENNICK, SECONDED BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA, TO USE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES OPTION FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, TO USE ALTERNATE BIDDING OPTION (3) SIMPLE NEGOTIATIONS WITH APPROPRIATE LEGITIMATE SUPPLIERS, FOR PROCUREMENT OF EXTERIOR CAMERA SYSTEM TO BE PURCHASED FROM AMERICAN TOTAL PROTECTION AT TOWN BUILDINGS. VOTE: ALL AYE

12. Old/New Business
First Selectman Rea spoke about the following:
    a. Upcoming: Review of Procurement Policy
    b. First Selectman Rea met with Library Trustees members who had concerns about the proposed Charter revisions. Concerns were relayed to one of the co-chairs of the Charter Commission. First Selectman Rea noted the board has yet to receive the amendments from the Charter Commission, but will keep these concerns on their radar.
    c. Memorial Day Parade prep has begun; replacement of flags and bunting, light poles were painted on Main Street.
    d. Met with Economic Development chair and the property owner of the property behind Valero. Owners were asking about a supermarket and EDC was willing to put together a questionnaire to residents.

13. Selectmen Comments
Selectman Chadd reminded the public that step off for the Memorial Day Parade is 9:15 am at Little Rooster.

14. Public Comments
Roger Kleeman: felt the price of the chiller controls were high, had similar concerns regarding the Charter for Compensation Review – no checks and balances. First Selectman Rea responded the town saw higher costs and felt due to the state of the world, prices are very high right now.

Rick Parmelee: stated the property owner is Silver Eagle behind Valero, felt the facilities projects should be competitive bid and the Building Official should be doing this work, felt the Fire Trustees

should be doing the work at the Fire Department - not the Facilities Manager, felt the budget needed to be reviewed by sections, felt meeting was not presented well. First Selectman Rea disagreed and noted the full budget was posted on the website and phones/email were open to any questions.

15. Adjournment
    Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.
    Respectfully submitted,
    Jaclyn Lehet