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DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 29, 2026
Durham Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Chairman DelVecchio.

Members present: Dom DelVecchio, Ron Capozzi (arrived at 7:16 PM), Steven Koerber, Glenn McNamara, Frank Petrella, Chuck Stengel and Charlie Zieminski.

Members absent: Howard Weissberg.

Staff Present: Sean Piatek.

Approval of Agenda

Chuck Stengel made a motion, seconded by Glenn McNamara, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Site Manager's Report

Sean Piatek reported that 2,200 stickers have been sold up to today. Everyone is stopped at the gate and Saturday will be the last day that anyone with last year's sticker will be allowed in. They are still about 1,000 shy in sticker sales. Credit card sales are trending higher and the system is working well.

The boardwalk has been rebuilt. The metal brackets were rotten because of salt being applied and the railing had fallen in. There was also a roof issue on the office and that has been repaired. The brush pile has been knocked back and all of the leaf compost is gone. Gilbert Madore removed all of it and will compost it and sell it as topsoil. Sean Piatek has received the quote for snowplowing and it went up $50 per event.

Dom DelVecchio added that someone broke into the office and took three hand radios. The radios have been replaced and Sean Piatek has ordered Ring cameras which should be in within the week. The State Police did file a report to document the incident.

Sean Piatek has gotten bids from Sullivan and Pete's Tire Barn for the front tires on the older truck. He is still waiting on Oasis.

Executive Session – Personnel Matter

Glenn McNamara made a motion, seconded by Charlie Zieminski, to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion carried unanimously.

The board returned from Executive Session and continued the meeting.

Discussion – FY25/26 Year-End Budget

Dom DelVecchio reviewed that they ended the year with a deficit of slightly over $8,000. Everything has been sent to the auditor. The $8,000 will come out of the reserve and they will not have to go back to the towns for money.

Discussion – Employee Cost of Living Wage Increases

Dom DelVecchio had sent a draft report to the board noting that if everyone received a $1.00 per hour increase, it would be slightly over an $11,000 impact for the calendar year. The minimum wage earners were making $17.35 per hour and the new minimum wage is $17.48 effective January 1, 2027. Dom DelVecchio suggested giving a $1.00 per hour increase across the board with Sean Piatek getting a 4 percent increase. It was generally felt that $1.00 per hour is a modest increase, but at least one board member felt that the town's need to be made aware that future increases could possibly be more significant. The $1.00 increase is almost a 5 percent increase for minimum wage earners. Almost everyone will be making around $20.00 per hour though the higher earners will receive a slightly lower percentage increase. There was discussion about the couple of people who have changed steps due to longevity.

Chuck Stengel made a motion, seconded by Frank Petrella, to approve the employee cost of living increases, as presented in the payroll summary, effective January 1, 2027. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – Gas Cylinder Collection Program

Dom DelVecchio reported that they are getting some direction about the type of 10' x 5' outdoor enclosure that will be needed to store the containers. Sean Piatek will price out options. It will be located next to the Boy Scouts recycling bins or next to the new shed.

Sean Piatek reported that they have used Justin Capega for years to do the snowplowing and he has been reliable. His prices went up from $425 for 1-3" to $475, 1-6" went from $625 to $675 and 6-9" went from $800 to $850. His services include salt and sand, but it will be $275 for any additional salting.

Steven Koerber made a motion, seconded by Glenn McNamara, to approve the snow removal contract presented by JRC Home Improvement. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Composting Units (Update)

Sean Piatek reported that the shed has been installed, but there are no doors on it yet.

Sean Piatek spoke with Chad Spooner and they have six old-style composters left at PowerHold.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chuck Stengel made a motion, seconded by Ron Capozzi, to approve the minutes of September 17, 2026, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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