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CALL TO ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING TOWN OF DURHAM

The eligible voters of the Town of Durham are hereby warned that a **ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING** will be held in the Gym of the Durham Community Center, 144 Pickett Lane, on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., to consider the following items:

1. To elect two members to a two-year term on the Durham-Middlefield Interlocal Agreement Advisory Board, said terms to expire June 30, 2028
2. To fill 1 vacancy for the term expiring 2028 on the Compensation Review/Personnel Policy Board
3. To elect one member to a five-year term on the Compensation Review/Personnel Policy Board expiring 2029
4. To amend the towns existing Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance, Article I In General, Section § 14-1 Removal of snow from sidewalks.
5. To adopt a five-year Local Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
6. To adopt a Total Town Budget of \$8,999,685, less State and Local Revenue in the amount of \$3,764,341, for a Net Town Budget of \$5,235,344

Brendan Rea
First Selectman

Robert Chadd
Selectman

Thomas Hennick
Selectman

Dated in Durham, Connecticut, this 4th day of May 2026

RETURN OF THE CALL

Return is hereby made, that the Undersigned, on the 5th day of May 2026 caused to be posted on the Public Signpost in the Town of Durham, a written warning by the Selectmen, and on the 6th day of May 2026 caused to be published in the Middletown Press, a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Durham, a like warning of the **ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING** to be held the 11th day of May 2026.

Motion: Motion by Rob Chadd, seconded by Brendan Rea Jr. to nominate Bob Booz for Moderator. All aye, Motion passed.

The moderator requested that all those present who are ineligible to vote so signify. 3 people raised their hands

Date: May 11, 2026
Time: 7:00 pm
Place: Community Center Gym
Moderator: Bob Booz
Clerk: Nicole Charest, Town Clerk
Call: The call was accepted as read by the clerk

Synopsis of Action

Item 1: To elect two members to a two-year term on the Durham-Middlefield Interlocal Agreement Advisory Board, said terms to expire June 30, 2028

Motion: by Janet Morganti, seconded by Brendan Rea Jr. to nominate Ron Capozzi
By Kyle Mosher, seconded by Kera Satagaj to nominate Dom DelVecchio

Action: Moderator declared Ron Capozzi and Dom DelVecchio elected by acclimation

Item 2: To fill 1 vacancy for the term expiring 2028 on the Compensation Review/Personnel Policy Board

Motion: There were no nominations

Item 3: To elect one member to a five-year term on the Compensation Review/Personnel Policy Board expiring 2029

Motion: There were no nominations

Item 4: To amend the towns existing Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance, Article I In General, Section § 14-1 Removal of snow from sidewalks

Motion: by Brendan Rea, seconded by Tom Hennick

Discussion: Richard Parmelee requested an explanation of costs, fees, and enforcement

Brendan Rea spoke to the motion, explained that the ordinance will allow the first selectman to order the removal of snow if it is not removed within 24 hours and changes the fine from \$5 to \$100

Richard Parmelee asked if RSD13 is subject to the fine. Brendan Rea responded that yes, it applies to the entire town

Action: By a voice vote with two in opposition, the moderator declared the motion passed

§ 14-1 Removal of snow from sidewalks.

All owners or occupants of property adjoining sidewalks shall remove the snow from same 24 hours after the cessation of a snowstorm. If the said snow is not removed within 24 hours after the cessation of a snowstorm, the First Selectman may order the removal of same, the cost of which shall be charged against the owner or occupant of the property adjoining said sidewalk. The cost of removal of snow shall be collected from the party responsible by the Board of Selectmen for the use of the Town of Durham, together with a fine of \$100 .

Item 5: To adopt a five-year Local Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Motion: by Eileen Buckheit, seconded by Elizabeth Shoudy

Discussion: Brendan Rea presented the capital improvement plan noting that it includes projects with and without funding. Those without funding are included so that funds can be allocated should they become available.

A resident asked the total funding. Reserve \$300,635, CIP \$1,414,874

Action: By a voice vote with two in opposition, the moderator declared the motion passed

Item 6: To adopt a Total Town Budget of \$8,999,685, less State and Local Revenue in the amount of \$3,764,341, for a Net Town Budget of \$5,235,344

Motion: by Rob Chadd, seconded by Eileen Buckheit

Motion: by Richard Parmelee, seconded by Roger Kleeman to table the approval of the budget to May 18th, 2026

Discussion: Brendan Rea noted that the 2023 meeting was filmed and the budget was not presented line by line. Budget was reviewed at budget hearing

Action: By a voice vote with one in favor, the moderator declared the motion failed

Discussion: Chuck Stengel asked what will happen with the school budget as a result of receiving additional state funds

Beth Moncata, Finance Director, replied that the town will receive \$131,730 in educational aid for Educational Cost Sharing. Also noted \$25,339 from Mohegan Sun which she suggested earmarking as revenue for next fiscal year

Richard Parmelee noted that the finance director is the highest paid position and the salary is not specified in the budget. Also stated that the Selectman position in Middletown pays similarly to the position in Durham, despite Middletown having a larger population

Motion: by Richard Parmelee, no second, to reduce the First Selectman's salary by \$10,000. Motion failed

Discussion: Martin French noted that the budget may slightly change and the Board of Finance will set the mil rate according to what the town needs to raise in taxes

Eileen Buckheit, chair of Board of Finance, noted that the budget was posted on the website using the new software ClearGov which allows residents to examine each item line by line, including salary. Also noted that in smaller towns with less personnel, the workload is higher. Expressed employees should be paid well to avoid turnover

Brendan Rea noted that the Middletown Mayor has multiple staff members who assist, manage, and write grants

Motion: by Tom Hennick, seconded by Martin Anderson, to move the question

Action: By a voice vote with two in opposition, the moderator declared the motion passed

Adjourn: Several motioned and several seconded to adjourn. The moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31pm

Attest: Nicole Charest, Town Clerk