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CALL TO SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF DURHAM

The eligible voters of the Town of Durham are hereby warned that a **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING** will be held on the 3rd floor, Town Hall, on Monday, August 31, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., to consider the following items:

1. To fill 1 vacancy for the term expiring 2028 on the Compensation Review/Personnel Policy Board
2. To elect one member to a five-year term on the Compensation Review/Personnel Policy Board expiring 2029

3. To Transfer \$226,676 from the following lines in fiscal year 2025-2026:

434005 Tree Warden	99,203
430305 Highway & Streets	20,364
431705 DMIAAB	47,941
9520068 CIP Facilities	<u>59,168</u>
	226,676

To the following lines in the fiscal year 2025-2026:

430705 Snow and Ice Removal	(167,121)
510005 Social Security	(29,971)
980010 Tax Refunds	<u>(29,584)</u>
	(226,676)

as recommended by the Board of Finance on August 11, 2026

4. To approve the following carryovers from fiscal year 2025-2026 into the 2026-2027 fiscal year:

411105 OFS Prof Consulting	21,500
418705 Agriculture Commission	1,300
420305 Volunteer Fire Department	2,500
9415305 CIP Planning & Zoning	5,000
9418605 CIP Complete Streets	27,778
9420305 CIP Volunteer Fire Department	23,095
9420325 CIP Bldgs Volunteer Fire Dept	24,500
9422110 CIP Communications	57,424
9430305 Guire Road Culvert	146,305
9430305 Shady Lane	287,231
9430305 Major Culvert Repair	70,178

9430305 Pavement Preservation	122,765
9520068 CIP Facilities	87,689
	877,265

as recommended by the Board of Finance on August 11, 2026

Brendan Rea
First Selectman

Robert Chadd
Selectman

Thomas Hennick
Selectman

Dated in Durham, Connecticut, this 17th day of August 2026

RETURN OF THE CALL

Return is hereby made, that the Undersigned, on the 18th day of August 2026 caused to be posted on the Public Signpost in the Town of Durham, a written warning by the Selectmen, and on the 25th day of August 2026 caused to be published in the Middletown Press, a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Durham, a like warning of the **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING** to be held the 31st day of August 2026.

Motion: Motion by Kristen Kleeman, seconded by Richard Parmelee to nominate Norm Hicks for Moderator. All aye, Motion passed.

The moderator requested that all those present who are ineligible to vote so signify. 1 person raised their hands

Date:	August 31, 2026
Time:	6:00 pm
Place:	Town Hall 3 rd Floor
Moderator:	Norm Hicks
Clerk:	Nick Charest, Town Clerk
Call:	The call was accepted as read by the clerk

Synopsis of Action

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

Motion: no nominations. Richard Parmelee made comment on underutilization of Compensation Review Board. Roger Kleeman nominated the current chair of the Democratic Town Committee. Elizabeth Shoudy was not present. Moderator determined that the nomination must be specific and the nominee should be aware of the nomination.

Item 2: To elect one member to a five-year term on the Compensation Review/Personnel Policy Board expiring 2029
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Motion: no nominations. Richard Parmelee made comment on underutilization of Compensation Review Board and that commission members have previously been nominated without their presence or knowledge

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Motion: by Brendan Rea, seconded by Tom Hennick

Discussion: Beth Moncata, Finance Director, asked for questions

Roger Kleeman questioned why DMIAAB has extra funds if they are a separate entity from the town

Beth Moncata replied that the Tree Warden was asked to hold spending due to a tax revenue deficit. DMIAAB was previously in a contract with MIRA. Two budgets were submitted, one based on a contract with MIRA and one without. Contracts were approved after budget season with a lower amount, saving \$47,000

Joe Pasquale asked which projects were not completed for Highways and Streets and CIP Facilities

Beth Moncata replied explaining the hold on spending due to the tax revenue deficit. The mil rate was 100% in prior years, and filled in with back taxes. All back taxes have been collected, therefore there are no delinquent taxes to fill the gap

Richard Parmelee asked for explanation on Social Security line item

Beth Moncata replied that the budget is a best guess. Noted additional recreation help and overtime for snow removal increasing payroll

Richard Parmelee commented that ice was not removed from the handicap entrance of Town Hall. Commented on use of funds

Action: with one in opposition, the Moderator declared the motion passed

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Motion: by Brendan Rea, seconded by Rob Chadd

Discussion: Beth Moncata asked for any questions

Joe Pasquale asked for an explanation of why funds were not spent for each project over \$20,000

411105 Office of the First Selectman Professional Consulting:
Clean Water Grant, Brendan Rea explained that the town was led to believe there was a matching grant, government shutdown midway through grant project, town had to pivot

418705 Agriculture commission: Town match for a grant in progress over multiple fiscal years

420305 Volunteer Fire Department: payment for second part of grant consultant.

9415305 CIP Planning & Zoning: Continuation of required Plan of Conservation and Development crossing over Fiscal Years

9418605 CIP Complete Streets: Continuation of bike and pedestrian projects. Leslie Bulion, chair of Complete Streets, explained that the multi year project is moving forward with pedestrian improvements and the Middletown bike route connection

9420305 CIP Volunteer Fire Department: Accumulation for Fire Pond

9420325 CIP Bldgs Volunteer Fire Dept: Kitchen upgrades. Kristen Kleeman, Fire Trustee, stated that upgrades were approved June 26th before departments were asked to hold spending

9422110 CIP Communications: \$8,000 for radios, remainder is balance for final programming of emergency console which is currently ongoing

9430305 Guire Road Culvert: Appropriation for engineering, applied twice for a bridge grant and will be trying again

9430305 Shady Lane: Approved for grant, starting project in September, carrying funds into next fiscal year

9430305 Major Culvert Repair: Hold from previous projects, moving to new fiscal year for start of engineering on another project

9430305 Pavement Preservation: Holding funds for project in new fiscal year

9520068 CIP Facilities: Town match for historic library stair project, balance was held at end of May and June due to tax revenue issue

Richard Parmelee asked which facilities are included in the line item.

Beth Moncata replied that \$80,000 was appropriated for prior year for a generator at the community center that was not needed.

\$47,000 remains from that appropriation. The other \$40,000 is for the Library Stairs

Richard Parmelee reiterated his support for the Fire Company and expressed disagreement about taking their budget items out last year to be reallocated to chip sealing the community center parking lot. Beth Moncata replied that this was not true

Action:

With two in opposition, the moderator declared the motion passed

Adjourn:

The moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 6:23pm

Attest:

Nick Charest, Town Clerk