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Special Water Commission Meeting
Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.
2nd floor, Town Hall and Remote via Zoom

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Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and roll call

Ray Bahr called the Special Water Commission meeting of Tuesday, August 4, 2026 to order at 9:30 a.m. Also present: Laura Francis (Zoom), Simone Howe, First Selectman Rea, Gary Sheldon

Staff: Charlie Bedo, Facilities Manager; Beth Moncata, Finance Director

2. Approval of agenda

MOTION BY SIMONE HOWE, SECONDED BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. VOTE: ALL AYE

3. Facilities Manager:

a. Discuss Lexington Place

Paint is peeling and rotten wood. C. Bedo to patch and get quotes.

b. Discuss Maple Ave Pump House

CT Water looked at the building and recommended getting rid of the water. Need a sump pump and status of building for future usage. Ground water coming from the foundation. A lot of heavy rain lately.

MOTION BY RAY BAHR, SECONDED BY FIRST SELECTMAN REA TO ADDRESS THE WATER LEAKING IN THE MAPLE AVE PUMP HOUSE WITH CRACK INJECTION AND/OR SUMP PUMP. VOTE: ALL AYE

4. Discuss and take possible action to waive finance charges from CT Water

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY RAY BAHR TO DISUCSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO WAIVE FINANCE CHARGES FROM CT WATER

Discussion: The name of the resident is intentionally left anonymous, Morgan Perry the Social Services Coordinator is working with CT Water on the matter. L. Francis noted she supports the waived fee, but the town needs to look into defining their relation with CT Water that could make customer eligible for Operation Fuel Assistance. First Selectman Rea will investigate this.

VOTE: ALL AYE

5. Discuss Durham Elderly Housing and Durham Lexington Fiscal Asset Management Plan
L. Franics felt the plan could need a simple refresh, nothing was expanded much beyond when the town originally created this document. There might be more connections but no more lines. The town could be looking into a consultant though and should check to see if any new statute or requirements passed since the creation of this document. CT water could help on this.

Beth Moncata has reached out to CT Water for assistance. She is looking for a budget. R. Bahr will assist.

6. Set Meeting Dates:
a. October 22, 2026
MOTION BY R. BAHR, SECONDED BY S. HOWE TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON OCTOBER 22, 2026, AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON. VOTE ALL AYE
b. January 28, 2027, April 22, 2027, July 22, 2027, and October 28, 2027
MOTION BY R. BAHR, SECONDED BY S. HOWE TO SET THE 2027 MEETING DATES AS LISTED ABOVE. VOTE: ALL AYE

7. Old/New Business
a. R. Bahr is looking to step down as chairman. Members thanked Ray
b. L. Francis wondered if Connecticut River Area Health District (CRHAD) should attend these meetings
c. Discussion on if EPA has turned ownership to the State of CT and then Durham yet. First Selectman Rea responded it is still with the State.

8. Public comment
Rick Parmelee: spoke about minutes and zoom recordings not posted. Felt CT Water should be fixing many of the issues discussion tonight.

Roger Kleeman: offered facilities insight into how to handle issues at Maple Ave and asked why the town maintains Lexington Place. L. Francis responded that Lexington Place is an asset of the Durham Water Commission.

R. Parmelee: asked for water line plans on RT 68, has not heard back. L. Francis was not sure this information if public. First Selectman Rea will investigate, he noted he had a request recently for the gas line map and the information was protected.

9. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 10:00am
Respectfully submitted,
Jaclyn Lehet