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DURHAM WATER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2026 AT 7 PM
2nd FLOOR, TOWN HALL and remote via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: by Chairman Ray Bahr at 7:05 PM
Present: Ray Bahr, First Selectman Brendan Rea, Selectman Tom Hennick, Laura Francis, Simone Howe
Absent: Gary Sheldon
Others present: Beth Moncata, Finance Director Town of Durhham
A quorum its present.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION made by Laura Francis to approve the agenda. Seconded by Tom Hennick. Approved by all. MOTION PASSED.

3. FACILITIES MANAGER:

a. DISCUSS LEXINGTON PLACE: Regular maintenance is being performed. No recent invoice. Will call a special meeting if an invoice is received.

b. DISCUSS MAPLE AVE PUMP HOUSE:

i. Interior Drain and Sealant

Multiple quotes received and discussed. MOTION made by Brendan Rea to approve Premier Basement Solutions just under $9,900 with an additional provision of $2000 to cover a battery backup system. Seconded by Laura Francis. Discussion clarified that the pump house is used by the Durham Fair and needs regular inspection and maintenance. Approved by all. MOTION PASSED. If $2000 does not cover the cost, we will call a special meeting.

ii. Heater and Conduit

Electrical issues including a corroded conduit and non-working heater, discussed. Low bider was ASW Electric. Motion made by Tom Hennick to approve appropriations of $1,859 for the heater and $2,000 for the conduit repairs with stipulation that the heater be off the floor.

4. APPROVAL OF INVOICES: MOTION made by Brendan Rae to approve the four invoices invoices from Connecticut Water for work done at Well #2 which is located at Mauro Meadows. Seconded by Laura Francis. Approved by all. MOTION PASSED.

5. FY 25-26 YEAR END REPORT: Beth Moncata presented the fiscal year 2025-26 end-of-year reports for three divisions: Lexington Place (budget neutral at $1,243), Durham Elderly ($3,702 total), and Durham Center ($79,139). Beth reported moving $300,000 from the checking account to Liberty Bank to earn a higher interest rate of 3.5% compared to the previous 1.1% at Citizens Bank.
Laura Francis recommended that a new rate study be performed in anticipation of having to increase the water rate. RCAP Solutions did the last study. Brendan will contact Matt Cassady at RCAP Solutions.
At the next meeting a budget will be approved.
Beth Moncata reported $21,000 in accounts receivable. Beth Moncata, Laura Francis and Brendan Rae will meet to discuss this before the next Water Commission Meeting on January 28, 2027

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. ADJOURN: MOTION made to adjourn at 7:35. Approved by all. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,
Simone Howe