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## RESOLUTION #2015-31 OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### TOWN COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE FY 2016 GENERAL OPERATING BUDGETS, THE CAPITAL FUND BUDGET AND THE 2016-2025 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Durham, New Hampshire, in accordance with Article 5 of the Durham Town Charter, has reviewed the proposed FY 2016 budgets and Capital Improvements Plan and conducted a public hearing on November 16, 2015 on the proposed FY 2016 Town Budget and Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby approves the **General Fund Budget** in the amount of \$14,100,967 with an estimated property tax rate of \$8.48 per thousand of assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council is appropriating \$60,178 from the Community Development Expendable Trust Fund for Economic Development in the 2016 Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Durham will be using up to \$25,000 from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund (established under RSA 261:153) to offset the Public Works Roadway Maintenance Program and approximately \$58,275 will be transferred from the Depot Road Fund in 2016 to the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 budgets include a limited pool of funds to be allocated by the Administrator to be used for compensation of non-union employees; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby approves the **Water Fund Budget** in the amount of \$770,998 and hereby sets the water rate at \$5.35 per hundred cubic feet of metered water usage effective 01/01/16; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council hereby approves the **Sewer Fund Budget** in the amount of \$2,308,564 and hereby sets the sewer rate at \$7.30 per hundred cubic feet of metered water usage effective 01/01/16; and

**WHEREAS**, it further states "The parties agree to contribute, on a prorated basis, \$40,000 annually to the fund to be comprised of all connection fees received by the Town and the balance to be funded at the cost share ratio outlined....."; the Council after reviewing the FY 2016 Sewer Fund Budget agrees to the transfer of funds not to exceed \$13,334 and 100% of the Sewer Entrance/Connection Fees to the Sewer Capital Reserve with the condition that the amount to be transferred will not exceed the surplus available at the end of the year;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council hereby approves the **Parking Fund Budget** in the amount of \$327,100; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Council hereby approves the **Capital Fund Budget** in the amount of \$2,442,835, with \$1,091,265 to be raised in revenues from bonds, notes, other forms of long-term debt; \$594,554 to be raised through property taxes, user fees and general revenues; \$86,666 to be funded by the University of New Hampshire; \$105,000 to be funded through the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund; \$450,000 to be funded through Grants; and \$115,350 to be funded through the Lois E. Brown Wagon Hill Farm Expendable Trust Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council hereby approves the **Depot Road Parking Lot Fund Budget** in the amount of \$101,300; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council hereby approves the **Churchill Rink Fund Budget** in the amount of \$193,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council hereby approves the **Library Fund Budget** in the amount of \$444,642 with \$426,142 being funded through a transfer from the general fund and \$18,500 funded by the Library Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council hereby approves the **Downtown Tax Increment Financing District Budget** in the amount of \$124,275; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Capital Improvement Program expenditure of \$368,250 for the Wagon Hill Erosion Mitigation Project will occur only after consultation with the Conservation, Land Stewardship and Parks and Recreation Committees and with the advice and consent of the Town Council; and

**WHEREAS**, any transfer of unspent balance or portion thereof from one department to another will occur with the approval of the Town Council in accordance with Section 5.7 of the Town of Durham Charter, except that the Town Council does

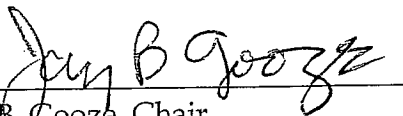
hereby authorize the Administrator to transfer any balance or portion thereof from the Town Council Contingency fund to any department during 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Administrator will not hire additional regular full-time employees during 2016 without the advice and consent of the Town Council except for those regular full-time positions provided for in the approved 2016 General Operating Budget;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Durham Town Council that an estimated amount of \$8,626,189 (\$8,501,914 of general tax revenue and \$124,275 of Tax Increment Financing District tax revenue) shall be raised by taxation which together with estimated operating revenues of \$12,187,492 for the aggregate amount of \$20,813,681 is hereby raised and appropriated for the use of the several departments of the town government for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire hereby adopts **RESOLUTION #2015-31 APPROVING** the FY 2016 General Operating Budgets, Capital Fund Budget, and 2016-2025 Capital Improvement Plan, as amended, by a majority vote of the Durham Town Council.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 14th day of December, 2015 by a majority vote of the Durham Town Council with Seven (7) affirmative votes, Zero (0) negative votes, and One (1) abstentions.

  
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Jay B. Gooze, Chair  
Durham Town Council

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lorrie Pitt, Town Clerk