



## TOWN OF DURHAM

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[Other Information at the end.](#)*

### **DURHAM PLANNING BOARD**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

**Council Chambers, Durham Town Hall**

**7:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

#### Planning Board (7 voting members)

Paul Rasmussen, *Chair*  
Sally Tobias, *Vice Chair*  
Heather Grant, *Council Rep.*  
Richard Kelley  
Peyton McManus  
Rob Sullivan  
Gary Whittington  
Darrell Ford, *Council Alternate*  
Emma Hollander, *Alternate*  
Peter Howd, *Alternate*  
Munish Nanda, *Alternate*  
Julian Smith, *Alternate*

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Michael Behrendt, *Town Planner*  
Patricia Denmark, *Minutes Taker*

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call, Explanation for those participating on Zoom, Vote to allow participation on Zoom, and Seating of Alternates
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Town Planner's Report
- V. Reports from Board Members who serve on Other Committees
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Review of Minutes (old):
- VIII. ***Public Hearing - Strafford Avenue – 2-lot subdivision***. 20 Strafford Avenue. 2-lot subdivision placing two existing houses on separate lots. Steven Kimball, Pine Ledge Holdings, property owner. Phillip Yetman, surveyor, Haley Ward. Map 106, Lot 11. Residence A District.  
*Recommended action:* Final action.
- IX. ***Public Hearing – Zoning Amendment to increase maximum height in section of CB-1 to 5 stories and 60 feet***. Amendment for Central Business-1 District affecting section bounded by Main Street, Jenkins Court (west of Jenkins Court), and Pettee Brook Lane to change from a 4-story, 50-foot height limit. Also proposed for entire Central Business-1 District to allow first floor structured parking provided the area fronting on the street is commercial to a depth of at least 50 feet. Presently, the entire first floor must be commercial. *Recommended action:* Initiate amendment if acceptable or modify the amendment and set a new public hearing.
- X. ***Zoning Amendments recommended by Housing Task Force***. Discussion about amendments proposed by the task force to expand opportunities for residential development with changes to the Table of Uses, Table of Dimensions, and Zoning Text affecting single-family property; two, three, and four-unit residential; multi-unit residential; senior housing; mixed-use with residential; lot sizes; density; setbacks; frontage; and other elements. *Recommended action:* Ongoing discussion.
- XI. Review of Minutes: February 25, 2026 and March 11, 2026
- XII. Other Business:
- XIII. Adjournment

(over)

## **\*ZOOM ACCESS**

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## **\*OTHER INFORMATION**

- 1) **Public hearings and public comments.** *The public is welcome to speak at all public hearings and during the Public Comments time.* Comments on all matters, except those for which a hearing is on the agenda, should be made during the Public Comments time (including comments on agenda items). The public may speak and submit written/email comments on any germane subject except active matters where the hearing has been closed. When a public hearing will be held soon for a specific item, the board may require that comments be made at the hearing.
- 2) **Submission of comments in writing.** Send emails and letters to Michael Behrendt, Town Planner, at [mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us](mailto:mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us) or at the address above. Substantive comments about current board matters, except where the public hearing is closed, will be a) emailed to the board; b) mailed to the board if received by the Thursday before the meeting or given to members at the meeting if received later; and c) posted on the Town's website.

Any email, letter, or document that is pertinent to a decision which the Planning Board is expected to make at the upcoming Wednesday meeting, must be received in the Planning Office by the prior Monday at 5:00 p.m. or the board will consider the material only at its discretion (This limitation does not apply to comments made at the public hearing).

- 3) **Other information.** Files on the agenda items are available for review on the Town website <https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/>. Agendas marked "Preliminary Agenda" are subject to change. The final agenda will be posted on the Friday prior to the meeting. To see documents related to specific items, see the agenda on the website and click on any **highlighted** items.
- 4) **Contacting us.** Call (603) 868-8064 or email Michael Behrendt, above, or Tracey Cutler, Administrative Assistant, at [tcutler@ci.durham.nh.us](mailto:tcutler@ci.durham.nh.us).
- 5) **Recommended actions.** Actions recommended by the Town Planner are shown above. The board may or may not take these actions and may take other actions not stated.
- 6) **10:00 pm.** The board will take up a new item of business after 10:00 pm at its discretion.
- 7) **Communication aids.** Please provide the Town with 48-hours' notice if any aids are needed.
- 8) **Next meeting.** The next regular board meeting will be on **April 8, 2026**.