



TOWN OF DURHAM

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Durham Town Council will hold **public hearings** on the two resolutions below on **Monday, October 5, 2020 at 7PM. The meeting will be held remotely via Zoom teleconferencing.**

Interested citizens are invited to express their views. Written comments may be mailed to the Administrator's Office at 8 Newmarket Road, Durham, NH 03824 or sent by electronic mail to jberry@ci.durham.nh.us.

RESOLUTION #2020-XX OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF A \$80,000 RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES BUREAU OF TRAILS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE OYSTER RIVER AT THOMPSON LANE AS A GREENBELT CONNECTION WHICH IS PART OF THE ORCHARD DRIVE/STEVENS WOODS TRAIL PLAN

WHEREAS, in November 2019 the Town acquired a 25 acre parcel of undeveloped property on Orchard Drive from the Oyster River Cooperative School District with funds raised in donations and grants; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 the town's approved Capital Improvement Plan included the project to place a Pedestrian Bridge over the Oyster River on this newly acquired property with \$30,000 from the Operating Budget to be funded by the purchase of a right of way from the Town by UNH, with additional funds for the bridge to be raised in grants and donations; and

WHEREAS, in July 2020 the Town was notified that the Recreational Trails Program funding of \$80,000 to be matched with \$20,000 of local funding to construct abutments and place a bridge over the Oyster River was approved for funding by the Governor and Council; and

WHEREAS, fundraising is ongoing but has to date surpassed the \$20,000 needed to match the grant; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 1999, the Durham Town Council approved Resolution #99-19 adopting the provisions of RSA 31:95-b authorizing the Town Council to apply for, accept, and expend unanticipated funds from a Federal, state, or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, Council approval is required for the acceptance and expenditure of these funds; and

WHEREAS, RSA 31:95-b III(a) requires that a Public Hearing be held on unanticipated funds in excess of \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, October 5, 2020, a duly posted Public Hearing was held by the Durham Town Council on the \$80,000 grant monies in accordance with RSA 31:95-b;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Durham Town Council, the governing and legislative body of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire does hereby adopt **Resolution #2020-XX** authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of a \$80,000 Recreational Trail Program (RTO) Grant from the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Bureau of Trails for construction of a Pedestrian Bridge over the Oyster River at Thompson Lane as a Greenbelt Connection component of the Orchard Drive / Stevens Woods Trail Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of October, 2020 by an ____ roll call vote of the Durham Town Council as follows:

Sally Tobias	___	Wayne Burton	___
Dinny Waters	___	James Lawson	___
Al Howland	___	Sally Needell	___
Katherine Marple	___	Andrew Corrow	___

Katherine A. Marple, Chairman
Durham Town Council

ATTEST:

Lorrie Pitt, Town Clerk-Tax Collector

RESOLUTION #2020-XX OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NAMING THE THOMPSON LANE BRIDGE AFTER THE LATE DR. KENNETH (KENNY) ROTNER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION #2002-13 DATED OCTOBER 28, 2002 FOR NAMING PUBLIC FACILITIES, TRAILS, FORESTS, OR TREES

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2002, the Durham Town Council adopted Resolution #2002-13 establishing a policy for the naming of public facilities, trails, forests or trees; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works received a request to name the Thompson Lane Bridge after the late Dr. Kenny Rotner which reads, in part: *“Kenny Rotner was involved in and supported virtually every step in the two-year long effort to build a bridge over the Oyster River from Thompson Lane to Stevens Woods. We expect the bridge will be completed within the next few months. After Kenny’s death several weeks ago, many Durham residents suggested that it would be appropriate to name the bridge after him in recognition of his many contributions to the town.”*

WHEREAS, after careful review and consideration of the criteria within Resolution #2002-13, the Department of Public Works finds that five of the six criteria (excluding only #3) apply to Dr. Rotner as justifications for him to receive this honor and that it is therefore reasonable and appropriate to name the Thompson Lane Bridge after Dr. Rotner for the following reason(s):

“Kenny lived in Durham for 30 years and worked here as a beloved and esteemed family doctor. In addition he devoted enormous amounts of time to service in many public capacities - Town Councilor, member of the board of the Oyster River Cooperative School District, Chair of the Land Stewardship Subcommittee, and Chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee. He was involved in most aspects of the two-year effort by Durham to construct a pedestrian bridge from Thompson Lane to Stevens Woods. The Department of Public Works is pleased and honored to recommend to the Durham Town Council that they consider naming the Thompson Lane Bridge in honor of Dr. Kenny Rotner.”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Durham Town Council, the governing body of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire, is privileged to hereby adopt Resolution #2020-XX accepting the recommendation forwarded by the Department of Public Works to name the Thompson Lane Bridge after the late Dr. Kenny Rotner.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of October, 2020 by an ____ roll call vote of the Durham Town Council as follows:

Sally Tobias	___	Wayne Burton	___
Dinny Waters	___	James Lawson	___
Al Howland	___	Sally Needell	___
Katherine Marple	___	Andrew Corrow	___

Katherine Marple, Chair
Durham Town Council

ATTEST:

Lorrie Pitt, Town Clerk