

This set of minutes was approved at the June 20, 2022 Town Council meeting

DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022
DURHAM TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Council Chair Kitty Marple; Councilor Joe Friedman; Councilor Chuck Hotchkiss; Councilor Sally Needell; Councilor Sally Tobias; Councilor James Lawson; Councilor Eleanor Lonske (remotely); Councilor Eric Lund; Councilor Carden Welsh.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator Selig; April Talon, Town Engineer; Michael Behrendt, Town Planner

I. Call to Order

Chair Marple called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Town Council grants permission for fewer than a majority of Councilors to participate remotely

Councilor Marple MOVED to grant permission for fewer than a majority of councilors to participate remotely, which PASSED 8-0: Councilor Marple--Yes; Councilor Tobias--Yes; Councilor Lund--Yes; Councilor Hotchkiss--Yes; Councilor Lawson--Yes; Councilor Needell--Yes; Councilor Welsh--Yes; Councilor Friedman--Yes.

III. Roll Call of Members. Those members participating remotely state why it is not reasonably practical for them to attend the meeting in-person

Roll call was taken: *Councilor Tobias--Yes; Councilor Lund--Yes; Councilor Marple--Yes; Councilor Needell--Yes; Councilor Hotchkiss--Yes; Councilor Lawson--Yes; Councilor Welsh--Yes; Councilor Friedman--Yes; Councilor Lonske--Yes.*

IV. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Welsh requested that a new agenda item be added under New Business to discuss the letter sent to the Council by the Rye Selectmen relative to the proposed air cargo facility at Pease.

Councilor Lund MOVED to APPROVE the agenda as amended, which was SECONDED by Councilor Needell and PASSED 9-0: Councilor Tobias--Yes; Councilor Lund--Yes; Councilor Marple--Yes; Councilor Needell--Yes; Councilor

Hotchkiss--Yes; Councilor Lawson--Yes; Councilor Welsh--Yes; Councilor Friedman--Yes; Councilor Lonske--Yes.

V. Special Announcements – None

VI. Public Comments (*)

William Hall, Smith Park Lane, spoke on fire safety in UNH housing and the Town's water system.

Joshua Meyorwitz, 7 Chelsey Drive, spoke on the recent Mill Plaza redevelopment vote, also giving more background on the history of the project and the Town's attorney.

VII. Approval of Minutes - None

VIII. Councilor and Town Administrator Roundtable

Councilor Friedman--Parks and Rec

- The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held this past weekend at the OR High School and was well attended.
- The Committee is now currently planning for Memorial Day. Discussion is still leaning towards a service over a parade.
- Durham Day follows shortly after Memorial Day, which will occur on June 4th from 12:30-2:30.
- July summer camps have been filled. Pre and post camps in June and August are also filling up. There are about 25 kids on the waiting list as well.
- The kids will be split into two groups: 1st through 4th grade and 5th through 8th grade. Typically, in these camps Oyster River programs are held in the mornings while Parks and Rec programs are held in the afternoons.
- There are still one regular and three alternative committee seats open on the committee.
- Parks and Rec next meets on April 19th at 7PM.
- Councilor Welsh asked if Councilor Friedman would look into the camp waiting lists to check if any Durham children were on them. Councilor Friedman said that he would.

Councilor Welsh--IWMAC

- The committee last met on April 6th. The main agenda item was a review of NRRA information from their Recycle Right campaign that the committee hopes to borrow from in their efforts to increase recycling.
- The committee met the minimum sales number of 20 for the compost bins offered for Durham residents.
- Nell Neal will be giving a presentation at the next meeting on the committee's future plans with "Sustainable Durham".

Councilor Welsh--Conservation Commission

- The Commission has not had an official meeting but did participate in a site walk with the Planning Board on Saturday, April 16th.

Councilor Lawson--Energy Committee

- Earth Day is this coming Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm at the Pettee Brook metered lot. The event will include a large selection of electrical vehicles for residents to view, both from dealerships and from fellow residents that can answer questions about owning an EV in Durham. Henry Herndon from the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire will also be present at the event to provide information about CPC and Community Power Aggregation. Lastly, the event will include information about residential solar power, including a solar tour of community solar installations, which will start at 2 pm. IWMAC will also be present providing information about composting.
- Councilor Lawson also expressed interest in researching how the increase in student housing in Durham may have impacted workforce housing in surrounding communities.

Councilor Hotchkiss

- Councilor Hotchkiss had nothing to report.

Councilor Needell--Land Stewardship Subcommittee

- Councilor Needell said she was not able to attend the last meeting but did watch it on DCAT. There were not enough members for a quorum, but the committee did use the meeting time to share information.
- Steve Eisenhower gave a brief presentation on UNH Trail and Land Management.
- GIS operator Stephen Lutterman gave a presentation about GIS implementation and its use in easement monitoring and tracking of invasive species. He also spoke on the GIS story map, which includes DPW workforce assignment overview, public access, and other information.
- Discussion continued on the future Spruce Hole signage.
- Tom Brightman gave the subcommittee property updates.
- The subcommittee discussed a presentation given on invasives that have appeared but have not taken root in NH, as well as prevention measures.

Councilor Lund--Historic District/Heritage Commission

- The Commission last met on April 7th.
- Application for a deck and walkway replacement at 44 Newmarket Road was heard and approved by the Commission.
- A second application for the conversion of a barn or carriage outbuilding into a garage. Commission members did not feel they had enough information to make a decision and scheduled a site walk, which was canceled when the applicant withdrew their request.
- The Commission will meet again on May 5th.

Councilor Tobias--Planning Board

- The Planning Board last met on April 13th. The focused agenda item was the Mill Plaza mixed commercial-residential use permit. The vote required a super-majority and did not succeed with a 4-3 vote.
- The Board did approve the conditional use for the bank driveway.
- WCOD and SPOD activities were also approved. This item is continued to the May 11th meeting, where the Board will be voting on the site plan. Councilor Tobias predicts that

this vote will also fail, as the site plan does not meet the requirements of residential conditional use.

- There will be a special meeting on Wednesday, April 20th, in order to discuss a lot line adjustment on Laurel Lane and the 32-34 Madbury Road public hearing.
- After the special meeting, the Board will meet again on May 11th. There are many agenda items to that meeting, including the final Mill Plaza vote, 19 Main Street, an application for geothermal wells on 190 Piscataqua Road, as well as expecting the formal application for the food truck court at 15 Newmarket Road. There is also the possibility that the Board will receive a conceptual application from Mark Henderson for updates to a 4 Old Landing Road building. Lastly, the Board will be electing officers and appointing representatives to boards and committees at that meeting.
- Councilor Tobias was not able to attend the site walk mentioned by Councilor Welsh. Councilor Hotchkiss did attend the two site walks, a residential parcel on Oyster River Road and for the new driveway and home on Durham Point Road

Councilor Tobias--Housing Taskforce

- The Taskforce met on April 11th.
- Maggie and John Randolph, proprietors of Harmony Homes, attended and talked to the Taskforce about their experiences with the development of workforce housing. That experience includes providing housing for their Harmony Homes employees in Durham, as well as the development of a cottage cluster in Dover.
- Councilor Tobias agreed to semi-regularly attend the Seacoast Development Stakeholders meetings as part of her role on the Taskforce. Some highlights of the last meeting she attended included:
 - Struggles with staffing levels have led many businesses to reduce their operating hours.
 - Office vacancies have been on the rise, which is expected to continue as a result of remote working in the pandemic.
 - Single-family homes have increased 15% in cost, and condos have increased 31%.
 - Outdoor dining has greatly increased in popularity.
 - Housing cost for population over 55 years old is becoming a rising concern.
- Councilor Tobias reminded Boards, Committees, and Commissions to have their tables ready for the upcoming Durham Day

Councilor Lonske--Agriculture Committee

- The Committee worked on its presentation at Durham Day.
- Additionally, planning has begun for a regional Farm Day event.

Administrator Selig

- UNH Campus recreation has begun to plan for the outdoor pool season. More information will be coming in the Friday Updates.
- Durham Human Rights Commission is currently compiling a list of key holidays outside the Christian “bubble”. This list will be used to make sure that important Town meetings don’t conflict with those holidays.
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice training opportunities are being looked into by the Town.

- DPW continues to be hard at work applying for various grants, both for the Mill Pond Dam and other town projects.
- The Town has invited the Executive Director of Pease Development Authority, Paul Brean, to attend an upcoming Council meeting to give an update on the cargo proposal. He plans to attend the May 16th meeting. In the meantime, Administrator Selig has followed up with Mike Lehrman, Durham's representative to the Noise Compatibility Study Committee. Before Mr. Brean's Council visit, Mr. Lehrman and a few others are preparing a short presentation to give to the Council to give them a better background of the issue. Councilor Friedman asked if the Council should wait for a complete proposal. Administrator Selig replied that he hoped the presentation would be able to fill gaps in the Council's knowledge before speaking to Mr. Brean as it was going to take a long time for the Director to be able to meet with the Council. Councilor Tobias noted that at the very least, informing the public about the process the proposal will go through will be helpful. Councilor Welsh noted that he agreed with Councilor Friedman that it would be ideal to have a complete proposal but expressed concern that waiting for one would make it harder to express objections the Town may have. He also asked to discuss the Maine letter sent to Pease on this topic.
- Friday updates will contain Durham Fire Department's quarterly update on call data.
- Durham Farm Day will be called the Oyster River Farm Day, which will be held on Saturday, August 20th. This event will be a collaboration between the Oyster River towns.
- Seacoast Eat Local will be sponsoring the Durham Farmer's Market this year. They continue to be interested in 66 Main Street as this year's location. Councilor Needell asked if that location would prevent permitted parkers for their spaces on Farmer's Market days. Administrator Selig responded that the Town is working with DPD on a solution to that issue, which will likely be moving to the Pettee Brook Parking Lot on those days.
- The Public Works Road program is underway. Timberbrook Lane, Pendexter Lane, Wednesday Hill Road, portions of Mast Road are the current focuses of the project. Rich Raine and DPW staff have organized neighborhood meetings to keep affected residents in the loop on the scope and timeline of the project. Public Works also graded some of the remaining dirt roads in Durham to ensure their good condition.
- Senator Hassan will be in attendance at a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the solar parking array from Oyster River buses on April 20th at 2 p.m.
- A former Durham Resident and Council member reached out to Administrator Selig with an interest in working with the Red Cross on a blood drive. This drive would be a competition between Durham, Dover, and Newmarket comparing data from this drive to the towns' averages to determine a winner. The prospective date is May 25th.
- The two-year reevaluation process has begun. The Town has received three bids, two of which the Assessor is evaluating for the best fit for the Town. Mr. Selig predicts that a recommendation will be presented to the Council at their next meeting.
- There have been some upgrades to the Council chambers, including outlet boxes and new microphones. There are also table extensions coming to provide more room for alternate Planning Board to sit at the Council table during meetings.
- Administrator Selig noted a recent concern about the Exculpatory Evidence Schedule (formerly referred to as the Laurie List), which is a list of police officers that have a

questioned character. Mr. Selig noted that there have been a few DPD officers placed on that list over the years, who were removed from Durham's employment after the Town became aware of their status.

- A summer work plan is being developed for the UNH Sustainability Fellow.
- Information has been included in the Friday Updates about the Mill Plaza decision.
- Administrator Selig will be on vacation the week of April 25-29, 2022.
- Longtime Administrative Assistant Jen Berry is planning to retire in February of next year. Karen Edwards, Administrative Assistant in the Planning and Zoning Office, has expressed interest in moving into that role.
- The Town is also looking for summer help in the Public Works department for mowing and grounds maintenance.

IX. Report from the UNH Student Senate External Affairs Chair or Designee

Derek Cotter was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a report for Administrator Selig to pass along to the Council.

Debate for student body president and vice president went very well. Both teams had well developed plans to revitalize the senate, connecting to the student body, course work, and required classes, as well as the relationship between the student body and UNH PD and the Durham PD.

Emily Dennison was elected as President, and Dina Rathke was elected as Vice President.

The Student Senate has recently started working on a resolution to start salting sidewalks during the wintertime, as many students and residents alike have been injured on UNH sidewalks. A resolution to consider building a skatepark is also underway. Cotter promises to keep the Council updated on both resolutions.

Administrator Selig noted that he did reach out to UNH to confirm that UNH does salt its sidewalks.

X. Unanimous Consent Agenda *(Requires unanimous approval. Individual items may be removed by any councilor for separate discussion and vote)*

- A. Shall the Town Council approve the 2nd 2022 Warrant for Water and Sewer totaling \$583,088.51 and authorize the Administrator to sign said warrant?
- B. Shall the Town Council approve a Special Event/Road Closure Permit request submitted by the UNH MUB Student Activities Undergraduate Student Senate to hold a "Unity Day" event on Saturday, May 7, 2022 (rain date: Sunday, May 8, 2022) from 12:00 Noon to 5PM?
- C. Shall the Town Council, In accordance with Section 5.5 of the Durham Town Charter, schedule, a Public Hearing for Monday, May 9, 2022, on a resolution authorizing the raising, appropriating, and expenditure of an additional One Hundred Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$105,815.00) within the FY 2022 General Fund Budget, to refund an unexpended building permit fee deposit associated with the Oyster River

Middle School Project, and approve said refund to be paid to Bauen Corporation, initiator of the building permit fee fund?

Councilor Marple MOVED to APPROVE the Unanimous Consent agenda items as presented, which was SECONDED by Councilor Needell and PASSED 9-0: Councilor Tobias--Yes; Councilor Lund--Yes; Councilor Marple--Yes; Councilor Needell--Yes; Councilor Hotchkiss--Yes; Councilor Lawson--Yes; Councilor Welsh--Yes; Councilor Friedman--Yes; Councilor Lonske--Yes.

XI. Committee Appointments

Shall the Town Council nominate resident James Hornbeck for reappointment by the NHDES Commissioner as Durham's Representative to the Oyster River Local Advisory Committee?

Councilor Welsh asked why this committee did not weigh in on the dam issue. Councilor Needell recalled that the issue was raised, but it was decided that the issue was not in the ORLA Committee's purview. Councilor Welsh asked if Mr. Hornbeck or the committee chair would be able to come in and talk about why they didn't weigh in on the dam issue, which Administrator Selig said was definitely possible.

Councilor Needell MOVED to NOMINATE James Hornbeck for reappointment to the Oyster River Local Advisory Committee, which was SECONDED by Councilor Lund and PASSED 9-0: Councilor Tobias--Yes; Councilor Lund--Yes; Councilor Marple--Yes; Councilor Needell--Yes; Councilor Hotchkiss--Yes; Councilor Lawson--Yes; Councilor Welsh--Yes; Councilor Friedman--Yes; Councilor Lonske--Yes.

Administrator Selig noted that one of the many organizations Durham is in contact with for grant money is the U.S Department of Agriculture, which is interested in working with the Town to improve additional areas of the watershed beyond just the dam area. This may include funding for a feasibility study on this topic.

XII. Presentation Items

A. Sustainable Durham – Nell Neal, Chair, IWMAC

Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee Chair Nell Neal greeted the Council and thanked them for their positive reception to the composting presentation she and a few other representatives gave at a previous meeting. She thanked Councilor Lawson for including composting in the Earth Day events.

Ms. Neal also gave some follow-up to concerns presented in that report. She spoke to representatives from Jasper, a municipality in Alberta, Canada, who have a 43-bin compost system in their town, to gather more information on what that program might look like. To prevent contamination with garbage, the bins are shrink-wrapped with vinyl vegetable patterned wrapping. Ms. Neal also followed-up with Mr. Fox Composting, who only put bins in transfer stations to prevent contamination.

Ms. Neal noted that IWMAC is a relatively small committee with a wide scope, with a number of environmental issues that could use its attention. But in order to maximize the committee's efforts, the committee chose to focus on the issue of recycling. However, some members of the committee worried that this scope was too narrow, and the committee changed its course slightly to follow the slogan "sustainable Durham".

With this direction positively received by Administrator Selig, the steps moving forward needed to be established. Mr. Selig suggested Ms. Neal start by speaking with the Council to hear its input. Ms. Neal also plans on visiting the Agriculture and Energy Committees to receive input from those members as well.

Councilor Lawson noted that a website that compiles resources like an EV charging station map or Farmers' Market information, etc., would make for easier access of the information.

Councilor Welsh noted that the Council should also keep in mind ways this might backfire or be seen as hypocritical, just out of an abundance of caution. Councilor Lawson asked what Councilor Welsh thought might be hypocritical. Councilor Welsh replied that outside actions done by the Town might seem hypocritical to the Sustainable Durham slogan, citing the example of building a new fire station that has a much higher carbon footprint than other towns.

Administrator Selig noted that this time last year, when the Town was just entering the Global Covenant of Mayors, it became clear that the conversation was about more than just energy. Also included were conversations around recycling, composting, and other initiatives. A website page had already been put up where the GCM Plan, the future Climate Action plan, and future initiatives from other committees would be housed. When Ms. Neal came to Administrator Selig with the Sustainable Durham idea, Mr. Selig saw how the initiative could fit within that idea.

Councilor Welsh noted that trying to be environmental is a complicated process with many layers, again cautioning the Council to consider how these decisions might be viewed.

Councilor Lawson noted that there is a potential example of Councilor Welsh's idea in the proposed Durham Solar Ordinance to be discussed later in the meeting. This ordinance would ban utility-scale solar in the Rural district, which on the surface seems unsustainable. However, the ordinance is written to keep a balance as rural forests help sequester CO₂ and provide wildlife habitat.

Councilor Needell commented that Sustainable Durham is most useful as a core value.

Councilor Tobias noted that she understood Councilor Welsh's concerns, but also agreed with Councilor Lawson's point that the initiative has to start the sustainability conversation.

Councilor Needell also noted in order to keep the initiative standing out, it couldn't be overused. Ms. Neal agreed that overuse is an important topic to discuss. One method to increase recycling discussed by IWMAC was putting up a banner with Sustainable Durham with interchangeable subtitles. However, this idea didn't go forward, as Ms. Neal was concerned that it would begin to go unseen.

Chair Marple noted that a slogan like "Durham, Striving for Sustainability", might more accurately reflect the initiative. Councilor Lawson expressed concern that a simpler slogan would make for easier remembering. Councilor Welsh agreed but noted that he liked the idea of incorporating the idea of the initiative being an aspiration rather than the declaration.

Councilor Lund noted that another thing that needed clarity is that the initiative is a process, not a "one-and-done".

Chair Marple asked if the Council would be comfortable making a plan to approve something in the near future. Administrator Selig suggested incorporating that into the Council Goals conversation for later in the meeting.

B. Quarterly Financial Report through 3/31/22 - Gail Jablonski, Business Manager

Gail Jablonski greeted the Council, and noted that she had nothing major to report, as the First Quarter had gone smoothly. The Town is currently at 24% of its annual expenditures. The Council should be receiving the property tax warrant soon, and all fund accounts are in order.

Councilor Welsh noted that both revenue and expense percentages are slightly worse than they were this time last year and asked if that brought any concerns. Ms. Jablonski replied that she had no concerns. Councilor Welsh also asked if there were any worries with parking revenue, to which Ms. Jablonski answered there were not.

Councilor Lawson asked what category taxes collected from car registration are counted in. Ms. Jablonski responded that they were counted in Permit Fees.

Administrator Selig noted that while local arrests are not made in order to make revenue, fines that usually come from arrests are counted as revenue, meaning the lower amount of arrests would affect the revenue column to some degree. Councilor Lund also noted that lower arrests meant lower operational costs.

XIII. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion on a new proposed solar system ordinance and its referral to the Planning Board – Councilor Jim Lawson

Chair Marple noted that this ordinance has been long in the works, and thanked the Planning Board, Energy Committee, and Councilor Lawson for their hard work on the project.

Councilor Lawson agreed that the timeline for this project had been long, something that he apologized for. He also noted that the Council decided three years ago not to bring this ordinance to First Reading, due to the controversy surrounding the issue.

The ordinance had gone through revisions since that decision, and Lawson went on to highlight some of the changes made. More options were added for the placement of the freestanding residential solar system, which still complied with the rule of viewscape in the master plan. This improvement seemed to be received positively upon review by the Planning Board.

Another important edit was aligning the definitions of large scale utility solar and residential solar system to state definitions.

Large scale utility solar locations will be limited in where they can be located. These limitations will be in zoning areas that already allow intensive land use, which is not the rural district. Councilor Lawson also noted that that type of solar utility had not been successful in NH, unlike other areas.

Another positive of the ordinance is that it allows residential solar systems to function as a group meter host, meaning that households that aren't suited for solar can work with households better suited to create a larger group system.

There are still limits to the size of residential systems, but those systems are still at a size that can accommodate a family with large electrical needs like multiple EVs and geothermal heating, along with their regular utilities. The ordinance also covers solar parking canopies.

Councilor Lawson noted that the ordinance had been presented to the Energy Committee, to the Town Council, and to the Planning Board. Feedback from those presentations were also incorporated into more tweaks made to the ordinance.

If the Council chooses to initiate an ordinance, it then moves on to the Planning Board. The Planning Board will then review and then make a recommendation back to the Council on the ordinance. The ordinance then moves to First Reading.

Councilor Lawson requests that the Council allow public comments on the ordinance, perhaps at the next meeting. The Council could then use that input to make any needed changes before it being sent to the Planning Board, making the process more efficient. Lawson also noted that he has already received communications from some residents from the draft ordinance being posted in the Council Communications.

Chair Marple noted that she had no problem with incorporating a public forum like that. She also asked how big the 1800 sqft residential limit will appear. Councilor Lawson answered that part of his presentation does include a visual demonstration of what the 1800 sqft would look like. He also noted that there was no limit on rooftop solar systems.

Councilor Lund asked if buildings in the Historic District needed HDC approval before implementing solar systems. Councilor Lawson answered that ground-mounted would count as a structure and would need approval, but roof-mounted systems would not need approval. Lawson also noted that to his knowledge, nothing written in the ordinance would override the authority of the HDC, but he would also follow up with the Town Planner just in case.

Councilor Needell noted that the ordinance only allows ground systems behind a house, which sometimes is not the side of the house facing away from the street or is not the ideal location. She asked why this wording was in place. Councilor Lawson answered that the consensus from the Planning Board with the old version of the ordinance was that systems should not be allowed in the front of properties even if they could meet the setback, mostly due to the aesthetic effect on neighborhoods.

Councilor Needell also expressed confusion about the importance of not allowing solar in the rural area and asked Councilor Lawson to expand on that idea.

Councilor Lawson noted that there wasn't a right or wrong answer with this issue, just different perspectives on it. Losing forest is an issue, as trees sequester a significant amount of carbon. Additionally, the master plan emphasizes rural character and views at several points, which would be disrupted by the intensive use of utility solar. He also notes that he wouldn't be surprised if the Town eventually decided to make zoning specifically for solar systems, in order to allow for utility solar in an ideal area that would be prohibited under this ordinance.

Councilor Needell then asked about the solar parking canopies in the business district, and whether Lawson had received public input on those. Councilor Lawson answered that the central business district has very specific design standards to guide developers and changing those standards to incorporate solar canopies would be a significant undertaking for the moment.

Councilor Tobias noted that she liked the public hearing idea, and that the Planning Board would appreciate the timesaver. Councilor Hotchkiss noted that he wasn't as convinced that there would be a timesaving element, as they likely will hear similar public input at both meetings.

Councilor Lawson MOVED to SCHEDULE a presentation and public hearing on May 9th, 2022 on the Solar Energy Ordinance, which was SECONDED by Councilor Hotchkiss and PASSED 9-0: Councilor Tobias--Yes; Councilor Lund--Yes; Councilor Marple--Yes; Councilor Needell--Yes; Councilor Hotchkiss--Yes; Councilor Lawson--Yes; Councilor Welsh--Yes; Councilor Friedman--Yes; Councilor Lonske--Yes.

B. Continued discussion on the draft 2022-23 Town Council goals

Chair Marple thanked everyone for their hard work on the Council goals. She noticed some repetition among the goals, which she hoped to weed out in this session.

Administrator Selig noted that the repetition is in part due to the inclusion of everyone's feedback in this draft in order to maximize feedback, at which point Mr. Selig will fine-tune the goals and bring them back to the Council for another review.

Chair Marple expressed that she was unsure how she wanted to proceed with the discussion and opened up the floor for ideas. Administrator Selig suggested going through each of the items and overviews feedback. Councilor Hotchkiss noted concern that that process would be time-consuming and suggested designating two Councilors to meet with Administrator Selig separately for that process.

Councilor Welsh added that he would be fine with Administrator Selig editing a draft independently for the Council to review. Councilor Lonske agreed with that idea.

Chair Marple noted that she would be happy to work with Administrator Selig on another draft.

Councilor Needell asked Councilor Lawson about his revision on the current draft that removes the word environmental from a goal. Councilor Lawson responded that he separated the environmental goals into their own goals, instead of having them compete with the economic goals.

Councilor Lawson asked whether something needed to be added to the goals to advocate for Durham residents as it relates to the Pease Development Authority. Councilor Lund agreed with that idea. Councilor Friedman asked if that would be covered in the overall goal on preserving quality of life.

Administrator Selig noted that he was unsure how to address the Durham 300th celebration. Although it is ten years away, it takes some time to plan and fundraise for the event, and the issue was brought up by the Board of Trustees. Chair Marple suggested a five-year window. Councilor Friedman also suggested keeping an eye on Portsmouth's 400th celebration coming up in the next year or so to see what worked and didn't for them. Councilor Tobias also mentioned forming a committee tasked with planning the event.

XIV. New Business

Other Business - Discussion on the Town of Rye letter to the Pease Development Authority

Councilor Welsh opened the discussion by suggesting that the Council consider, over the next two meetings, sending a letter similar to the Town of Rye's letter to the Pease Development Authority (PDA).

Administrator Selig noted that he felt that the Town was on the right track. There will be additional time to gather feedback from the residents, as well as gathering information from the Executive Director. Mr. Selig hopes that this will put the Town in the position to be able to respond when an application appears, where the impact might be felt more.

Councilor Welsh noted that he was torn between the idea of intervening early to prevent building up momentum versus waiting to respond when the application appears.

Councilor Hotchkiss asked whether there might be room for middle ground on the issue, suggesting a short memo notifying PDA that the Town has heard concerns from neighboring communities and its own residents and plans to closely monitor the situation and comment when appropriate.

Administrator Selig noted that such a message might have already been received through the many scheduled meetings and communications Administrator Selig has had with various Pease individuals. However, Administrator Selig also acknowledged that a formal memo might have more impact and would be willing to craft one if the Council thinks it would be helpful.

Councilor Lawson noted that it was also important to vet and verify the information in the Rye letter before endorsing and adding Durham's perspective.

XV. Nonpublic Session (if required)

XVI. Extended Councilor and Town Administrator Roundtable (if required)

XVII. Adjourn (NLT 10:30 PM)

Councilor Tobias MOVED to ADJOURN the meeting, which was SECONDED by Councilor Welsh and PASSED 9-0: Councilor Tobias--Yes; Councilor Lund--Yes; Councilor Marple--Yes; Councilor Needell--Yes; Councilor Hotchkiss--Yes; Councilor Lawson--Yes; Councilor Welsh--Yes; Councilor Friedman--Yes; Councilor Lonske--Yes.

The meeting was ADJOURNED at 9:47 p.m.

Evie Wiechert, Minute Taker