



TOWN OF DURHAM

8 Newmarket Road
Durham, NH 03824
Tel: 603-868-5571
Fax: 603-868-1858
www.ci.durham.nh.us

NOTICE: Although members of the Town Council will be meeting in the Council chambers, the Council meetings are still available for members of the public to participate via Zoom or in-person.

AGENDA

DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023
DURHAM TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 PM

NOTE: *The Town of Durham requires 48 hours notice if special communication aids are needed.*

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Town Council grants permission for fewer than a majority of Councilors to participate remotely**
- III. **Roll Call of Members.** Those members participating remotely state why it is not reasonably practical for them to attend the meeting in person
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
- V. **Special Announcements** - Chair reads Land Acknowledgement Statement
- VI. **Public Comments (*)** - **Please state your name and address before speaking**
- VII. **Report from the UNH Student Senate External Affairs Chair or Designee**
- VIII. **Unanimous Consent Agenda** (*Requires unanimous approval. Individual items may be removed by any councilor for separate discussion and vote*)
 - A. Shall the Town Council provide its advice and consent to the Administrator for the changing of the Site Plan and Subdivision \$225 fee for the posting of the notice in a newspaper to \$0 for posting on the website and the changing of the \$9.00 certified abutter notice fee to \$5.00 cost for verified mail, and placement of said fees in the Town-wide Master Fee Schedule?
 - B. Shall the Town Council schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, October 16, 2023, on Resolution #2023-22 authorizing the issuance of long-term bonds or notes not to exceed one million five hundred and one thousand and eight hundred dollars (\$1,501,800.00) for the purpose of bonding 2019-2023 Capital projects and equipment purchases?

- C. Shall the Town Council Schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, October 16, 2023 on Resolution #2023-23 Authorizing the Acceptance and Expenditure of Funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Community-Based Restoration Program, for the Design of a Fish Passage at the Oyster River Reservoir Dam (located at the UNH/Durham Water Treatment Plant), In the Amount of up to \$290,000, and Authorize the Town Administrator to Sign and Submit Grant Paperwork on Behalf of the Town of Durham?
- D. Shall the Town Council Schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, October 16, 2023 on Resolution #2023-24 Authorizing the Acceptance and Expenditure of Funding from the US Fish and Wildlife Service National Fish Passage Program, for the Mill Pond Dam Removal Project, in the amount of \$100,000, and Authorize the Town Administrator to Sign and Submit Grant Paperwork on Behalf of the Town of Durham?
- E. Shall the Town Council, Upon Recommendation of the Administrator, approve a Special Event Permit Application Submitted by Rachel Gasowski, Parks & Rec Director, to close certain sections of Town Roads for the Annual "Frost Fest" to be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.?
- F. Shall the Town Council, Upon Recommendation of the Administrator, Approve a Special Event Permit Application Submitted by Rachel Gasowski, Parks & Rec Director, to Close Certain Sections of Town Roads for the Downtown Trick-or-Treat and Main Street Monster Bash event to be Held on Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.?
- G. Shall the Town Council approve Resolution #2023-25 recognizing October 2-October 8, 2023 as NH Week Without Driving and inviting residents and staff in learning about and advocating for accessible and environmentally responsible transportation?

IX. Committee Appointments - None

X. Presentation Items

- A. Receive report on Conservation Commission activities and projects - Jake Kritzer, Chair
- B. Presentation on the opening of the Oyster River Cooperative School District 2023/24 school year - Dr. James Morse, Superintendent
- C. Presentation on current Strafford Regional Planning Commission projects by Executive Director, Jen Czysz. Specific projects include the status of the updated Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, the issue of housing within the region and steps SRPC is taking relative to this issue, and the CEDS plan completion.
- D. Receive report on Housing Task Force activities - Paul Rasmussen

XI. Unfinished Business

XII. Approval of Minutes - September 11, 2023

XIII. Councilor and Town Administrator Roundtable

XIV. New Business

Request of the Housing Task Force, to extend the Task Force for two years to October 2, 2025 and to modify the Task Force charge.

XV. Nonpublic Session (if required)

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

XVII. Adjourn (NLT 10:30 PM)

() The public comment portion of the Council meeting is to allow members of the public to address matters of public concern regarding town government for up to 5 minutes.*

Obscene, violent, disruptive, disorderly comments, or those likely to induce violence, disruption or disorder, are not permitted and will not be tolerated. Complaints regarding Town staff should be directed to the Administrator.