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DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025
DURHAM TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Joseph Friedman, Chair Pro Tem Eric Lund, Councilor Wayne Burton, Councilor Emily Friedrichs (who uses the pronouns ze/zir/zirs/zirself and the title Mx. Friedrichs), Councilor Darrell Ford, Councilor Sally Needell, Councilor Curtis Register, Councilor Robin Vogt, Councilor Heather Grant

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Administrator Todd Selig, Durham Police Chief Rene Kelley, Rink Director Bill Page, Planning Board Chair Paul Rasmussen, Housing Task Force Chair Sally Tobias

I. Call to Order

Chair Friedman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. Roll Call of Members

Councilor Heather Grant, Councilor Robin Vogt, Chair Joe Friedman, Councilor Sally Needell, Councilor Wayne Burton, Councilor Darrell Ford, Councilor Curtis Register

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

Chair Pro Tem Eric Lund joins the meeting on Zoom. *Permission for him to participate remotely was granted on a roll call vote of 7-0.*

IV. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Needell MOVED to approve the agenda. Councilor Ford SECONDED the motion. There was no discussion. *The agenda was APPROVED on a unanimous roll call vote of 8-0.*

V. Special Announcements - None

VI. Public Comments

Loren Selig, 3 Nobel K. Peterson Drive, speaking as a state representative representing Durham, announced two listening sessions. The first is on Tuesday, May 6, at 1:00 p.m., when the N.H. Senate will hold a public listening session on the state budget in Representatives Hall in Concord. The second is next Wednesday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at the Oyster River Middle School Morse Recital Hall where all the state representatives from Lee, Madbury, Durham and Barrington, and community members are invited to participate in a Legislative Listening Session.

1 **Robin Mower, 6 Britton Lane**, remembered Gwynne Daggett, a UNH English professor
2 who spoke out during the McCarthy era and stood up against New Hampshire's governor
3 and most powerful newspaper publisher when they accused some UNH faculty of being
4 communists. She said integrity like his is a good example in the wake of the recent
5 release of body camera footage of the May 1, 2024 protest at UNH. She asked the Town
6 Council to send UNH a reminder of the town's commitment to protecting and defending
7 First Amendment rights.
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9 Chair Friedman noted for the record that Councilor Emily Friedrichs joined the meeting
10 in person at 7:10 p.m.
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12 **Josh Meyrowitz, 7 Chesley Drive**, spoke about the recent release of body camera
13 footage of the May 1, 2024 protest at UNH in an investigative report by the Concord
14 Monitor. He said most of the wrongs committed are beyond Durham's reach, but said it's
15 time for UNH and Durham to publicly apologize to the students who were arrested for
16 the false accusations.
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18 **Dan Eckerson, 33 Sandy Brook Drive**, noticed the rink was on the agenda for this
19 meeting and wanted to express his support for it and the value it has brought to Durham.
20 He said it's been a huge asset for 50 years and supports creating a facility that will last
21 another 50 years and continue to benefit all Durham families the way it has benefited his.
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23 **Matt Komanchak, 1 Thompson Lane**, endorsed the comments of the last three speakers
24 and then spoke about the recent zoning changes Durham has made. He requested the
25 town hold a public presentation to explain and discuss the initiatives and what they mean
26 for Durham residents. He said residents need to understand the planning and thought
27 process of where the town is and where it intends to go.
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29 **VII. Report from the UNH Student Senate External Affairs Chair or Designee**

30 **UNH student Caroline Bishop** introduced herself as the new External Affairs Chair for
31 the student body president at UNH. She is a rising junior and a community planning
32 major. Councilors welcomed her. She said this day, May 5, is the last day of classes at the
33 university and that finals run through next Wednesday in response to a question from
34 Administrator Selig, but was uncertain of the date of graduation, which was confirmed by
35 the group is May 17.
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37 Councilor Friedrichs asked how the students are feeling about the pending UNH budget
38 cuts and how that will affect them. Ms. Bishop said many students not involved in
39 student government are not aware of the budget cuts. She said the Student Senate is
40 worried about transparency about the budget changes and working to learn more.
41 Councilor Friedrichs invited her to share what students are feeling as they go through the
42 budget cuts and how they affect their lives as students.
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44 **VIII. Presentation Items**

- 45 A. Presentation by UNH Students and Police Chief Rene Kelley on the HLS Capstone
46 Project analyzing the use of body cameras by the police department

1 Chief Kelley said the department does a strategic planning exercise known as a SWOT
2 exercise each January and the topic of body-worn cameras often comes up. He said
3 complaints about officers are rare - there was just one in 2024 - so the cameras aren't
4 necessary for that reason, but having the visual record is another tool officers can use and
5 has a host of benefits. He said having Dr. Andrew MacPherson's class look into the
6 benefits, costs, vendors and research was a considerable cost savings to the town. The
7 class recently presented its findings to the police department and recommended it adopt
8 the use of body-worn cameras.

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10 Dr. MacPherson, 39 Sandy Brook Drive, introduced himself as a UNH professor who
11 teaches national security at the master's level. He said the use of body cameras is a
12 complex issue and the report represents two semesters of students' work.

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14 Abby Walsh, senior Homeland Security and Justice Studies major, led a team of her
15 fellow students in the presentation. They reported body cameras boost officer safety,
16 build trust in the community, reduce the number of complaints against officers and the
17 use of bodily force, and enhance oversight, accountability and training. Their PowerPoint
18 presentation said they found the town would have to make a "significant financial
19 investment for equipment, data storage and maintenance." They said body cameras have
20 become "a modern police standard" and that writing a policy for their use is "an
21 important part of the process." They gave a brief history of the use of body-worn
22 cameras, the types of equipment available, state law about body cameras, and public
23 opinion. The researchers surveyed other town police departments which use body
24 cameras in Rockingham, Strafford and Hillsborough counties, and the practices in towns
25 similar to Durham. They reported that the majority of accredited departments in the state
26 use body cameras. They cited recent police shootings, including one in Dover, where
27 body-worn camera footage made an impact. They also reviewed the challenges of using
28 body cameras, obtained two quotes for the town's purchase of them, and information
29 about grants that may be available to help fund that purchase.

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31 Councilor Register thanked the students for their presentation. He asked how the town
32 could make sure the body cameras are used impartially and that the footage is released in
33 a timely manner to raise public trust. Chief Kelley said they would follow best practices
34 when writing the town's body-worn camera policy. He said transparency is important, but
35 it's important to protect people who end up on body camera footage inadvertently. He
36 said people would have to submit a written request to obtain the footage and have a good
37 reason for why they need the information as with any request for information, and that
38 the town would safeguard the privacy of everyone that gets picked up on film if need be.
39 The students said there is no retinal or facial recognition data on the camera in response
40 to a question. Asked what the penalty is if an officer intentionally doesn't activate or
41 deactivate the camera appropriately, Chief Kelley committed that if an officer misuses
42 the camera, they will go through a disciplinary process and may be fired.

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44 Councilor Burton asked why cameras are preventive. Ms. Walsh replied that body-worn
45 cameras affect the way people behave with an officer, and affect what you chose to raise
46 an issue with. She said they improve accountability because people are not able to

1 exaggerate or leave out details of events. Councilor Burton asked how someone would
2 know if the police officer were using a camera. The students said most departments
3 require a sentence said by the officer to let the person know they are being recorded,
4 which may not happen in an emergency situation when the officer may not have an
5 opportunity to tell them.
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7 Councilor Needell asked how many they estimated the town would have to buy and the
8 students said each officer would have their own. Grant money should be available if and
9 when the Council would authorize their purchase. Chief Kelley said he would want to go
10 with vendor Axon because its cameras synch up with the department's tasers.
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12 Councilor Friedrichs asked what the best practices are for how long the films are stored.
13 Ms. Walsh said the camera systems allow for the time of storage to be set differently at
14 different points up to indefinitely. She said the average set by systems is 30 days.
15 Councilor Register said the RSA stipulates 30 days to 180 days or up to three years.
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17 Councilors discussed how this will come up during the budget process, and the additional
18 information should be included in an update to this report. They thanked the students for
19 their presentation.
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- 21 B. Presentation by Nell Neal, Chair of IWMAC, on **Resolution #2025-10** eliminating the
22 purchase of single-use plastic bags and food service products and Styrofoam containers
23 for use by the Town of Durham and town-sponsored events.
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25 Nell Neal presented the resolution, which will be voted on later in the meeting. She gave
26 a history of how the resolution came about and how the town's departments were
27 consulted about how it would affect them. The exception for emergency operations was
28 discussed when it's not practical or supplies are not available, and items such as water are
29 needed for town employees to do their jobs. She also noted how the purpose of the
30 resolution was already being met voluntarily by many town departments.
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- 32 C. Presentation by Ice Rink Manager Bill Page on the 2024-2025 skating season.

33 Mr. Page said the rink had a very good season. It was very cold so public skating session
34 attendance was down because that creates other outdoor places to skate. He said they also
35 did not have as much ice time sold as in the past. But the ORYA Learn to Skate Program
36 reduced its price and grew attendance. He said the UNH synchronized skating team
37 skaters managed and taught the sessions, and he hopes to continue the relationship with
38 the team going forward. He said the rink sold 402 season passes, which is more than ever.
39 He expressed being very glad to have a great staff and that the year was uneventful as far
40 as malfunctions went. He described some of his summer projects and said the new
41 Zamboni is on schedule for delivery.
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43 He presented artist renderings of the proposed renovation project, which would add a
44 Parks and Recreation office, bathrooms, a multi-purpose room, and retain the playground.
45 He said a rough idea of the cost is \$12.2 million, and presented a graph where the funding
46 would come from.

Councilors praised him for doing a great job managing the rink, making it a comfortable experience for the whole family, and a great resource for the town. Discussion took place about the lighting and if it can be reduced as residents have asked about the lighting as it is now.

Councilor Friedrichs asked what would be in courthouse space if Parks and Rec moved to the rink. Administrator Selig said the Durham Historical Association has expressed interest, but it could also be rented commercially as an office and it has minimal parking onsite.

IX. Unanimous Consent Agenda

- A. Shall the Town Council schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, May 19, 2025, on **Resolution #2025-11** authorizing the issuance of long-term bonds or notes not to exceed Fourteen Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Seven Thousand and Three Hundred dollars (\$14,337,300) for the purpose of bonding 2014-2025 capital projects and equipment purchases?
- B. Shall the Town Council unseal the Nonpublic Session minutes from the year 2015 dated May 4, May 18, June 1, September 21 and October 19?

Chair Friedman MOVED to schedule a public hearing on Resolution #2024-11 and to unseal the non-public session minutes for the dates above. Councilor Needell SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED on a unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.

X. Committee Appointments

- A. Shall the Town Council, upon Recommendation of the Planning Board Chair, appoint Munish Nanda, 30 Sumac Lane, to an unexpired alternate membership on the Planning Board with a term expiration of April 2028?

Chair Friedman MOVED to approve the appointment. Councilor Ford SECONDED the motion.

Mr. Nanda introduced himself, said he has lived here for 25 years, and is now an empty nester having raised three kids. He gave a brief overview of his career ending at Watts Water Technologies in the municipal residential water space. He retired in May of 2023, serves on several corporate boards, and volunteers for SCORE New England Chapter, Cross Roads and Dover Children's Home. He said he is happy to be a part of this and learn more.

The appointment PASSED on a unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.

XI. Councilor and Town Administrator Roundtable

Councilor Needell - Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee

The committee met April 16 and talked about the status of the new DPW trucks and toters, curbside pickup, and the single-use plastic resolution. Members participated in the Sustainability Dinner and the Riverwoods Earth Day Expo, both of which were well attended. The Swap Shop has faced challenges with the rainy weather.

Councilor Burton

He said he's been spending time on Trump's two executive orders on free speech, one of which would remove any vestige of DEI. He talked about the challenges this proposes for teachers. The second calls for reforming the college accreditation process. He updated the Council on other ongoing legislative events.

Councilor Ford - Conservation Commission

The commission met last week, and discussed the wetlands and shorelands overlay district, which the commission had asked Councilor Ford to review. They are continuing to discuss and it will be forwarded to the Planning Board at the end of the month.

Councilor Register - School Board

The School Board hasn't met since last Council meeting, Councilor Register said, but it did meet April 16, which Councilor Register hadn't reported on at the last Council meeting. It discussed classroom sizing, DEI changes, budget changes and June 18 as the last day of school.

Councilor Register - Agricultural Commission

Next meeting is May 12 at 7 p.m. The Durham Farmers' Market will open June 2 and run through October. Aug. 16 is Farm Day. He presented a graphic and a link to tips about how to rethink lawn care to help bees, which is available on the commission's website. He said DPW is cognizant of not mowing pollinator plants

Councilor Lund asked if there had been discussion about developing site regulations with the Planning Board to support bees. Councilor Register said it hadn't and he would ask about it.

He said on Wednesday, May 7, he will be the town's representative at the Train Riders Conference in Brunswick.

In a personal statement, he said he believes UNH needs to address the issue of the May 1, 2024 protest and what occurred. He said he doesn't believe Durham Police Department should do an investigation. A third-party investigation is what is needed. A continued lack of accountability only has negative results and those will continue until a meaningful resolution occurs.

1 Chair Pro Tem Lund - Historic District/Heritage Commission

2 He said he attended a meeting with HDC Vice Chair Charlotte Hitchcock and Town
3 Planner Michael Behrendt with the NH Department of Transportation about the Oyster
4 River Raid historical marker to be placed at Jackson's Landing. They selected three
5 potential sites and it will be installed soon. The May 1 meeting was postponed to May 8.

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7 Councilor Grant - Planning Board

8 The board met April 23 and discussed 9 Madbury Road, which is seeking to convert
9 office space to apartments; and the four-lot subdivision at 53 Bagdad Road and 51
10 Emerson Road. The board approved a lot line adjustment from three lots to four.
11 Downtown zoning initiatives were also discussed.

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13 Councilor Vogt - Energy Committee

14 He said the Energy Committee will next meet May 6 at 7 p.m.

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16 Councilor Vogt - Human Rights Commission

17 He said the Human Rights Commission will next meet on Thursday, May 15 at 4 p.m. He
18 said there's been a lot of questions proposed in regard to how to locally handle potential
19 ICE enforcement in town and it will be discussed at that meeting.

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21 Councilor Friedrichs - Land Stewardship Subcommittee

22 Ze said the Land Stewardship Commission hasn't met since the Town Council's last
23 meeting and ze wasn't able to attend the last meeting, but they will meet next week.

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25 Chair Friedman - Parks and Recreation Committee

26 He said the committee met April 22 and heard Bill Page's report about the new rink
27 proposal. He said there are two trail walks coming up, one on May 18 at 8:30 a.m. at Doe
28 Farm on Birding, and one on June 11 at Wagon Hill Farm, which will feature an
29 overview of the shoreland conservation and the farmhouse renovation project. There'll be
30 a ceremony on Monday, May 26, Memorial Day, at 10 a.m. Next meeting is May 27.

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32 Chair Friedman - Seacoast Economic Development Stakeholders

33 The SEDC heard a presentation about day care at its last meeting. Next meeting May 27.

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35 Administrator Selig

36 The latest working draft of the 2025-2030 Climate Action Plan has been distributed to
37 boards and committees, and he asked all to take a look at it and provide feedback.

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39 Administrator Selig said he sent a note to Councilors informing them that the town is
40 receiving more indications from various vendors about tariffs that will trickle down to the
41 town on purchases.

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43 Administrator Selig described Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire's solar
44 array in Warner, and how the town's switching to participating in it will increase revenue
45 by \$10,000 a year. Participation would be through 2040, but the town can opt out with 12
46 months' notice.

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2 He said he is summarizing some of the Durham Police Department's calls in the Friday
3 Updates so residents can get a better picture of what they do.

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5 He said Durham has been designated a Tree City USA again, the longest streak in NH at
6 47 years.

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8 NHDES recently held a public hearing on the Mill Pond Dam removal as part of the
9 permitting process. The town's DPW consultant provided an overview and there was an
10 opportunity for feedback. Opponents requested six additional weeks of delay to provide
11 additional feedback and questions. NHDES gave them three weeks. Concern is that the
12 federal funding for this project could potentially be pulled back. He said the issue is
13 straightforward and no new information has become available so he believes the permit
14 will be forthcoming. He said there could be an appeal, which would delay the project
15 even more. The town has put the project out to bid after pre-qualifying five bidders last
16 year. He said the town will move quickly once the permit is received.

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18 Administrator Selig said a number of Public Works projects will start soon around town
19 as soon as the UNH semester ends.

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21 He said the town is going to move forward with some improvements at Jackson's
22 Landing suggested by Great Bay Rowing at a recent on-site meeting. He said the
23 historical marker was delivered and installed at Jackson's Landing, but is still covered up.

24 25 **XII. Unfinished Business**

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27 **A. Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of Ordinance #2025-05** Amending Chapter
28 175, "Zoning," Article XVI, "Aquifer Protection Overlay District," Section 175-86, "Use
29 Regulations" of the Town Code to amend site drainage and permitted uses.

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31 Planning Board Chairman Paul Rasmussen gave a brief history about how and why these
32 changes to the Aquifer Protection Overlay District are being proposed. He said some
33 residents identified aspects of the ordinance that are effectively impossible to implement
34 and enforce. He said most of the Aquifer Protection Overlay District is in parts of town
35 that are not accessible to town sewer.

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37 ***Chair Pro Tem Eric Lund MOVED to open the Public Hearing. Councilor Friedrichs***
38 ***SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED on a unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.***

39 Administrator Selig noted the full ordinance text is provided to better understand the
40 change being made. Councilor Friedrichs asked if someone knows the specifics when a
41 property is required to connect to town water and sewer if it is nearby. Mr. Rasmussen
42 said the requirement is if your property is accessible to town water and sewer, and you're
43 doing new construction, it must connect to the town water and sewer.

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45 Administrator Selig also pointed out there was new language in the ordinance about site
46 drainage, which was deemed a minor change and not requiring the ordinance to go back

1 to the Planning Board. Councilors discussed specifics of the Aquifer Protection Overlay
2 District, and some of its impacts on single family home construction.

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4 No one from the public was present or on Zoom to speak.

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6 ***Councilor Needell MOVED to close the Public Hearing. Councilors Ford and Grant***
7 ***SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED on a unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.***
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9 ***Councilor Needell MOVED that the Durham Town Council adopt Ordinance #2025-***
10 ***05. Chair Pro Tem Lund SECONDED the motion.*** There was no discussion on the
11 motion. ***The motion PASSED on a unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.***
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- 13 B. **First Reading on Ordinance #2025-06** Amending Chapter 175, "Zoning," Article II,
14 "Definitions," Article XII, "Base Zoning Districts," Section 175-42, "Central Business
15 District, Article XII.1, "Use and Dimensional Standards," Section 175-53, "Table of
16 Land Uses," and Section 175-54, "Table of Dimensions," and the Zoning Map of the
17 Town Code to create two new Central Business Zoning Districts. The Public Hearing
18 can be set for Monday, May 19, 2025.

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20 Planning Board Chairman Paul Rasmussen said this is the first of three zoning proposals
21 that originated with the Town Council and was forwarded to the Planning Board. He said
22 he wanted to discuss it first because it lays the groundwork for what the other two
23 propose. During the Planning Board Public Hearing, he said, Chair Friedman presented
24 the idea of extending the zone further down Mill Road and there was a lot of concern
25 expressed about doing this. He said it was decided the extension required more study. Mr.
26 Rasmussen didn't want to delay the overall splitting of the Central Business District so he
27 said the Planning Board would circle back and study it later this year.

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29 ***Chair Friedman MOVED to approve on First Reading Ordinance #2025-06 and set the***
30 ***public hearing for May 19, 2025. Councilor Needell SECONDED the motion.***
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32 Councilors discussed how far down Mill Road the Central Business District 2 they are
33 voting on extends and possible future additions of adjacent properties that could be
34 considered in creating a transitional zone between the downtown and residential zones.

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36 ***The motion PASSED on a unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.***
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38 Councilor Heather Grant left the meeting at 9: 52 p.m.

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40 C. **Continued Discussion and Feedback** to the Administrator regarding additional changes
41 to the Law Enforcement Services Agreement between UNH and the Town of Durham.

42
43 Administrator Selig gave an overview of the proposed changes that are being made to
44 address concerns councilors raised last time the agreement was discussed and read the
45 portion that was rewritten. He said it also clarifies what violations of state administrative
46 code would dictate the reasons why Durham would rescind law enforcement authority

1 from UNH. He invited any further changes from Councilors before finalizing the
2 agreement.

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4 Councilor Friedrichs suggested deleting “department-initiated investigations” in the
5 section on the authority of the president of the university and replace it with “internal
6 investigations” to reduce confusion, and to add a line when it talks about termination that
7 it shall only be after a presentation of reasons to the UNH chief, or to the official who
8 appoints the UNH chief if the chief is involved. Administrator Selig said he would
9 discuss both proposed changes with UNH to make sure there is agreement.

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11 Councilor Register raised the concern that only a felony would be the reason for
12 rescinding UNH’s police power. Police Chief Rene Kelley suggested not getting too
13 specific about reasons for rescinding policing authority. Discussion continued about how
14 a revocation may take place and past instances of concern and how the process was
15 handled.

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17 Councilor Register said he was looking to specify this to avoid future situations where
18 Durham’s oversight of UNH isn’t clear and the perception is that Durham is responsible
19 for doing something of a disciplinary nature over the UNH Police Department, referring
20 to the aftermath of the UNH Police Department’s handling of the May 1, 2024 UNH
21 student protest and arrests.

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23 Administrator Selig gave the history of how Durham entered into the agreement with
24 UNH and of the protections of the town built into the agreement. He said it made sense
25 for UNH to use Durham’s policing authority instead of that of the state police or some
26 other agency. He said the only place the town is vulnerable is in the court of public
27 perception as has been expressed repeatedly over the past year. He said he feels if citizens
28 have a concern about the handling of the protest, they need to express it to UNH where
29 the concern should be addressed, not to Durham. In the agreement, he said, the town’s
30 only action is if an individual UNH officer is having an issue, and the UNH chief takes
31 no action, the Durham chief can step in. He said if the town decides the relationship no
32 longer works for it and it doesn’t want to be in this position, the town needs to give UNH
33 advance notice so it can find some other solution.

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35 Councilor Register said he believes the relationship and the town’s influence are
36 valuable, but he’s seeking clearer lines of communication to prevent the erroneous public
37 perception that has occurred. Discussion about how events have played out in the wake of
38 the protest and Durham’s role continued. Councilor Register said he does believe there
39 was a miscarriage of justice, but that Durham is blameless and can’t solve the problem.
40 Administrator Selig said he and the town don’t take a position on whether there’s blame
41 or not, that it’s not the town’s role to look into it so it doesn’t have all the facts, and is
42 trying to have a relationship through this agreement that is workable. The appropriate
43 party in this case to resolve it is UNH.

44
45 Administrator Selig said the other option is that UNH pursues policing authority from the
46 state, which is in place in many states. He said Durham has fought that twice in the

1 Legislature because the town thought it important to ensure this agreement was in place
2 and that forces a conversation around the nature of policing that was taking place. He said
3 20 years ago the relationship between the two departments wasn't great, but it is excellent
4 right now.

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6 Councilor Friedrichs said ze thinks it is important to have the agreement in place and to
7 have the relationship. Ze said ze believes there was a miscarriage of justice by the UNH
8 police and some questionable actions that took place, that it's important to the town to
9 maintain the working relationship and that it is not beneficial to the town to take on an
10 oversight role of the UNH police. Ze said Durham couldn't justify the expenditure
11 underwriting an external investigation and the demand for further investigation really
12 needs to come from within UNH and be directed toward UNH officials and bodies.

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14 Administrator Selig said he agrees and if the public has a concern, they should direct it to
15 UNH. If they're not satisfied with UNH, they can direct concerns to the public board
16 which oversees UNH, the University system's Board of Trustees. If that's not successful,
17 he said directing concerns to the state Legislature might be the next step, but he said he
18 wasn't sure. He said Durham is not the place to direct concerns.

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20 Administrator Selig said he will take the Council's feedback, discuss its concerns with
21 UNH and finalize the agreement with the university. He said he thinks the changes make
22 the agreement clearer especially for those who are new to the relationship.

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24 Police Chief Kelley said he's known the Interim UNH Police Chief Steven Lee for more
25 than 20 years and has had a great relationship with him throughout the years. He said
26 from his perspective, Lee is doing a great job in the interim role. He said whoever is the
27 next Durham police chief will have to make sure that cooperative spirit continues because
28 it is important. He said the changes that have been recommended are very good and he's
29 comfortable with the agreement as written.

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31 Administrator Selig said he had contacted Joe McKittrick, the town's long-term attorney
32 who has represented the town in police matters and negotiations, and he was very
33 definitive in his opinion on the response to the May 1, 2024 student protest that this is not
34 the town of Durham's issue, it is the university's issue.

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36 D. Continued discussion of the draft 2025-2026 Town Council goals

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38 Administrator Selig said he felt the draft was really unwieldy, but streamlined it and
39 offered notes for further discussion. He adopted the prioritization Chair Pro Tem Lund
40 suggested of high and low, and said the Council may want to discuss that. He said the
41 parts in gray were intended to prompt discussion and incorporate different Councilors'
42 suggestions.

43
44 Chair Friedman asked for discussion of the process and format for the goals. Consensus
45 was to discuss the parts in gray first. Administrator Selig said the discussion could be
46 early on the next meeting's agenda and set aside enough time for it. Councilors agreed to

1 move the discussion to the next meeting and to assign a responsibility for each goal to a
2 person, department or board.

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4 **XIII. Approval of Minutes - April 21, 2025**

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6 Councilor Needell had two minor changes. Councilor Ford said the Town Council
7 nominated the representatives to the River Advisory Committees, not appointed them.
8 NHDES appoints them. *Chair Pro Tem Lund MOVED to accept the minutes as*
9 *amended. Councilor Needell SECONDED the motion. The minutes were APPROVED*
10 *on a unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.*

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12 **XIV. New Business**

- 13 A. Shall the Town Council Adopt **Resolution #2025-10** eliminating the purchase of single-
14 use plastic bags and food service products and Styrofoam containers for use by the Town
15 of Durham and Town-sponsored events?

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17 *Councilor Needell MOVED that the Town Council adopt Resolution #2025-10.*
18 *Councilor Vogt SECONDED the motion.*

19
20 Administrator Selig asked that the wording in the resolution be changed to eliminating
21 the use of single-use plastics when available or practical, giving examples of when it may
22 be impossible or impractical for town employees to quickly find needed products during
23 work or emergency circumstances. Discussion continued about the intent and rewording
24 of the resolution.

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26 *Councilor Register MOVED to extend the meeting by 15 minutes. Councilor Vogt*
27 *SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED on a roll call vote of 5-3.*
28 *Chair Pro Tem Lund - nay; Councilor Vogt - aye; Councilor Friedrichs - aye; Chair*
29 *Friedman - nay; Councilor Needell - aye; Councilor Burton - aye; Councilor Ford -*
30 *nay; Councilor Register - aye.*

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32 *Chair Friedman MOVED to amend the resolution to add the phrase "practical and*
33 *available" to the fourth Whereas on the second page of the resolution. Councilor*
34 *Register SECONDED the motion.*

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36 Councilors continued to discuss the situations which may arise and how the wording
37 would determine actions.

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39 *The vote on the amendment PASSED on a roll call vote of 6-2.*
40 *Councilor Vogt - aye; Councilor Friedrichs - nay; Chair Friedman - aye; Councilor*
41 *Needell - nay; Councilor Burton - aye; Councilor Ford - aye; Councilor Register - aye;*
42 *Chair Pro Tem Lund - aye.*

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44 *The vote on the overall motion to adopt the resolution as amended PASSED on a roll*
45 *call vote of 7-1.*
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1 ***Councilor Register - aye; Councilor Ford - aye; Councilor Burton - aye; Councilor***
2 ***Needell - nay; Chair Friedman - aye; Councilor Friedrichs - aye; Councilor Vogt -***
3 ***aye; Councilor Lund - aye.***

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5 **XV. Nonpublic Session - Not Required**

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7 **XVI. Adjourn (*NLT 10:30 PM*)**

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9 ***Councilor Lund MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Friedman SECONDED***
10 ***the motion. The motion PASSED on a unanimous roll call vote of 8-0.***

11 The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM.

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13 ***- Jane Murphy, Minutes Taker***