



TOWN OF DURHAM

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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, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025
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. Roll Call of Members.** Those members participating remotely state why it is not reasonably practical for them to attend the meeting in person. Town Council grants permission for fewer than a majority of Councilors to participate remotely.
- III. Moment of Silence for Dr. Eric J. Lund**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
- V. Appointment of New Council Member to Fill Vacancy from September 2025 – March 2026. Swearing in of new Council Member.**
- VI. Election of New Chair Pro Tem**
- VII. Appointment of New Representatives to the Historic District/Heritage Commission and Cemetery Committee; and a New Alternate Representative to the Planning Board.**
- VIII. Special Announcements –** Durham Fire Department Annual 9/11 Commemoration event and UNH 9/11 National Day of Service & Remembrance with a campus-wide blood and food drive
- IX. Public Comments (*) – Please state your name and address before speaking (No more than 40 minutes total)**

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

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

- A. Shall The Town Council schedule Special Meeting Dates on November 10, 2025 and December 8, 2025 for the Purpose of Deliberating the Proposed FY 2026 Operating, Capital, and Special Fund Budgets and the 2026-2035 Capital Improvement Plan, and schedule a Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2026 Budget and 2026-2035 Capital Improvement Plan for Monday, November 17, 2025?
- B. Shall the Town Council Adopt Resolution #2025-17 amending Resolution #2023-07 by updating the completion date of a FY22 Legislative Pre-Disaster Mitigation (LPDM) grant from the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, for the Durham Emergency Generator Project, in the amount of \$427,612.49 with a required 25% Match of \$142,537.51 – for a total project cost of \$570,150.00 - and authorize the Administrator to sign and submit grant paperwork and all Documents related to the Grant on Behalf of the Town of Durham?
- C. Shall the Town Council Authorize the Administrator to sign the Amicus Brief supporting the Plaintiffs in the case New Hampshire Indonesian Community Support, et al. v. Donald J. Trump, et al., stating Durham’s opposition to the executive order that would deny birthright citizenship to certain U.S.-born children and supporting the existing constitutional and federal statutory definition of citizenship?
- D. Shall the Town Council Schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, October 6, 2025 on Resolution #2025-18 Authorizing the Acceptance and Expenditure of Funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Community-Based Restoration Program, for the Mill Pond Dam Removal and Oyster River Restoration Project, In the amount of up to \$3,247,201, and Authorize the Administrator to Sign and Submit Grant Paperwork on Behalf of the Town of Durham?

XII. Committee Appointments

Shall the Town Council, upon Recommendation of the Planning Board Chair, appoint Julian Smith, 3 Chesley Drive, to an unexpired alternate membership on the Planning Board with a term expiration of April 2027?

XIII. Presentation Items

- A. Presentation by Sheryl Bass, Library Director, on the Durham Public Library programs and events.
- B. Receive annual report on the Planning Board activities and projects – Paul Rassmussen, Chair.

XIV. Unfinished Business

- A. **Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of Resolution #2025-16** Authorizing the Acceptance and Expenditure of a FY 2026 New Hampshire Office of Highway Safety Grant In the Amount of \$16,795.75, From the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Office of Highway Safety for Traffic Enforcement Efforts and Traffic Speed Monitoring Equipment and Authorizing the Administrator to Sign and Submit Grant Paperwork on Behalf of the Town of Durham.
- B. **Discussion of Ordinance #2025-08** Amending Chapter 175, “Zoning,” Article XII, “Base Zoning Districts,” Section 175-42, “Central Business District, and Article XII.1, “Use and Dimensional Standards,” Section 175-54, “Table of Dimensions,” of the Town Code to eliminate the three-story height limit for portions of CB-1 Zoning District and to change the standard for commercial in five story buildings in CB-1 District from requiring two floors to requiring only one floor.

XV. Approval of Minutes – July 7, 2025 & August 4, 2025

XVI. New Business

- A. Presentation by Sally Tobias, Chair of the Housing Task Force, on the Task Force’s accomplishments and how it has addressed the charge, and discussion on whether there is other work for the Task Force and whether the Task Force should continue on in any manner.
- B. Shall the Town Council cancel the Council meeting of September 15, 2025?

XVII. Councilor and Town Administrator Roundtable

XVIII. Nonpublic Session (if required)

XIX. Adjourn (NLT 10:30 PM)

<p>(*) <i>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.</i></p>
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