



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.

DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025
DURHAM TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 PM

IAW RSA 91-A:2 I: (a) Strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining; and
(b) Consultation with legal counsel relative to the DPFFA, DPMMA & AFSCME Collective Bargaining Unit contracts.

NOTE: *This meeting is not open to the public.*

AGENDA
DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025
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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

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)*

Shall the Town Council Accept the Administrator's Progress Report, as of September 30, 2025, on the list of approved 2025/2026 Town Council Goals adopted on June 16, 2025?

IX. Committee Appointments

X. Presentation Items

- A. Presentation on the opening of the Oyster River Cooperative School District 2025/26 school year – Dr. Robert Shaps, Superintendent
- B. Presentation by UNH Professor Wil Wollheim about the upper College Brook restoration project.
- C. Receive annual report on the Land Stewardship Subcommittee activities and projects – Chair Neil Slepian
- D. Receive annual report on the Integrated Waste Management Advisory Committee activities and projects – Member, Mike Pazdon

XI. Unfinished Business

- A. **Public Hearing and Possible Adoption 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.
- B. Shall the Town Council, Upon Recommendation of the Administrator, Award the Construction Contract for the Mill Pond Dam Removal and Oyster River Restoration Project to SumCo Eco-Contracting, LLC of Peabody, MA in the amount of \$3,142,193, Subject to Receiving Remaining Federal Grant Funding from NOAA, and/or Subject to Funding with a FY26 Capital Improvement Program Item, and Authorize the Administrator to Sign Associated Documents?
- C. Shall the Town Council, Upon Recommendation of the Administrator, Award the Construction Phase Engineering Services Contract for the Mill Pond Dam Removal and Oyster River Restoration Project to VHB, Inc. of Bedford, NH in the amount of \$394,950, Subject to Receiving Remaining Federal Grant Funding from NOAA, and/or Subject to Funding with a FY26 Capital Improvement Program Item, and Authorize the Administrator to Sign Associated Documents?

- D. **Presentation and Discussion** with Planner Michael Behrendt and resident Doug Bencks on the possible changes to recommend to the Planning Board on the three-story building height limitation in the Central Business-1 Zone.

XII. Councilor and Town Administrator Roundtable

XIII. Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2025 & September 15, 2025

XIV. New Business

XV. Nonpublic Session (if required)

XVI. 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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