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DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026
DURHAM TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Joe Friedman, Chair Pro Tem Darrell Ford, Councilor Heather Grant, Councilor Jay Gooze, Councilor Mike Lehrman, Councilor Jim Lawson, Councilor Carden Welsh, Councilor Curtis Register, Councilor Emily Friedrichs (who uses the pronouns ze/zir/zirs/zirself and the title Mx. Friedrichs)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator Todd Selig, Durham Police Capt. John Lavoie, Public Works Director Rich Reine

I. Call to Order

Chair Friedman 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 - Not needed.

III. Roll Call of Members

Councilor Curtis Register, Councilor Carden Welsh, Councilor Jim Lawson, Councilor Michael Lehrman, Chair Pro Tem Darrell Ford, Chair Joe Friedman, Councilor Jay Gooze, Councilor Heather Grant.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Councilor Gooze MOVED to approve the agenda. Councilor Grant SECONDED the motion.

Councilor Lehrman asked to take Item B off the Unanimous Consent Agenda regarding the Bennett Road culvert since he has some questions about it.

The motion to approve the agenda as modified PASSED on an unanimous show of hands vote of 9-0.

Councilor Friedrichs and Administrator Selig joined the meeting in person at approximately 7:03 p.m.

V. Special Announcements

- A. Approval of **Resolution #2026-10** recognizing Rachel Stevens for her 14 years of dedicated community service to the Town of Durham as a DCAT Control Room Technician.

Chair Friedman read the resolution thanking Rachel Stevens for her service to the town.
He MOVED that the Town Council adopt Resolution #2026-10 recognizing her

1 **service. Councilor Register *SECONDED* the motion.**

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3 Chair Friedman thanked her for her service. Councilor Gooze added that Information
4 Technology Manager Luke Vincent wanted to thank her in person, but couldn't be
5 present, and had asked him to pass along his thanks.
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7 Ms. Stevens spoke about the many changes in her life since she started working for
8 DCAT. She said she grew up in Durham in the Johnson Creek neighborhood, but didn't
9 attend Oyster River schools so the job was a good way to stay in touch with the town and
10 its people. She introduced her 4-year-old son and said she will now be spending time
11 with him at bedtime rather than recording meetings.
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13 ***The motion PASSED on a unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.***
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- 15 B. Acknowledgement of the 2026 Plan NH Award of Excellence given to the Town of
16 Durham for the Madbury Road Complete Streets Project.
17 Chair Friedman acknowledged the town receiving the award and mentioned the other
18 projects which were also recognized with awards this year. He said the Council is happy
19 to acknowledge the great work the Department of Public Works has done.
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21 **VI. Approval of Minutes - June 15, 2026**

22 ***Chair Friedman MOVED to approve the minutes for the Town Council meeting of***
23 ***June 15, 2026. Chair Pro Tem Ford SECONDED the motion.*** Councilor Lawson and
24 Councilor Welsh said they had submitted notes about corrections. ***The minutes were***
25 ***APPROVED as amended on an unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.***
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27 **VII. Report from UNH Student Senate External Affairs representative**

28 There was no UNH student representative present because the university is not in session.
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30 **VIII. Public Comment**

31 Roger Hayden, 4 Lexington St., Dover, owner of the buildings at 44 and 46 Main St.,
32 Durham, said he has a purchase and sales agreement with a developer to buy his
33 buildings, but that parking has become an issue. The developer is planning 18 spaces in
34 an underground parking area, but needs 36 more spaces to accommodate the needs of
35 tenants in the planned 54-unit building. Mr. Hayden said if more spaces can't be located
36 within a reasonable area, the developer is not going to build the building and Mr.
37 Hayden's buildings will go back on the market. Mr. Hayden said it is D-Day for Durham
38 and that the town must tackle this issue in a serious way and create more parking to
39 support the Durham business district. He wished the Council good luck with it.
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41 Councilor Gooze asked a question and Chair Friedman said the issue would be discussed
42 during the Roundtable later in the meeting.
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44 **IX. Unanimous Consent Agenda**

- 45 A. Shall the Town Council adopt **Resolution #2026-11** rescinding Town Council Resolution
46 #2010-18 passed on November 1, 2010 adopting the provisions of RSA 53-F, Energy

1 Efficiency and Clean Energy Districts, and designating the Town of Durham in its entirety
2 as an “Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy District” to finance energy conservation and
3 efficiency improvements in residential, commercial, and industrial structures?

4 B. Shall the Town Council, upon recommendation of the Administrator approve the
5 Engineering Services Contract for the Bennett Road Culvert Replacements Project with
6 CMA Engineers, Inc. of Portsmouth, N.H., in the amount of \$443,100?

7 C. Shall the Town Council, upon recommendation of the Administrator, approve a Special
8 Event Permit Application submitted by Kiley Martel, UNH Student Engagement &
9 Belonging, to close certain sections of town roads for University Day 2026 to be held on
10 Thursday, Sept. 3, 2026?

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12 Chair Friedman read the Unanimous Consent Agenda and noted Item B has been pulled
13 for questions and discussion. ***He MOVED the Council approve Items A and C. The***
14 ***motion passed on an unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.***

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16 ***Chair Friedman MOVED the Council approve Item B. Councilor Register***
17 ***SECONDED the motion.***

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19 Councilor Lehrman asked what the status of the federal matching grants and the
20 assurances that the money is there and available. Public Works Director Rich Reine said
21 on Zoom this money is different from the NOAA money the town received to pay for a
22 portion of the Mill Pond Dam removal project. He said it is money that has been set
23 aside, it is a Congressionally-directed spending request so it is something already
24 included in the budget and the town has already tapped it to pay for some of the
25 conceptual design that’s been done. He said he asked the EPA if there’s a possibility the
26 funding could go away and it said no and it’s already been allocated to them. He said the
27 town will be asking for an extension for the construction, and the EPA said an extension
28 of a year would not be a problem.

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30 Councilor Lehrman asked about the DPW’s ongoing arrangement with CMA as its
31 engineering firm, and asked if the DPW does an update, rechecking fees and comparison
32 since the arrangement is already a couple years old. Director Reine said the town went
33 out in 2024 for a qualification-based selection and had a formal RFQ issued. He said six
34 or seven firms responded and they interviewed several, and awarded on-call engineering
35 contracts to about six firms. CMA is one of those firms and the town has a contract in
36 place with established fees. He said the overhead, multiplier and profit are also outlined
37 in the contracts. He said those are awarded most commonly on a five-year timeframe, at
38 which point the town would go out with another RFQ and reevaluate.

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40 Councilor Lehrman asked if the rates are what was negotiated in 2024. Director Reine
41 said yes plus escalators based on increases that are contractual.

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43 ***The motion PASSED on an unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.***

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45 **X. Citizen Committee Appointments**

- 1 A. Shall the Town Council, upon recommendation of the Zoning Board of Adjustment
2 Chair, appoint Marjorie Smith, 100 Piscataqua Road, to an unexpired alternate
3 membership position on the Zoning Board with a term expiration of 4/28?

4 ***Councilor Welsh MOVED the Council appoint Ms. Smith to the Zoning Board of***
5 ***Adjustment. Councilor Lawson SECONDED the motion.***
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7 Councilor Welsh spoke of Smith's long career in state and federal politics, and as a
8 legislative leader in the NH House, where she's been elected for 13 terms, her work as
9 chair of the Durham Public Library board, in the Master Plan process and as treasurer of
10 the Durham Historic Association, praised her work and recommended her appointment.
11 Councilor Gooze said the Council needs to be sure whoever it appoints to work on zoning
12 knows they are working with zoning regulations as they are written, whether they agree
13 with them or not. He said he wasn't referring to Ms. Smith, but just in general that the
14 Council needs to think about this when appointing board members.
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16 Councilor Friedrichs said Ms. Smith has done an admirable job and doesn't doubt she'll
17 be a good ZBA member.
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19 ***The motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.***
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21 Chair Friedman thanked Ms. Smith for agreeing to serve.
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23 **XI. Presentation Items - None**
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25 **XII. Unfinished Business**
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27 **Public Hearing and Possible Adoption of Resolution #2026-09** authorizing the
28 acceptance and expenditure of the Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) Grant in the
29 amount of up to \$60,000 from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental
30 Services (NHDES) for the LSLI Field Investigation Project and authorize the
31 Administrator to sign and submit grant paperwork on behalf of the Town of Durham.
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33 ***Chair Friedman MOVED to open the Public Hearing on Resolution #2026-09.***
34 ***Councilor Register SECONDED the motion.***
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36 No one was present to speak in the Public Hearing.
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38 ***Chair Friedman MOVED to close the Public Hearing. Chair Pro Tem Ford***
39 ***SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED on unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.***
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41 ***Chair Friedman MOVED to adopt the Resolution. Chair Pro Tem Ford SECONDED***
42 ***the motion.***
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44 Councilor Friedrichs asked if there was any matching fund requirement for this grant.
45 Ze also asked if this project relates to a recent one where a postcard went out to residents
46 about checking their lines.

1 Director Reine said this is an EPA and NHDES regulatory driven requirement. He said
2 New Hampshire is a non-delegated state so the EPA takes the lead in matters like this. He
3 said it takes the Lead and Copper Rule and expands it into the Lead Service Line
4 Inventory. He said the first step was to identify where the town had lead service lines. He
5 said the town has lines of lead, something other than lead such as a galvanized metal that
6 also needs replacing, copper or unknown. He said the town worked with Underwood
7 Engineering to search records and identify what would need replaced. He said they found
8 the town has 500 to 800 unknowns so during the 10-year process, the grant of \$60,000
9 will be used to dig down to the unknown service lines and find out what they are, and if
10 they need replacing.

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12 *The motion PASSED on an unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.*

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14 **XIII. Councilor and Town Administrator Roundtable**

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16 **Councilor Grant - Planning Board**

17 She said the board met June 24. There was a Public Hearing that considered a subdivision
18 of the property at 73 Piscataqua Road with a preliminary design review of adding two
19 properties. The applicants will return with final designs. It also held the Public Hearing
20 on the architectural standards and discussed minor changes. She said Town Planner Mike
21 Behrendt is finalizing them. Chair Friedman asked if the Planning Board is close to
22 approving the standards, which would allow the amendment allowing five stories
23 downtown to move forward and she said yes. She said there was also a Public Hearing on
24 the ADU amendment and it discussed how to manage exceptions such as for sabbaticals
25 and military assignments, and ensure it's being complied with. Councilors discussed what
26 occupancy is and how it is defined in town documents, and about reviewing its definition.

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28 **Councilor Gooze - Agricultural Committee**

29 He said the committee has not met since last Council meeting. It will meet on July 13.

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31 **Councilor Friedrichs**

32 Ze said Councilors are still taking turns attending the Durham Farmers' Market, which is
33 every Monday from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at the M&T Bank parking lot. Ze said all the free
34 yellow lightbulbs had been distributed at the last few farmers' markets and she is asking
35 the Conservation Committee to see if it wants to obtain more to distribute as there have
36 been additional requests. She said there will be a discussion of lighting regulations at the
37 next Planning Board meeting. She noted any changes in the ordinance would not need to
38 be implemented retroactively, only in new projects.

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40 **Councilor Friedrichs - Cemetery Committee**

41 Ze said the committee is getting quotes on rebuilding the rock wall at the cemetery's
42 front and creating more cremation areas because that's been the highest in demand
43 recently. Ze said the cost of both would come from the cemetery fund.

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45 **Councilor Friedrichs**

46 Ze said State Rep. Loren Selig asked her to remind Councilors and the public to contact

1 their state representatives now with any legislative requests for the next session. Ze said
2 State Rep. Al Howland wanted to note that bills are being signed into law now that may
3 affect zoning the town is looking at updating this summer. For example, ze said the
4 requirement for commercial land to be multi-residential by right that passed could affect
5 the town's right to require commercial space on a first floor and that maybe a bonus in
6 height or some other aspect could be used to incentivize developers to put commercial
7 use on the first floor of projects.
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9 Administrator Selig added that bill and the public sector lobbying bill were not signed yet
10 so the town is still waiting to see what will happen.
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12 Chair Friedman said the cemetery rock wall rebuild money was approved several years
13 ago and it's never been fixed, and asked why it's taken so long and if that came up at the
14 meeting. Councilor Register said his understanding was that the committee never had a
15 contract for the work and it affirmed pushing ahead to get a scope of the work done.
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17 **Councilor Friedrichs - Durham Business Administration**

18 Ze reminded everyone there is free parking downtown during July and there will be a
19 Dog Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, July 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Both resident and non-
20 resident dog owners can participate.
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22 **Councilor Friedrichs**

23 Ze said ze has heard concerns from residents about the town following up on ordinance
24 violations and fines, primarily with regard to Faculty Road construction and the noise
25 ordinance. They want to ensure town staff is following up on complaints, making people
26 aware and following up to check on compliance. Ze said this is important for "happy co-
27 existence" especially as Durham grows and becomes more dense.
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29 **Administrator Selig**

30 He confirmed any change to the ordinance on lighting would not require property owners
31 to retroactively change any existing lighting and would only apply to new projects.
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33 He said the town has been receiving many inquiries about totter bins and recycling
34 collection. For example, on Sophie Lane, which is a private road, the question has come
35 up if every house gets a totter or just one for the housing association, which is what the
36 ordinance says. Staff are looking into a lot of different situations like this.
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38 He said Chair Friedman will address Mr. Hayden's parking point, but the town is looking
39 into the Church Hill zoning district and whether parking should be allowed there again.
40 He said the buyer is interested in buying land behind the Red Tower to provide parking
41 there for those living downtown.
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43 He said the town received a draft letter of intent from Ryan Companies and Quaker Lane
44 Association, which is working with Ryan, for the potential purchase and redevelopment
45 of 66 Main St., which is owned by the town. He said he distributed the draft letter to the
46 Council. He said there's still a lot of work to be done on so nothing is final. He said Chair

1 Friedman and he will be working with the developer and meet Aug. 1.

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3 He said the Bennett Road culvert replacement is very important because during several
4 flood events like the Mother's Day Flood in 2006, Cold Spring Road and adjacent
5 properties were completely inaccessible to emergency crews and residents could not get
6 out. He said he thought about this project in respect to the Council's goals because the
7 government funding is 80 percent and the town's match is 20 percent, which is about
8 \$500,000, but thought the town doesn't want to lose those government funds.

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10 He said the town applied for and received a Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership
11 grant for \$22,525 to engage the community in reviewing, updating and consolidating the
12 Shoreland Protection Overlay District and the Wetland Conservation Overlay District
13 ordinances. He said Dwight Trueblood has taken the lead and he and Mr. Trueblood will
14 meet with PREP to talk about what the process will entail.

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16 He said the town has applied for an NHDES grant for additional work on potentially
17 creating an update to the capital improvement plan process to more specifically
18 acknowledge and reference the town's hazard mitigation process.

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20 He said he has distributed budget process planning items to department heads to get them
21 started on planning the budget and copied Councilors so they can also see the guidance.
22 He thanked Councilor Friedrichs for information she provided from Yale which he
23 thought was interesting and is thinking about how to incorporate.

24
25 The new business manager search has ended with the finalist withdrawing from the
26 process so the town is readvertising for the position. Deadline to apply is July 27.

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28 On the new Planning Director search, the town received a strong slate of candidates. He
29 asked viable candidates to answer essay questions in writing to see how they write and
30 perceive the town, and some withdrew because of having to answer the questions. He is
31 hoping to bring some candidates in to meet with the selection committee in the last week
32 in July or early August.

33
34 Longtime Durham Police Chief Rene Kelley has notified the town he is going to retire as
35 of Sept. 1 after 39 years of service. Administrator Selig said he plans to promote Deputy
36 Chief Jack Dalton to replace Chief Kelley and promote Capt. John Lavoie to be deputy
37 chief. Then the town will conduct a search for the captain position.

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39 He said he has concluded the search for a new labor attorney for the town and has
40 selected Atty. Tom Closson. He has started working with him on the collective
41 bargaining process on the police department contract.

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43 He shared a drone photo of the impoundment behind the Mill Pound Dam, showing the
44 log wood boardwalk that is being extended out into the Mill Pond so construction
45 equipment can reach and place large one-ton sandbags into place to allow for the
46 dewatering of the site. He said the construction company foreman indicated that within

1 the next few weeks they may begin to sawcut some of the dam itself.

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3 **Chair Friedman - Parks and Recreation Committee**

4 He said the presentation about the ice rink renovation to neighbors went very well. He
5 said they had a couple of suggestions, were very supportive of the project, liked that it
6 would be enclosed for noise purposes, and gave their thoughts on lighting issues. He said
7 the next step is to present it for fundraising purposes to see if the project can move
8 forward. He said the committee is also working on its strategic planning and summer
9 camps are in full swing.

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11 **Chair Friedman - Tri-Region Economic Development Stakeholders**

12 He said the group's five-year plan was adopted on June 19. It included a list of priority
13 projects and Durham has 10 projects on the list. He also announced the state is promoting
14 an NH Ice Cream Tour and a Made in NH initiative with logos that can be used on
15 packaging and guidelines. Presentations were made on Child Care Aware in NH and on
16 Durham's downtown zoning changes and the EDGE project.

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18 Chair Friedman turned to the topic of parking that Mr. Hayden brought up. He said in
19 2025 the town changed its zoning laws and in the table of uses, parking at Church Hill
20 went from conditional use to not allowed. The developer has requested to allow parking
21 for tenants living downtown off-site. He said the Council at its next meeting will discuss
22 ideas about how to do this through innovative parking solutions in the downtown
23 adjacent areas or in the CB2 District to support not only Mr. Hayden, but also all the
24 properties and businesses downtown. He said no one wants to go to conditional use, but
25 needs to figure out how it can be done by right.

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27 Councilor Lawson said he was on the Planning Board when a parking lot was considered
28 at the Red Tower, and it was very controversial, took a lot of time and ultimately the plan
29 didn't go forward so he agrees it can't be by conditional use. He said if it does become a
30 permitted use, it needs to be developed with a reasonable set of standards around the
31 density and characteristics of the parking. He suggested it be a Council-initiated zoning
32 amendment that goes to the Planning Board for its suggestions and improvements.

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34 Councilor Friedrichs said from a revenue perspective, a parking lot brings the least return
35 on the dollar to a town, according to urban planners. She said a parking structure might
36 be a different story, but a lot drops pedestrian traffic and doesn't add to the town's tax
37 base. Councilors discussed how standards could help with unattractiveness, whether the
38 lot is owned privately or by the town, sharing spaces that are filled during the day that
39 tenants could use at night, the feasibility of relying on bus and train to commute, and
40 looking at creating more on-street parking.

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42 Councilor Lawson said the recent parking survey has data that could contribute to the
43 discussion and he can present a summary report at the next Council meeting.

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45 **Chair Pro Tem Ford - Conservation Commission**

46 He reported the commission reelected both Chair Dwight Trueblood and Vice Chair Neil

1 Slepian. He said the Wetlands Shoreland Overlay District subcommittee continues to slug
2 through rewriting. It is creating a document to start from when engaging and including
3 the public in that discussion.
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5 **Councilor Lawson - Energy Committee**

6 He said the committee will meet Tuesday, July 7. He said the current Eversource electric
7 rate is 30 percent less than Community Power Coalition of NH rates, 14.6 vs. 11.3. He
8 said in the upcoming rate period starting in August, Eversource is going up 23.9% to 14,
9 CPCNH is going up 2% to 14.9. He said the gap between the two is closing and
10 suggested the Council wait to discuss leaving CPCNH until next year when the next rate
11 period begins Feb. 27 and it will know what direction the rates are going then.
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13 **Councilor Welsh - Historic District/Heritage Commission**

14 He said the commission's July 2 meeting was cancelled because there was not anything
15 significant to discuss.
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17 **Councilor Register - Integrated Waste Management Committee**

18 He said the committee met June 17. He said the committee will have a table at UDay and
19 Durham Day to encourage the use of reusable bags. It next meets July 15.
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21 **Councilor Register - Land Stewardship Subcommittee**

22 He said the subcommittee met June 10 and next meets July 8, but there is nothing
23 significant to report.
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25 **Councilor Register - Town Gown Collaborative**

26 He said the collaborative next meets July 15.
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28 **Councilor Register - Strafford Regional Planning Commission**

29 He said the commission next meets on July 17.
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31 **Councilor Register - Oyster River Co-operative School Board**

32 He said the board next meets July 22. He said the school district's interim superintendent
33 is Suzanne Filippone and the interim high school principal is Kristen Perron.
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35 **Councilor Register**

36 He said Chair Pro Tem Ford and he attended an economic development workshop on
37 June 26. Hosted by the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast and NH
38 Housing, the workshop talked about the inhibition of creating economic return on
39 development; the contrary implications of zoning; lot size requirements being too
40 restrictive; the ratio of impervious surface being too high; and green space requirements
41 being generally ineffectual at creating community space.
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43 **Council Register - Cemetery Committee**

44 He said Chair Bevington did a great job since the committee hadn't met in almost two
45 years. He said it was reported that the additional sections that are being added to the
46 cemetery will be enough space to last for 10 years so it's a long-term solution..

1 **Councilor Register**

2 He said he wanted to end on a positive note, saying he was proud the Town Council
3 approved the resolution in support of the 14th Amendment on Sept. 8, 2025. He said on
4 June 30, the Supreme Court ruled in support of it and read a quote from Chief John
5 Roberts who wrote the court's decision. He is glad Durham made a statement on it.
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7 **Councilor Gooze**

8 He remarked he's noticed on his many walks downtown how quiet it is and how he
9 would love to have more going on. Councilors discussed making the town a destination
10 and how difficult that is. Administrator Selig gave the example of Meredith, which was
11 very quiet and a couple of developers invested with vision in the town and now it's busy
12 yearround. Others mentioned the Tuckaway Tavern in Raymond.
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14 **Administrator Selig**

15 He reported on an evolving issue underneath the railroad trestle at the train depot where
16 pieces of glass plates that were installed to protect the building from the steam of trains
17 years ago have started to fall on the platform and tracks, presenting a serious safety
18 concern. He said he reached out to UNH to discuss and will address it soon, but wanted
19 to make the public aware.
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21 **XIV. New Business**

- 22 A. **Discussion and First Reading on Ordinance #2026-06** amending Chapter 153,
23 "Vehicles & Traffic," Section 153-29, "Metered Parking Areas," of the Durham Town
24 Code, to expand metered parking to Wagon Hill Farm. The Public Hearing can be set for
25 August 3, 2026.
- 26 B. Shall the Town Council approve on **First Reading, Ordinance #2026-07** amending
27 Chapter 153, "Vehicles & Traffic," Section 153-29, "Metered Parking Areas," of the
28 Durham Town Code, to expand metered and permit parking to Technology Drive; and set
29 the Public Hearing date for August 3, 2026?
- 30 C. Shall the Town Council approve on **First Reading, Ordinance #2026-08** amending
31 Chapter 153, "Vehicles & Traffic," Section 153-49, "Schedule XVII: Parking Prohibited
32 Certain Hours," of the Durham Town Code, to restrict parking on Technology Drive to
33 day and overnight parking allowed by permit only; and set the Public Hearing date for
34 August 3, 2026?
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36 Administrator Selig gave a brief overview of the discussion about charging for parking at
37 Wagon Hill Farm and the development of the proposal, which he said has been presented
38 to the Land Stewardship Subcommittee, which recommended against implementing. He
39 said it's coming to the Council at this meeting as a viable proposal, but the Council needs
40 to decide if it wants to move forward with it.
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42 Police Capt. John Lavoie presented the proposal. He said multiple options were
43 considered, this proposed ordinance is the most realistic and least expensive way to move
44 forward. He said there are presently no real regulations on parking at Wagon Hill Farm
45 except for those for handicapped parking and fire lane requirements. He said the proposal
46 would establish metered parking regulations for the area. He said the town already has an

1 established relationship with Park Mobile, the application-based parking payment system,
2 and would use that application to receive parking payment. He said Park Mobile does
3 offer alternatives for paying if a driver doesn't have a smart device. He said the town
4 would just add Wagon Hill's dirt lots as a new zone, place new signage, which is
5 provided by Park Mobile, there, and would be in operation at no cost to the town. He said
6 the rate to charge and time limits were extensively discussed. It was decided to set half-
7 hour increments and charge \$1 for 30 minutes. There would be no maximum time limit.
8 Residents of Durham, Lee and Madbury with town resident stickers would not have to
9 pay. He said an exemption permit could be issued for those attending a function at the
10 renovated farmhouse and working on the community garden.

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12 Capt. Lavoie said it is unknown how much revenue the town would get from the parking
13 program because there is not sufficient, recent use data. He invited Councilors' feedback.

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15 Administrator Selig said the last time the Council considered this and decided against it,
16 it had to buy two kiosks at \$12,000 a piece to start the program so the cost has changed
17 substantially. Councilor Gooze asked if the town had the personnel to enforce it. Capt.
18 Lavoie said seasonal employees are used for parking enforcement and they, primarily
19 students, are hired for the academic year. In the summer, one employee divides his time
20 between the evidence room and parking enforcement because there are so few cars in
21 town. He said he is patrolling Wagon Hill Farm now in the course of his job so he feels
22 he would be able to monitor it in summer, and didn't anticipate a significant problem,
23 except for weekends and holidays when patrol officers could check.

24
25 Councilor Friedrichs asked if the goal is to generate revenue or increase turnover so
26 parking doesn't overflow down to the shoulders of Route 4. Capt. Lavoie said both and
27 said charging for parking will likely affect the use of that property. Ze suggested selling a
28 seasonal pass for frequent users, limiting the free parking to just Durham residents and
29 charging only at peak times, letting it be free during low use times. Administrator Selig
30 agreed the goal is to both raise revenue and limit the overcrowding from a public policy
31 perspective.

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33 He said the Town Council needs to discuss and decide whether to include Lee and
34 Madbury in the free parking. Discussion continued about how cars may have a mix of
35 kids from different towns because they go to school together, and how the town is trying
36 to build relationships with Lee and Madbury for possible joint ventures. Some expressed
37 concern about starting to charge because many other local parks don't charge for parking,
38 about the negative reaction and publicity the town would get from the move, how it might
39 not be worth it because of retaliation and how it might impact business at Emery Farm. A
40 pilot program was suggested. Councilors discussed the reaction to permitting spaces at
41 the middle school was strong, and possible negative publicity this would bring. Councilor
42 Register said he supports it because it encourages turnover, and provides some legitimacy
43 to the parking when it's regulated.

44
45 Administrator Selig suggested a map for Items B and C be provided before the Public
46 Hearings. Councilor Friedrichs said she feels on Item C the \$300 parking pass for

1 Technology Drive seems very low, compared to what the town charges in other areas. Ze
2 said a low rate encourages people to bring their cars to Durham and adding additional
3 parking is more of a disservice to the town's stated goals than a service. Councilors and
4 Capt. Lavoie discussed the cost of parking at different areas of Durham and UNH. He
5 said they went lower because that area doesn't have consistently available public transit
6 to get closer to campus. He said if they went to \$1,000 he doesn't think people would pay
7 that because it's at such a distance. He said they're trying to capture and fill as much of
8 the demand for parking as possible. He said a permit at the Depot Road lot costs \$1,250
9 per year and 90 percent of the spots sold in 15 minutes and the rest selling out after UNH
10 opened its lottery. Parking at the 66 Main St. lot, which sold out in nine minutes, costs
11 \$1,350 per year. Durham residents get a reduced rate. Councilors discussed how UNH is
12 basically setting the market price for parking in that area, seeing how it does the first
13 year, getting the word out, and then raising the price if it seems that's appropriate.
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15 ***Chair Friedman MOVED to approve the three ordinances on First Reading and set the***
16 ***three Public Hearings for Items A, B and C. Councilor Lawson SECONDED the***
17 ***motion. The motion PASSED on an unanimous roll call vote of 9-0.***
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19 Chair Friedman and other councilors thanked Capt. Lavoie for his work and presentation.
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21 **XV. Nonpublic Session (if required) - Not needed.**
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23 **XVI. Adjourn (NLT 10:30 PM)**
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25 ***Councilor Gooze MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Councilors Register and Ford***
26 ***SECONDED the motion. The motion PASSED on a show of hands vote of 9-0.***
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28 The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.
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30 - Jane Murphy, Minutes Taker
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