

New Durham Board of Selectmen Meeting  
September 13, 2017  
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**NEW DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
With 1772 MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE  
1772 Meetinghouse, Old Bay Road  
September 13, 2017, 10:30a.m.**

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**Present**

Chair David Swenson  
Selectman Cecile Chase  
Selectman Rod Doherty  
Chair George Gale, 1772 Meetinghouse Committee  
Cathy Allyn, 1772 Meetinghouse Committee  
Clayton Randall, 1772 Meetinghouse Committee

**Also Present:**

Scott Kinmond, Town Administrator

**Call to Order**

Chair Swenson called the meeting to order at 10:35am.

Chair Gale gave an overview of maintenance and minor improvements for the site and building. He explained the project are low cost and can be done anytime. The Board of Selectmen and committee viewed and discussed the property and building.

**Hilltop**

The hilltop area was observed and Chair Gale stated he discussed with the highway department about having some materials put down. It was noted there is a garden area that could be use for a Town garden and in the past girl scouts did so and donated all produce to the food pantry. Chair Gale noted after the roadway is leveled out they could made it more accessible. Ms. Allyn stated there were also plans designed to put in a picnic area. Chair Swenson asked for a copy of the plans to be provided.

Chair Gale distributed a copy of the committee's grant plans, charter and assessment for review by the Board of Selectmen.

**Electrical Panel**

Chair Gale stated they need to replace 30-year-old temporary panel although some upgrades have been completed.

**Driveway**

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The driveway was reviewed, Chair Gale noting some gravel can be put down after pulling up the grass and the driveway is below grade so no issues with water into the roadway. It will expand the parking area. s

### **Power Lines**

Chair Gale stated the old power lines need to be moved and stated TDS and Eversource have agreed to move them. Some poles would be kept but then lines run underground to the building.

### **Stonewall on north side**

Need to move wall next to meetinghouse

### **Rock Piles**

Chair Gale stated they need to move both piles of stones need to be moved but many are originals from the foundation of the building so the committee doesn't want them to be disposed.

### **Trees behind Meetinghouse**

The trees around the building were viewed and it was noted they need to remove dead or dangerous trees. Selectman Doherty suggested there is some good timber in the trees. Removal options were discussed. Town Administrator Kinmond suggested having it all cleaned out.

### **Town cemetery**

It was noted the cemetery is in need of proper maintenance although noted the graves are not all known.

The Board of Selectmen and Committee went inside the Meetinghouse to discuss the building further. Selectman Chase suggested developing a formal vision plan for the future uses to help generate support.

The Board and committee discussed upgrades to the building including bathrooms and kitchen facilities. Chair Gale stated many of the upgrades would increase the possibilities for municipal and public uses. He also explained the possibilities for heating/cooling. There was further discussion of the projects to get the property to the usable state they are expecting and RFPs will be needed to get bids and pricing for work to be done.

### **Adjourn**

**Chair Swenson made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Chase seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary