

**NEW DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
New Durham Community Room  
January 10, 2018, 7:00pm**

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**Present:**

Chair David Swenson  
Selectman Cecile Chase  
Selectman Rod Doherty

**Also Present:**

Scott Kinmond, Town Administrator  
Anina Soucy, Finance Officer  
Cathy Orlowicz, BC Chair & resident  
David Shagoury, BC Member & resident  
Terry Jarvis, BC Vice Chair & resident  
Ellen Philips, BC Member & resident  
Joan Swenson, BC Member & resident  
Bill Meyer, resident  
David Bickford, resident  
Donna Young, Tax Collector & resident  
Stephanie MacKenzie, Town Clerk & resident  
Shawn Bernier, Police Chief & resident  
Don Vachon, DPW Mgr/Road Agent & resident  
Cathy Allyn, Library Director & resident  
Mark Foynes, Baysider Media  
Laura Zuzgo, Land Use/Assessing Office  
Nichole Hunter, Recreation Director

**Call to Order**

Chair Swenson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. He stated this meeting is being held pursuant RSA 13:5 I and RSA 33:8 to hold public hearings for purchase/lease agreements and for Article 7 for the Town Warrant.

**Public Hearing – Article 7**

Chair Swenson read Article 7 of the 2018 New Durham Warrant Articles and stated the public hearing is being held for public input relative to this article:

***Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease / purchase agreement in the amount of \$157,000 payable over a term of 3 years for replacement of the Fire Department's Self Contained Breathing Apparatus*

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*(SCBA) and to raise and appropriate with the down payment amount of \$51,000 to come from the Fire Department Ancillary Capital Reserve Fund.*

***(3/5-ballot vote required)***

*Estimated 2018 Tax Rate Impact: \$0.00 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.*

*The Board of Selectmen recommends this article by a 3 to 0 vote.*

*The Budget Committee recommends this article by a \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ vote.*

David Bickford, resident, requested more information on the long-term bond and asked why they are going three years as opposed to five years. Chair Swenson replied the Board of Selectmen had several discussions during the budget process and looked at various options available, noting not doing the replacement did not seem like an option and a three-year term seemed economically appropriate. Selectman Doherty noted the State of NH made a stipulation that this equipment replacement be done immediately and it seems most practical to do the three year lease. Town Administrator Kinmond explained the increased costs in interest when going with a longer payment term.

David Shagoury, resident, asked about the life expectancy of this equipment. Town Administrator Kinmond replied it was explained that under the recommendations of NFDA, a federal guideline agency for fire service, allows manufacturers to have three generational changes and then it needs to be complete model change. He explained this was discussed with the manufacturer and there was a concern about having outdated units but its unclear to know when the changes will take place.

Terry Jarvis, resident, noted it is typically a three-year update cycle so that would put a model expectancy of 9 – 12 years, respectively.

Chair Swenson asked if there was any further comment and closed the Public Hearing at 7:12pm and opened the discussion for input by the Board of Selectmen.

**Chair Swenson made a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen portion of the meeting. Selectman Doherty seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary

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