

NEW DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 24, 2023 6:00 p.m. Public Session

Town Hall, New Durham, New Hampshire

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AGENDA

I. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m.

- A. Roll Call & Pledge Allegiance

II. Public Forum (15 minutes)

III. Report from Chair

IV. Town Administrator Report

- A. Committee Nomination:
 - 1. SELT Birch Ridge Community Forest Management Committee- Ethan Fulk

V. New Business

- A. Auditor Q&A- Business Representative by Timothy Greene, of Roberts & Greene, PLLC
- B. 2020, 2021, and 2022 Tax Abatement for Northern New England Telephone, FairPoint Communications (CCI Agreement)- Presented by Nicole Zoltko, Town Administrator on behalf of the Assessing Department
- C. Department of Public Works Highway Division, 2023 Work Schedule- Presented by Will Cardinal, Public Works Road Agent
- D. Planned 2023 Capital Purchases for Department of Public Works- Presented by Will Cardinal, Public Works Road Agent
- E. Powdermill Snowmobile Club Presentation/Request, re: Willy Rd / Webster Rd- Presented by Mike Gelinas
- F. 1772 Meetinghouse Presentation: Charitable Checking Account Deposit and Request for Funds- Presented by Ellen Phillips, Chair of the 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee.
- G. Special Event License Application: 5K Road Race
- H. Tax Credit Application & Timber Tax Abatement - Presented by Town Administrator on behalf of the Assessing Department
- I. Abatement Recommendation, Veterans All Tax Credit, Solar Exemption, and Elderly Exemption
- J. Library Land Swap Per Warrant Article 12 in 2019
- K. Legal Counsel Q&A – Business Representative Laura Spector-Morgan, Esquire of Mitchell Municipal Group, P.A.

VI. Old Business

- A. Request for sale of Tax Deeded Property
- B. 2023 Select Board Schedule

VII. Non- Public 91-A:3 II. (a) (d) (e) (l)

- A. (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.
- B. (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.
- C. (e) Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed by or against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or by or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph.
- D. (l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

VIII. Adjourn

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETING

The primary purpose of the Board of Selectmen's meeting is to conduct the business of the Town. Public meetings shall be open to everyone. The Board reserves the right to meet and to adjourn or recess a meeting at any time. The Board also reserves the right to enter non-public session at any time, in accordance with the provisions of RSA 91-A: 3.

POLICY: Public participation in the Board's regular meetings is a privilege that the Board may allow in order to hear town related business. At the same time, in order to assure that it may conduct its meetings properly and efficiently, the Board adopts the following procedures and rules pertaining to public participation at Board meetings.

PROCEDURES AND RULES:

1. Public Input may or may not be scheduled on the agenda. If Public Input is on the agenda, then Public Input will not exceed 15 minutes unless extended by vote of the Board. Each speaker is limited to 5 minutes.
2. Public Input will be allowed only for town-related business.
3. The Board will not consider employee/personnel matters, or matters which if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Either of these matters may be directed to the Town Administrator during regular business hours.
4. The Chair of the Board conducts Public Input and receives the public commentary. The Chair will call on those wishing to be heard and only that person may provide commentary to the Chair
5. Persons who have been recognized by the Chair to provide commentary must state their name(s), address and the issue(s) that they wish to be heard on. Persons should speak directly to the issue, as concisely and completely as possible. Those who have not been recognized by the Chair shall not direct commentary to the Board.
6. When addressing the Chair, all speakers are asked to conduct themselves in an orderly and non-disruptive manner. Obscene, unduly repetitive, disruptive, discriminatory, criminally harassing or criminally threatening statements will not be tolerated from anybody in attendance at the meeting.
7. The Board will make no decisions during Public Input.
8. Once Public Input is finished, there will be no further commentary to the Board by individuals in the audience.
9. The audience may not talk with one another during the Board of Selectmen's meeting.
10. Any person whose conduct is in violation of this policy and who has caused an actual disruption of the meeting will be warned by the Chair that they must cease and desist such behavior. Should their behavior continue causing an actual disruption after due warning, they will be asked to leave the meeting room. If they do not leave, then the Chair will contact or authorize someone else to contact law enforcement and request that they be removed from the meeting room and/or arrested for disorderly or other illegal conduct, to the extent applicable.