

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
Board of Selectmen
September 15, 2023, 9:00 A.M.
New Durham Community Room, New Durham, NH 03855

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PRESENT

David Swenson, Select Board Chair – via Zoom
Dorothy Veisel, Select Board Vice Chair
Marc DeCoff, Select Board Member

ALSO PRESENT

Kathleen Blaney, Finance Manager
Rudy Rosiello, Resident

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Swenson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

MOTION: To enter nonpublic session pursuant to RS 91:A-3II, (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; (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant; (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; (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.* Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Vice Chair Veisel. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel – aye; Selectman DeCoff – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 3-0-0.

The Board entered non-public session at 9:08 a.m.

The Board reentered public session at 10:32 a.m.

MOTION: To seal the minutes of the non-public session of September 15, 2023 for reasons it may adversely affect the reputation of one other than the Board. Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Vice Chair Veisel. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel – aye; Selectman DeCoff – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 3-0-0.

The Board reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule including budget review meetings.

Chair Swenson stated it was suggested they look at a particular Town property at one of the prior Board meetings. He explained the Town has property on Brackett Road and they would like to look at the fair market value to determine if any additional action would be advantageous to the Town.

MOTION: The fair market value of the Town owned Brackett Road property be explored by a commercial real estate firm and report back to the Board for information purposes and future action. Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Selectman DeCoff. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel – aye; Selectman DeCoff – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 3-0-0.

MOTION: To hire an interim, part time Town Administrator, Cecile Chase, for up to 32 hours per week with a start date on or before September 19, 2023 at a wage rate of \$47.00 per hour. Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Selectman Veisel. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel – aye; Selectman DeCoff – no; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 2-1-0.

Chair Swenson stated the Strafford Regional Planning Commission has asked the Town to designate an individual to oversee the grant with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission.

MOTION: The individual for the Strafford Regional Planning Commission who signed the grant for New Durham, report to the Interim Town Administrator effective September 19, 2023. Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Selectman DeCoff. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel – aye; Selectman DeCoff – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Chair Swenson stated a letter of resignation was received from the Finance Administrative Assistant, effective immediately. He stated the position will likely need to be filled as soon as possible. Ms. Blaney stated she doesn't feel the position needs to be filled at this time as they have the Town Administrator Administrative Assistant to assist in the position. The Board agreed to defer posting the position and reevaluate it in a month.

Selectman DeCoff stated a sales order was received from Lakes Region Computers to replace some computers at the Department of Public Works / Solid Waste Facility and for the recording secretary.

MOTION: To approve the sales order from Lakes Region Computers SOE 4009, for a total of \$1,951.97. Motion by Selectman DeCoff. Second by Vice Chair Veisel. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel – aye; Selectman DeCoff – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 3-0-0.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Vice Chair Veisel. Roll Call Vote: Selectman Veisel – aye; Selectman DeCoff – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 3-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

- 91 *Jennifer Riel*
- 92 Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary