

Town of New Durham
Office of Selectmen

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Statement of Policy

Sale of Town Property

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of New Durham adopt this policy for the guidance of this and future Boards on the sale of town-owned properties:

The selectmen shall annually review all property held by deed to determine their intent for that property. Property owned by tax deed will be held for a minimum of three years from the date of recording before making any decision to dispose or otherwise use the property. The annual review shall determine whether each parcel should be retained by the Town or made available for sale.

Town owned lots that are non-conforming to the New Durham zoning ordinance will and shall be first offered to owners of abutting lots, and shall be merged with those abutting lots. The properties may be offered at a price to cover all back taxes, interest, and penalties unless price adjustments are made on these as agreed to by a majority of the Select Board.

Following the offer to owners of abutting lots as noted above, all properties not successfully sold via that process will be offered publically by the Select Board.


The selectmen may convey properties by advertised sealed bids or through a public auction process. The selectmen shall adequately advertise the properties to be sold, with no final sale decisions made less than four weeks after the last advertisement. The selectmen shall have the power to establish a minimum amount, if deemed appropriate, for which the property is to be sold and the terms and conditions of the sale.

Sale of tax deeded properties was authorized by vote of the 1994 town meeting. Authority for the sale of other town owned properties shall be sought through specific future town meeting articles, or in accordance with RSA 41:14-a.

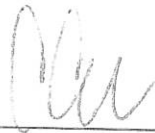
Any proceeds from such sales will be deposited into the General Fund to the extent eligible by N.H. state law.

This policy shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect until superseded or amended.

Date of Adoption: November 27, 2017



David Swenson, Chair.



Cecile Chase, Selectman



Rodney Doherty, Selectman
New Durham Select Board