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****This meeting is conducted partly in Council Chambers
and partly via Zoom remotely.***

***Please see sections on Public Input, Zoom Instructions,
and Other Information at the end of this agenda.***

DURHAM PLANNING BOARD

WORKSHOP

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

Town Council Chambers, Durham Town Hall

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

****Please see the notes at the end****

Planning Board members

(7 voting)

Paul Rasmussen, *Chair*
Lorne Parnell, *Vice Chair*
Richard Kelley, *Secretary*

James Bubar

Barbara Dill

William McGowan

Sally Tobias, *Council Rep.*

Heather Grant, *Alternate*

Guy Johnson, *Alternate*

Michael Lambert, *Alternate*

Jim Lawson, *Council*

Alternate

Ray Philpot, *Alternate*

Michael Behrendt, *Town
Planner*

Victoria Parmele, *Minute
Taker*

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call and Seating of Alternates**
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
- IV. **Housing, Schools, and Property Taxes.** Presentation by Richard England about the relationship between housing and the addition of school-age children with the level of local property taxes. Dr. England is a former UNH professor of economics.
- V. **Agriculture Ordinance.** The Planning Board initiated a proposed amendment with extensive changes to the zoning ordinance pertaining to agriculture. The Town Council reviewed the amendments and requests that the Planning Board evaluate numerous possible revisions to the draft. *Recommended action:* Set public hearing for November 18 for modified amendments incorporating revisions from the Town Council.
- VI. **Zoning Amendments initiated by Town Council.** Zoning amendments regarding height, stories, uses, and building configuration in the Central Business District; method for determining building height; drive-through facilities; and related changes. (The public hearing is closed.) *Recommended action:* Provide comments if ready.
- VII. **Implementing Architectural Regulations.** (*Time permitting*) A presentation by Michael Behrendt, Durham Town Planner, about principles of good architectural design and implementing architectural regulations.
- VIII. **Other Business**
- IX. **Adjournment**

This meeting of the Planning Board is a hybrid meeting. Several board members will be physically present in Council Chambers and the other board members will participate live via Zoom teleconference.

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***PUBLIC INPUT**

Members of the public may provide input to the Planning Board in one of three ways:

- 1) Email. Send an email or letter to Michael Behrendt, Town Planner, at mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us. See 2) Submission of Information under OTHER INFORMATION, below.
- 2) Zoom. Participate in the meeting via Zoom. See the instructions below.
- 3) **The Planning Board does not accept public input at the workshop itself.**

Members of the public are encouraged to send an email or watch the meeting on Zoom rather than attending in person, but at this time it is still acceptable to attend the meeting provided that all proper health precautions are taken. There may be no more than 10 people in Council Chambers at any time and social distance must be maintained.

***ZOOM – INSTRUCTIONS FOR ZOOM VIDEO CALL-IN AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Everybody will need to register in order to participate via Zoom. Project applicants should present in person or via video (and make sure that they are visible).

To Participate by Audio

AUDIO ONLY CALL-IN INSTRUCTIONS: In order to access any live Zoom Public Meeting by telephone, you **MUST** be **preregistered**. Then call: **1-929-436-2866**, enter the **Meeting ID** and **Password**. Zoom Meeting ID's and Passwords are only available to **preregistered** participants. You can **preregister** at: https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/boc_dcatgovernance/zoom-video-conference-meetings.

To Participate by Video

VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS: In order to access any LIVE Zoom Public Meeting, you must be **Preregistered**. Preregistering for any Zoom Public Meetings can be done by clicking: https://www.ci.durham.nh.us/boc_dcatgovernance/zoom-video-conference-meetings.

IMPORTANT!

1. **Please be sure your full name is viewable, and you are identifiable when using Zoom.**
2. **Your video will be turned off and audio muted until the Public portion of the meeting opens.**
3. **If watching on Channel 22 or DCAT LiveStream be sure your computer/TV audio is muted when using Zoom.**

These are LIVE Public meetings and we ask that your audio and video be muted. If not, the host will mute them for you. You will not be able to communicate directly with anyone in the Zoom meeting at this time. Participants will have the opportunity to comment during Public Comments, or when a Public Hearing is opened. We ask that you mute your audio and video after you've commented, if not, the host will mute them for you. If you wish to submit comments for public input, please submit them via email by 5:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

If you should have difficulty, please send DCAT an email: dcat@ci.durham.nh.us or by calling **603-590-1383**.

PUBLIC INPUT INSTRUCTIONS: Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, the Town of Durham will be taking extra steps to allow for public input during public meetings while still ensuring participant safety and social distancing. Per Executive Order by Governor Sununu, scheduled gatherings of 10 or more people will be prohibited. Therefore, those wishing to share comments are required to do so via email by 5:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

***OTHER INFORMATION**

- 1) Public hearings and public comments. *The public is welcome to speak at all public hearings and during the Public Comments time (**except at workshops**).* Comments on all matters, except those for which a public hearing is on the agenda, should be made during the Public Comments time. The public may speak and submit written or emailed comments on any subject except for active matters where the public hearing has been closed.
- 2) Submission of information. Emails and letters should be sent to Michael Behrendt, Town Planner, at mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us or at the address above. Correspondence that pertains to current Planning Board matters, except where the public hearing has been closed, will be: a) emailed to the Planning Board; b) mailed to the board members if received by the Thursday prior to the meeting; and c) posted on the Town's website.

Any email, letter, document, or other information that is pertinent to a decision which the Planning Board is expected to make at the upcoming Wednesday meeting, must be received in the Planning Office by the prior Monday at 5:00 p.m. or the board will consider the submitted material only at its discretion (This limitation does not apply to comments made at the actual public hearing).

- 3) Other information. Files on the agenda items above are available for review on the Town website <http://www.ci.durham.nh.us/>. Agendas marked as "Preliminary Agenda," are subject to change. The final agenda will be posted on the Town's website on the Friday prior to the meeting at. To see background documents related to specific agenda items, see the agenda on the website and click on any green **highlighted** items.
- 4) Contacting us. Contact the Planning Department with questions or comments about any planning-related matters. Call (603) 868-8064 or email Michael Behrendt, above, or Karen Edwards, Administrative Assistant, at kedwards@ci.durham.nh.us
- 5) Recommended actions. Actions recommended by the staff are shown at the end of most items. The Planning Board may or may not take these actions and may take other actions not stated.
- 6) New items of business. Unless approved by a 2/3 vote of the members present, no new item of business shown on the agenda will be taken up after 10:00 p.m.
- 7) Communication aids. Please provide the Town 48-hours notice if communication aids are needed.
- 8) Next meeting. The next regular Planning Board meeting will be on **November 18, 2020**.