



## TOWN OF DURHAM

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**NOTICE:** Although members of the Town Council will be meeting in the Council chambers, the Council meetings are still available for members of the public to participate via Zoom or in-person.

## **AGENDA**

**DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024**  
**DURHAM TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**7:00 PM**

**NOTE:** *The Town of Durham requires 48 hours notice if special communication aids are needed.*

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Town Council grants permission for fewer than a majority of Councilors to participate remotely**
- III. **Roll Call of Members.** Those members participating remotely state why it is not reasonably practical for them to attend the meeting in-person.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
- V. **Special Announcements**
  - A. Introduction of new UNH President, Elizabeth S. Chilton and UNH Assistant Vice President of Public Affairs and Interim Chief of Staff, Thomas Cronin.
  - B. Introduction of new Oyster River Cooperative School Superintendent, Dr. Robert Shaps.
  - C. Introduction of new Town Council minute taker, Jane Murphy.
- VI. **Public Comments (\*) - Please state your name and address before speaking**
- VII. **Report from the UNH Student Senate External Affairs Chair or Designee**
- VIII. **Unanimous Consent Agenda** (*Requires unanimous approval. Individual items may be removed by any councilor for separate discussion and vote*)
- IX. **Committee Appointments**

**X. Presentation Items**

- A. Presentation by Executive Director, Jen Kennedy, Blue Ocean Society, on what they do and what they have collected from the shores of Durham.
- B. Receive annual report on the Planning Board activities and projects - Paul Rasmussen, Chair.

**XI. Unfinished Business**

- A. **Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance #2024-05** Amending Chapter 175 "Zoning," Article XVII, "Durham Historic Overlay District," Section 175-93 "Identification of the Historic Overlay District," of the Durham Town Code to update the Map & Lot numbers of the Historic District.
- B. **Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance #2024-06** Amending Chapter 132 "Tax Exemptions and Credits," Section 132-4 "Service-Connected Total Disability Tax Credit," of the Durham Town Code.
- C. **Public Hearing and Action on Ordinance #2024-07** Amending Chapter 132 "Tax Exemptions and Credits," adding Section 132-8 "All Veterans' Tax Credit" of the Durham Town Code.

**XII. Approval of Minutes - July 15, 2024**

**XIII. Councilor and Town Administrator Roundtable**

**XIV. New Business**

Discussion and Possible Adoption of **Resolution #2024-17** expressing the Town of Durham's interest in partnering with the University of New Hampshire to ensure that our constitutional right to freedom of speech for Durham residents and visitors within the community remains unimpeded and to emphasize de-escalation in all encounters.

**XV. Nonpublic Session (if required)**

**XVI. Extended Councilor and Town Administrator Roundtable (if required)**

**XVII. Adjourn (NLT 10:30 PM)**

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(\*) *The public comment portion of the Council meeting is to allow members of the public to address matters of public concern regarding town government for up to 5 minutes. Obscene, violent, disruptive, disorderly comments, or those likely to induce violence, disruption or disorder are not permitted and will not be tolerated. Complaints regarding Town staff should be directed to the Administrator.*