



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.

**ORIENTATION SESSION FOR NEWLY
ELECTED TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025
DURHAM TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00 PM
(SEE SEPARATE AGENDA)**

AGENDA
**DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL
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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. Swearing in of Council Members - Rachel Deane, Town Clerk-Tax Collector
- V. Election of Chair and Chair Pro Tem
- VI. Approval of Agenda
- VII. Special Announcements - Chair reads Land Acknowledgement Statement
- VIII. Public Comments (*) - **Please state your name and address before speaking**
- IX. Report from the UNH Student Senate External Affairs Chair or Designee

- X. Unanimous Consent Agenda** *(Requires unanimous approval. Individual items may be removed by any councilor for separate discussion and vote)*
- A. Shall the Town Council adopt **Resolution #2025-04** establishing the regular Town Council meeting dates for April 2025 through March 2026?
 - B. Shall the Town Council accept the recommendations of the Town Assessor and Administrator relative to FY 2023 & FY 2024 Property Tax abatement requests in the total amount of \$17,742.68?
 - C. Shall the Town Council adopt **Resolution #2025-05** objecting to the freezing of federal grant programs to states and municipalities and to agencies and organizations that support Durham residents?
 - D. Shall the Town Council, Upon Recommendation of the Administrator Award the Construction Contract for the Madbury Road Complete Streets Phase 3 Roadway, Drainage, Streetscape Project to G.W. Brooks and Sons, Inc. of Freedom, NH for a Total Price Not to Exceed \$2,151,281.00, Subject to Available Funding?
 - E. Shall the Town Council, Upon Recommendation of the Administrator Award the Construction Contract for the Madbury Road Complete Streets Phase 2 Water Utility Replacement Project to Joseph P. Cardillo of Wakefield, MA for a Total Price Not to Exceed \$1,990,597.50, Subject to Available Funding?
 - F. Shall the Town Council, Upon Recommendation of the Administrator Award the Paving Contract for the Madbury Road Complete Streets Phase I Roadway, Drainage, Streetscape Project to Continental Paving, Inc. of Londonderry, NH for a Total Bid Price Not to Exceed \$604,284.45, Subject to Available Funding?
 - G. Shall the Town Council, Upon Recommendation of the Administrator Approve the Construction Inspection, Design and Administration Contract for the Madbury Road Complete Streets Roadway, Drainage, Streetscape and Water Utility Project with VHB Engineers of Bedford, NH in the amount of \$584,635, Subject to Available Funding?
 - H. Shall the Town Council approve on **First Reading Ordinance #2025-04** Amending Chapter 175, "Zoning," Article XII.1, "Use and Dimensional Standards," of the Town Code to change the minimum front setback in the Office - Research 108 (OR) District on minor streets and collector roads, and set the Public Hearing date for April 7, 2025?
- XI. Committee Appointments** - None
- XII. Presentation Items**
Presentation by Susan Richman on **Resolution #2025-06** supporting a Statewide petition requesting that Grocers Reduce the distribution of Single-Use Plastic Bags.
- XIII. Unfinished Business**
- A. **Discussion and Possible Action on Council-Initiated Zoning Amendment**
Amending Chapter 175, "Zoning," Article Article XII.1, "Use and Dimensional Standards," of the Town Code to allow mixed use with residential in most (but not all) of the Central Business District by right rather than by conditional use. This would include separating the Central Business District into two districts: Central Business-1 District (CB-1), and Central Business-2 District (CB-2).

- B. **Discussion and Possible Action on Council-Initiated Zoning Amendment**
Amending Chapter 175, "Zoning," Article Article XII.1, "Use and Dimensional Standards," of the Town Code to allow multi-unit residential by right in the Professional Office, Church Hill, and Courthouse districts.
 - C. **Discussion and Possible Action on Council-Initiated Zoning Amendment**
Amending Chapter 175, "Zoning," Article Article XII.1, "Use and Dimensional Standards," of the Town Code to remove the current three-story height limit that applies to numerous lots in the Central Business District on Main Street and Madbury Road.
 - D. **Discussion and Feedback** to the Administrator regarding changes to the Law Enforcement Services Agreement between UNH and the Town of Durham.
- XIV. **Approval of Minutes** - March 3, 2025
- XV. **Councilor and Town Administrator Roundtable**
- XVI. **New Business**
Annual appointments of Council representatives to the various town boards, commissions, and committees
- XVII. **Nonpublic Session (if required)**
- XVIII. **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.*