



SELECT BOARD



My name is Joseph Roy, and I am seeking re-election to the Durham Select Board. For the last three years, I have had the great honor of serving on the Select Board, the last two years as the Chair. I thank you all for the trust you put in me, and I wish to serve this community again. It has been three busy years, and I am proud of the accomplishments of the board and its members. I wish to continue to serve the community.

I am a father, husband, and lifelong Mainer, growing up in Jay, attending the University of Maine in Orono, and moving to Durham in 2018. This is where my wife, Dr. Alexa Ortiz, and I decided to start our family. Our daughter, dog, and I live on what I would describe as a 4-acre “hobby farm.” We raise pigs, goats, geese, chickens, and grow vegetables and fruits. In my free time, I enjoy traveling, birding, hunting, fishing, powerlifting, and competitive strongman.

Professionally, I am a senior wildlife biologist who works daily with foresters and farmers to manage land for wildlife. In that capacity, I serve on several national working groups and committees, chairing two of them. I have served in state-level and northeastern-level leadership positions within my professional organization, The Wildlife Society. I am currently a fellow in the National Conservation Leadership Institute.

In 2019, I joined our town's Conservation Commission, later co-chairing it. I volunteer with the Durham Fire Department both as a wildland firefighter and as fire support. Looking to give more back to the community, I successfully ran for Select Board in 2023 and was elected as Chair by my peers in 2024 and 2025.

I am deeply committed to helping our community navigate the ever-changing world, while still maintaining our rural character, providing our residents with the services they expect and enjoy, and balancing our fiscal needs. Our community is facing property re-evaluation, a comprehensive plan update, open space planning, and capital improvement over the next three years. We need leaders with experience who are dedicated to transparency and inclusion of all residents. I have shown you that I am one of those leaders, and I ask for your support to continue serving the residents of Durham.



JOSEPH ROY