



## From the Town Clerk's Desk

### Upcoming Election

#### RSU5 Budget Referendum June 10, 2025

The RSU5 Budget Referendum is Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at the Durham Amvets Post 13. Polls are open from 8am to 8pm.

- [Sample Ballot](#)
- [Absentee Application](#)
- [Adopted Budget Brochure](#)



### Real Estate Tax Lien's 30-Day Notices

Real Estate Tax Lien's 30-Day Notices will be sent out at the end of May.

## Upcoming Meetings

#### Agriculture Committee Meeting

June 4, 2025  
Eureka Community Center  
6 pm

#### Planning Board Meetings

June 4th, July 2 & August 6th  
Fire Station  
6:30 pm

#### Select Board Meetings

May 27, June 10th & 24th, July 8 & 22  
Fire Station  
6:30 pm

#### Solid Waste Committee Meeting

June 9th, July 14th & August 11th  
Eureka Community Center  
6:30 pm



# Annual Town Meeting

- Saturday, April 5, 2025
- All Articles & Ordinances Passed
- 124 in Attendance



Select Board Chair, Joe Roy awarded Isabella George with this year's Town of Durham \$1000 Scholarship.



Durham Fire & Rescue's Color Guard once again had the honor of posting the colors at the annual town meeting.

## 2026 ATV Stickers Are Now Available

### ATV Registration

#### ATV Registration Fees

- \$71 resident
- \$101 non-resident 7-Day
- \$116 non-resident full season

You can register your ATV at the Town Office or online.



2026 ATV Stickers Expire June 30, 2026

#### Join Our Weekly News Blast





# Opportunities to Serve

The following Boards and/or Committees are seeking new members:

- Board of Appeals
- Historic Preservation Committee
- Planning Board
- Solid Waste Committee

If interested, please fill out an appointment application today!

[Appointment Application](#)



## War Memorial Bandstand (Gazebo) Survey Results

Do you support the Select Board exploring refurbishing or replacing the War Memorial Bandstand (Gazebo) with the cost not to exceed \$30,000 and to be expended out of the Municipal Buildings Reserve Account?

**Yes: 118 votes (67%)**

**Total Votes Cast: 177**

**No: 59 votes (33%)**



# Community Events



**BUY YOUR DVB  
RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!**

- \$10 per ticket
- Prizes every day in June!
- Winners can keep winning!
- Over \$3,500 worth of prizes!

[www.durhambaseball.com/raffle](http://www.durhambaseball.com/raffle)

Prizes donated from dozens of Durham & local businesses | All proceeds go to help raise funds for 2025 field expenses through Durham Youth Baseball

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**26+  
Classes  
plus  
Best of  
Show!**

**Rain or  
Shine!**

**Saturday, June 7, 2025  
Shiloh Chapel - Starts 8am!**

**38 Beulah Lane (off Rte 125) - Durham, ME**

**EVENT DETAILS:**

- \*\$10 per Car, Driver & 1 Passenger
- \*\$2 Spectator Fee
- \*Food for Donation/purchase
- \*Voting Ends 12pm - Awards at 2pm
- \*Crafters Welcome! \$15 per space
- Call to Reserve Your Space

**FMI:**

Call Archie 207-713-1359  
[shilohchapelmaine.org](http://shilohchapelmaine.org)



*Hosted by Yankee Cruisers Car Club with all proceeds benefitting LACO Food Pantry*

## FLAG ★ RETIREMENT

**DURHAM AMVETS Post 13 will be holding a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 11am. Public is encouraged to attend.**

**Drop off your unserviceable flags at the Town Office or at the Durham Amvets.**



# Code Enforcement Office

## Maine Updates Building Codes for Residential and Commercial Construction

Effective *Beginning* April 7, 2025 - The Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) has adopted the following codes and standards:

- [2021 International Residential Code \(IRC\)](#)
- [2021 International Building Code \(IBC\)](#)
- [2021 International Existing Building Code \(IEBC\)](#)
- [2021 International Energy Conservation Code \(IECC\)](#)
- [2021 International Mechanical Code \(IMC\)](#)

## How to Avoid Solar Panel Scams - Ask This Old House

[Click Here to link to the YouTube Video](#)

## 1st Quarter Report - 2025

### CEO Report - January 2025

Total Permits issued: **20**

Total estimated cost of building (Building Permits Only): **\$435,000**

Total of All Permits Fees Collected: **\$4,652.90**

### CEO Report - February 2025

Total Permits issued: **22**

Total estimated cost of building (Building Permits Only): **\$2,500,000**

Total of All Permits Fees Collected: **\$7,854.92**

### CEO Report - March 2025

Total Permits issued: **13**

Total estimated cost of building (Building Permits Only): **\$2,213,500**

Total of All Permits Fees Collected: **\$7,279.14**

### Total of New Homes Started in 2025

Single-Family Homes: **12**

Two-Family Homes **0**

Accessory Dwelling Units **0**



*Totals as of March 31, 2025*

# Town Planner Report

## Planning Board Meeting

- The Planning Board met on April 2nd and approved a maintenance agreement for a back lot access known as Blue Jay Way off Pinkham Brook Road. The property owner has a lot with two separate dwellings and is creating a new access to be able to split the parcel and create legal frontage and meet other Ordinance requirements.
- Under the current Ordinance, the Road Commissioner and Code Officer approve the layout of the access, and Planning Board review is limited to the maintenance agreement.
- The Planning Board also granted amended conditional approval for the Replenova Farm Market on Royalsborough Road to allow outdoor seating for the takeout food service.
- During the review, the Board determined that the applicants conduct of community charity events also requires conditional use approval as an expansion of the 2020 Farm Market approval.
- The Planning Board approved a lot line adjustment in the Bowie Hill Subdivision to correct a rear lot line setback violation. The subdivision developer requested transfer of excess open space to increase the lot size by 10,000 square feet.

## Land Use Ordinance Amendments

- At the April 5, 2025 Town Meeting, voters approved the following sets of amendments to the Durham Land Use Ordinance:
  - Part 1 – Resource Protection: Removed approximately 1500 acres of Resource Protection designation based on updated Beginning with Habitat data and placed a development buffer around existing buildings in the RP District.
  - Part 2 - Enacted contract zoning for large Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and solar energy projects and performance standards for BESS.
  - Part 3 - Overhaul of the historic preservation regulations to streamline the review process and align standards with federal requirements and recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan.
- The Town Planner has updated the Land Use Ordinance and Zoning Map to incorporate these changes. The Town Website parcel viewer shows the revised Resource Protection District and elimination of the Southwest Bend Historic District.

## Codification of the Land Use Ordinance

- General Code completed its editorial and legal review of the Land Use Ordinance.
- Town Staff will receive training on the online portal for responding to editorial questions identified by the consultant.
- The Planner is working with the Code Officer, Road Commissioner, Fire Chief and Town Attorney to answer technical questions posed by the consultant.
- The Planner will identify minor and major policy issues related to codification for consideration by the elected and appointed officials.
- The Planner will prepare a report for consideration by the Select Board at the May 27, 2025 meeting.
- A response to the editorial and legal review is due by **July 25, 2025**.



# Durham Fire & Rescue News



*Pictured left to right: Diana Dimock, Kevin Merrill, Zeke Harris, Noah Larabee and Ron Parker.*

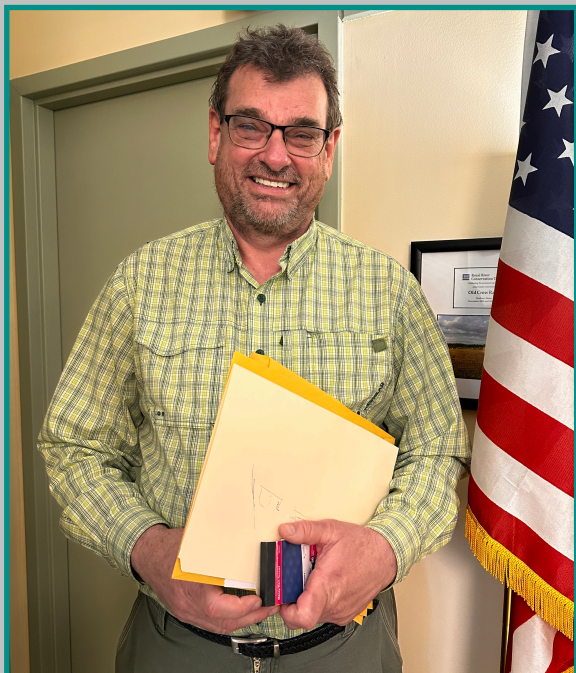
Last month, Durham Fire Rescue members & their families gathered once more and reminisced on the events throughout the past year at our annual banquet. As is tradition, stories were told, gifts were given, and awards were bestowed. We would like to take a minute to recognize those members who their peers felt represented the best of us in 2024:

- 2024 Fire Support Member of the Year - FSU Member Kevin Merrill
- 2024 Officer of the Year - LT Zeke Harris
- 2024 Firefighter of the Year - FF Noah Larabee
- 2024 Rookie of the Year - Martin Kruse (not pictured)
- 2024 EMS Provider of the Year - FF/Paramedic Chris Higgins (not pictured)

We also recognized Captain Diana Dimock for 25 years of service and Chaplain/EMT Ron Parker for his service to DFR.

Congratulations to the award recipients and thank you to all our members for their continued service to their town!

# Staff Highlight



**Calvin Beaumier**  
**Road Commissioner**

## When did you start working for the Town of Durham?

- This is my tenth year at the Town of Durham. I started working for the Town in May of 2015. I have filled in as interim Code Enforcement Officer a couple of times over the years in addition to being Road Commissioner. At my previous job I was the Public Works Director and the Code Enforcement Officer.

## What accomplishments are you most proud of?

- When I started working for Durham, the roads were in extremely poor condition. The Town had not developed an asset management plan for their road inventory and as a result, spending money in a very inefficient way. I measured and catalogued every road in Durham and separated them by level of service needed. With this

information, I created an asset management plan which I shared with the Select Board. This plan depicted 42 miles of paved roads, 14 miles of which needed to be rebuilt. With this information the Board voted to recommend to the taxpayers at the annual Town Meeting that we bond the roads in the rebuild category and budget for a 10-year paving maintenance plan moving forward.

- In the past 10 years I have rebuilt over 17.34 miles and maintenance paved 30.25 miles of Durham's roadways.
- I have developed an extremely efficient and effective winter operations program that has given the Town of Durham some of the best kept roads in the region during winter weather events.
- On behalf of the Town of Durham, I have applied for and was granted \$340,000 in Maine DOT and Maine DEP grants to replace several stream crossings with modern and environmental advanced structures.
- I have developed a culture within the department that has allowed me to build and retain an exemplary Public Works Team. While all surrounding towns were operating with major staffing shortages, we were fully staffed at almost all times.

## What do you like to do when you are not working?

- I am passionately involved in my son's high school sport activities.

## Did you know . . .

**Calvin has been a licensed Maine Real Estate Agent since 1997.**



# Spring Bulky Waste Day

## Town of Durham, Maine



**T**hank you to all who braved the weather on Saturday, May 10th for Bulky Waste Day. And a special thank you to our Public Works Crew for their hard work keeping the lines moving in the pouring rain.





# Ferries \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ of the Past

## Did you know . . .

Some Ferries that once operated in Durham include:

- Dain's Ferry, which was a mile or more above Tracey's Island, was kept by John Dain from 1799 - 1818.
- The Southwest Bend Ferry ran for many years. It was the only connection of "The Bend" with the towns on the opposite side of the river. Samuel McGray operated this ferry.
- Garcelon Ferry, later named Dingley's Ferry.
- Beal's Ferry was in operation until 1818 when the bridges were built at Southwest Bend and Little River. The ferry was located opposite Lot 61, just below Tracey's Island.
- Jone's Ferry, later called Estes' Ferry, ran in the southern part of Durham.
- Pictured Below: Unknown Durham Ferry, date unknown



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