

December 29, 2020

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Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Durham held December 29, 2020 virtually commencing at 7:00 p.m.

**Checked in:** Shawn Marriott, Supervisor  
Joan Breslin, Deputy Supervisor  
Linda Sutton, Council member  
Scott Hulbert, Council member  
Walt Bennett, Council member

**Recording Secretary:** Janet Partridge, Town Clerk

**Others checked in:** Tal Rapplelea, Attorney  
Maryellen Brooks, Assessor Clerk  
Lisa Cirillo, Council Member-Elect

Supervisor Marriott called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Marriott read the 2020-19 resolution.

**A motion was made by Council Member Hulbert to approve the following resolution:**

**Dispensing with the Need for Renewal Applications from all Property Owners Who Received Aged and Disability Exemptions on the 2020 Assessment Roll**

**Whereas**, The Town Board of the Town of Durham, in recognition of the Governor's Executive Order dated December 18, 2020 we hereby resolve the following;

That subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law detail annual renewals, we hereby direct the assessor to grant exemptions pursuant to such sections on the 2021 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for assessors to mail renewal applications to such persons.

Providing also that the assessor may require a renewal application to be filed when he or she has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, had a significant income change, transferred the property to a new owner, or died.

**Now Therefore be it resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Durham hereby adopts this resolution

**Seconded by Deputy Supervisor Breslin,**

<b>Mr. Marriott</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Breslin</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Ms. Sutton</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Hulbert</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mr. Bennett</b>	<b>Aye</b>

**The resolution was thereupon declared adopted December 29, 2020.**

**A motion was made by Hulbert to adjourn at 7:05pm, seconded by Bennett.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet Partridge,  
Clerk/Collector