

Thank You

I have just completed my first week as your First Selectman. Thank you to all of you who have sent your best wishes along. I am thrilled to be in this office and I am fascinated by the variety of subject matter to be addressed. As I said at the swearing in ceremony, nobody can do this job alone. I welcome all input and advice and will surely need your encouragement from time to time.

I have set aside this first month to meet with all employees, department heads, board & commission chairmen and other agencies doing business with the Town of Durham. In this first week, I have had seventeen such meetings with many more planned. Everyone has been very cooperative and has briefed me on current happenings in our government. The Durham residents should be as proud of our town employees, elected officials and volunteer commissioners as I am. Everyone seems very eager to make progress and improvements in our operations. I am excited to use the resources of the First Selectman's office to help them accomplish their goals.

I've also attended three leadership training sessions hosted by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and the Council of Small Towns. I was pleased to find a supportive network among my new colleagues, something I was accustomed to in my role as Town Clerk.

I would also like to take this time to say thank you to Maryann Boord and Renee Primus Edwards. Both of these talented and generous women are taking a well deserved break from public service, a break that I hope doesn't last too long! Many fine policies, projects and actions were offered and completed under their stewardship. I thank them both for their professionalism and selflessness they provided to the Town of Durham.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe holiday season. I look forward to working with many of you in the New Year!