

**Town of Otis
Select Board Meeting Minutes
EXECUTIVE SESSION
April 11, 2025**

Meeting called to order at 11:00 am, Otis Town Hall, 1 North Main Road.

Board of Selectmen Present: Chairman Gary Thomas, Larry Southard and Terry Gould.

Others Present: Brandi Page.

Gary made a motion to go into Executive Session at 11:00 am Under M.G.L. Ch. 39 Sec.23B for the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, taking, lease, or value of real property as such discussion may have a detrimental effect on any negotiation position of the Town. Roll call vote: Larry Southard - yea; Terry Gould- yea; Gary Thomas- yea. Motion carried.

Discussion on the recent reduction of the asking price of the Otis Poultry Farm and if this is something the Town should consider purchasing at that reduced price. The property is just under 25 acres and has more than one good well. The board discussed the building on the property and potential uses that could benefit the Town. Initial impacts would be to our liability insurance costs and utilities. The Board felt that this could be a great opportunity for an affordable housing project as well as possible equipment storage for the Highway Dept. The potential is there and the Board unanimously felt this was an opportunity that should be brought to the voters. Discussion on negotiating with the owner for the \$500,000 asking price contingent upon town meeting. The funding source, it was decided, would be stabilization funds. Brandi needs to file the intent with DCAMM as a unique acquisition. Gary made a motion for the Town to offer 500,000 contingent upon town meeting, for the property and place the question on the town meeting warrant to acquire the property using funds from Stabilization, terry seconded. Terry- Yea, Larry- Yea, Gary Yea. Motion passed.

Gary made a motion to adjourn the Executive session at 12:08 am. Terry seconded. The Executive session was closed by roll call vote: Larry Southard – yea, Terry Gould –yea and Gary Thomas- yea. Motion carried. Executive meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandi Page
Town Administrator