

*Town of Otis*  
**Select Board/ Board of Health**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
*Conference Room, 1 North Main Rd., Otis, MA*  
**Tuesday, Mar 24, 2026, at 6:30 PM**

This meeting will be held in person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend. A remote option is offered via zoom with the link provided below.

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Anyone with interest in any specific item should plan in person attendance. This meeting is being recorded.

Topic: Select Board

Time: Mar 24, 2026 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**Attendance:** Gary Thomas, Larry Southard, Terry Gould, Brandi Page, Sue Brofman, Lisa D’Orazio, Ross Knowles, B.J. O’Brien, Katy Utenis, Michael Cohen and Stacey Schultze. On Zoom: Mark Anthony, John Fletcher, Bruce Wall and A.

**Call to Order:** 6:30 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from Feb 24<sup>th</sup> were approved as amended. The minutes from Mar 10<sup>th</sup> were approved as written.

**Food Trucks:** Katy was present from the Rec Commission. She has volunteered to coordinate having the food trucks in the future. There was discussion on the frequency last year and the concerns from the Otis restaurants. Everyone agreed twice a month would be better and the goal is to do it on Tuesdays when the restaurants are closed.

**Seasonal Communities Designation:** The State had created the Seasonal Communities Designation in early 2025 and Otis is one of the original towns included. This requires local adoption. The Planning Board had been tasked with researching the designation and recommending back if they feel the Board should include it for adoption. Planning reviewed at several meeting and ultimately has recommended it be adopted. The Board discussed the implications of the designation and what the possible benefits are. Mark Anthony and Ross Knowles both spoke as Planning members. Ross had voted not to recommend but the remaining Planning members voted approval. Mark gave a history of the designation and the intent when it was created. There are concerns it is not a good fit for Otis specifically. The Board decided to table the item so they have time to further understand the full impact.

**Ballot Questions:** The recall petition, in the last few years, had made its way through the legislature and had been ratified. The final piece is for the voters, through a ballot question, adopt the final bill. The Board unanimously agreed to request the Clerk to place on the upcoming ballot. The Board had decided on March 19<sup>th</sup> to have the library project borrowing be subject to a debt exclusion which will also be on the ballot.

**Recent & Upcoming Events:** The annual Community Clean-up Day will be April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Review & Approval of Warrants:** Payroll and vendor warrants are on the table for signature.

**Not Anticipated by the Board:** None.

**Adjourn:** At 7:10 PM.