

Town of Otis
Select Board/ Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Conference Room, 1 North Main Road, Otis, MA
Tuesday, Sep 08, 2026, at 6:30 PM

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Topic: Select Board

Time: Sep 8, 2026 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Attendance: Terry Gould, Larry Southard, Gary Thomas, Brandi Page, Ross Knowles, John Fletcher, Stacey Schultze, Sue Brofman, Celeste Watman, Eric Kreis, Dana Pustinger, Sue Ebitz, B.J. O'Brien, Cynthia Fletcher, Jackie Gentile, Vinette Crowe, Cathy Bazozo & Bob Gentile.
Zoom: Michael Miller, Wylie Goodman & Patty Strauch.

Call to Order: 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of Aug 25th were approved as written.

Public Comment Period: Stacey Schultze read a statement reaffirming her role on Revitalization and what her expectations are going forward. Sue Ebitz spoke to say she hopes the Community Day can become an annual event possible under Cultural Council or Celebration? After a brief discussion it was decided this will be a future agenda item and we can continue discussion. B.J. O'Brien asked if our equipment will be changing to the new poles. Terry answered yes.

Recreation Commission: Dana asked if Saturday 31st is good for Trunk or Treat. They were thinking set up at 4 and the event from 5:00-6:30. The Board was good and didn't have any concerns. For the Gingerbread house event we had talked about doing it the same afternoon as the tree lighting. They checked with Jake and his is going to be on a Sunday again. It was

decided to do them together on Dec 5th. Tentatively gingerbread houses at 3:00, Santa at 4:00 and light the tree at 5:00. Karen Yvon has been working on scheduling a cider donut truck for the event.

Early Voting Schedule: The Board approved Lyn's schedule for Early Voting for the November State Election. That will be posted on the website.

Highway Department: Brandi passed out draft packets of what it would look like to put out interest for a company to handle snow & ice operations this winter. She has sent it to Derek to get reviewed. We hope to have it ready for the next meeting. There have been no additional applicants for the open positions.

Swap Shop Update: Gary brought in a few tables. There was discussion on whether or not to take clothes. There will be a small shelf for books. Gary said the next step is getting electric to the building.

BRPC Tech Assistance: BRPC was getting organized to begin work with Revitalization on a small technical assistance project. They reached out to the Selectboard for comment before getting started. The Board took the opportunity to put this on the agenda and have a discussion. Terry spoke to say that while we recognize Revitalization chose to explore water solutions for the downtown, she hesitates to do something this large. She felt a nice piggyback off the previous work was to look at the existing Library building and explore options for some of the current limitations. Stacey countered that Revitalization had never been given that idea. They had discussed a "Notice Otis" day for investors, a brochure and exploring water. She felt the Select Board should have been part of the discussion at their meeting instead of bringing it up now after they had chosen. Larry Southard spoke and thanked Revitalization for their efforts so far but he agreed in feeling that the water issue was too large in scope to be a good fit for this opportunity. Terry feels a municipal water system is not affordable for the Town and she does not see it coming to fruition. Stacey disagreed and feels we should begin looking at this. Terry wants to use this opportunity for technical assistance to work on something we can actually accomplish. Sue Brofman stated she is a Library Trustee and this is the first she is hearing about this idea to look at the Library. She questioned the lack of communication. Brandi stated that's what this agenda item is, an opportunity to discuss. Sue stated the current building isn't accessible and has asbestos. Eric spoke and explained due to the age of the building there is a likelihood some of the floor tiles in the kitchen contain asbestos. There is no risk to anyone and it has not been confirmed. Terry stated this is a town owned building and they don't need permission to explore improvements. She closed discussion. Larry made a motion to use the grant opportunity to explore the Library building. Gary seconded and the motion passed, vote 3-0.

Planning Board Vacancy: Gordon Middleton has resigned from Planning. The Board will be seeking interest so that they may appoint someone to serve until the next municipal election.

Recent and Upcoming Events: None.

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

Not Anticipated by the Board: Gary stated Monterey is looking to meet again and continue discussion on shared emergency response. They are hoping to include New Marlborough and Sandisfield. Roger will be reaching out with an invitation.

Adjourn: At 7:25 PM.