

Town of Otis
Selectboard/ Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Conference Room, 1 North Main Rd., Otis, MA
Tuesday, Jan 27, 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: Jan 27, 2026 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Attendance: Terry Gould, Larry Southard, Brandi Page, Jason Caulfield, Francine Caulfield, Susan Bryan and Stacey Schultze. Zoom: Matt Provost, Stephen Delsonno, Lisa D’Orazio, Jason, Sue Ebitz and Stephen Costello.

Call to Order: 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from Jan 13th were continued as Gary was not present.

Pole Petitions, Continuation: Verizon 1A7T1BH, Reservoir Road, Verizon 1A7B0NF, Reservoir Road, Verizon 1A7T1VR, West Shore Road, Verizon 1A7C5AS, Reservoir Road, Verizon 1A7C4HK, Reservoir Road, Verizon 1A7JP4M, Old Quarry Road. Representatives from both Verizon and Eversource were in attendance. Terry asked Eversource to explain the reason for the petitions. It was confirmed that Eversource is wanting to make upgrades to our power grid in Otis and Reservoir Road is one section of that. Undersized poles are to be replaced with taller thicker poles and mid span poles are to be installed to break up spans greater than 200’ in distance. This weather hardens the grid and reduces outages in wind and storm events. Jason Caulfield, a resident on Reservoir Road, felt strongly that outages aren’t impactful in that area and questioned why these upgrades are needed. He agreed there were areas where it is apparent upgrades are necessary, but he felt many of the additional mid span poles were detrimental to the neighborhood. Larry Southard asked Eversource what the negative impact would be if these petitions were not approved. They restated these upgrades are planned across the Town and the improved grid would only be as good as its weakest area which would be Reservoir if it wasn’t improved. Terry and Larry both felt the

upgrades are beneficial far beyond Reservoir Road and that the overall intent of the project is beneficial to the Town. There was discussion about flexibility in certain cases as to the exact location of the poles. Eversource confirmed there is flexibility, in some cases 10-15 depending on the location. Brandi stated people should contact Nicholas Langone if they need to discuss a specific pole. Jason pressed the Board to reject the petitions and require Eversource to re-engineer the entire length of Reservoir Road. Terry closed the public discussion. Larry made a motion to approve the Reservoir and West Shore petitions. Terry seconded, vote 2-0. Motion passed. Terry opened discussion on the Old Quarry Road petition. This is to bring 400-amp service to a home there. Terry Made a motion to approve, Larry seconded, vote 2-0. Motion passed.

Surplus Speed Trailer: The Police asked the Board to declare the old speed trailer surplus. The value in comparison to the age and costs of replacement batteries were factored in. The Board declared the trailer surplus. Brandi will list on Municibid in the future.

Reservoir Road Project: The Board reviewed the quote from Basalt International for the composite arch system of the bridge project. The Board was good with this and didn't have any concerns.

Swap Shop: The Board reviewed a quote recommended by Eric. They were good with the purchase. There will be a meeting in the future to decide the hours, items, etc. after the shed is placed and ready.

Grant Application: Stacey submitted a grant form requesting approval to apply to B.R.P.C. for technical assistance that will follow the Economic study and help us with possible implementation. B.R.P.C. receives funding directly to help towns in this way so no grant funds or expenditures happen on the town side. The Board was good with the grant.

Recent & Upcoming Events: None.

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

Not Anticipated by the Board: None.

Adjourn: 8:14 PM.