

Town of Otis
Planning Board Meeting Minutes February 10, 2025

Call to order 7:00 PM

- Roll Call:

Mark Anthony - Chair

Hal Kobrin

Barb Gallagher

Ross Knowles

- Approval of January 13, 2025 minutes
Hal motion to accept, Ross second, all in favor.
- Continued Review of General Bylaw submitted by Select Board: Obstruction of Road or Public Way
 - Sergeant Weidhaas here to discuss
 - Great woods road, road to town beach, very narrow road, town roadway
 - Mark, concerns with cones and other items in roadway obstructing traffic with the goal of slowing traffic
 - Sergeant W, summer 2023 they had speed bumps in, and then summer 2024 the town learned they could not have the temporary speed bumps in for liability so they were removed
 - Have not been any complaints/calls from people on the road, but have stopped and talked to the residents and they say the cones are out to slow people down who are speeding, have not been any accidents on that road either
 - Have been no accidents reported on this road in the last year plus
 - Only option for OPD to run radar in that area would be to park in someone's driveway to do it
 - Complaints with cones in the road are people driving over their lawn to get around the road
 - Mark, concern is this bylaw would affect the entire town for a concern on one road
 - Barb, part of intent of cones is to stop out of town people from using the beach
 - Mark, is this a good use of OPD time to enforce parking and cones along this road,
 - Mark, we will have to have a public hearing likely next month and provide a recommendation from the Planning Board
 - Sergeant W, does not currently have an issue or problem with the cones, it helps slow traffic and it is not on all roads only on a few in town
- Annual Town Report
 - Any suggestions on what we should include in the report, typically the same each year
 - Form A, special permits, Assessory Dwelling Units/ affordable home act, attorney general approved STR bylaws, plan to update Master plan in upcoming year,
- Any other business old or new.

-surrounding towns are updating ADU bylaws, board should start gathering those to help us with our plans moving forward
-discussion on EMS and possibility of partnering with Becket

- Barb motion to adjourn 7:45 PM. Mark Second. All in favor.