

Town of Otis Revitalization Committee Meeting Minutes
Otis Town Hall Meeting Room
August 24, 10:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Stacey called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Members Present: Stacey, Tim, David, Celeste, Hal, Jackie; Absent: Cynthia

Public: Cathy, Jeanne, Jeff

2. Welcome new member

Welcome David

3. Secretary

Jackie said she would help with secretarial duties

4. Approval of July Minutes

Celeste made a motion to approve as written; Jackie 2nd, all in favor.

5. Public Comment

none

6. DLTA Consultancy

Options for use of funds and consultant support to extend previous grant work were discussed. The group consensus is to take steps toward addressing contaminated water in the center of town. The Chief Wastewater Operator was asked to join us at our next meeting, and he agreed.

7. Pro bono infrastructure support

A historical architect offered to look at Harmony Hall. The chair and vice chair met with him last week. His assessment was curtailed by only having access to the exterior of the building. He hinted that although the restoration is possible, it would take a large sum to complete to historical standards. He suggested that we get an idea of whether a historical group would be willing and able to raise that kind of funding. At a special town meeting in November of 2021, the topic of Harmony Hall was tabled and was supposed to be readdressed at the next annual town meeting, but it has yet to be added to any town meeting agenda. Stacey will reach out to OPT/OHC to see if they will take an official stance on the topic ahead of having Harmony Hall added to the next town meeting agenda.

Links were shared with committee members regarding possible pro bono help with water and sewer systems to get an idea of what may be available.

8. Joint meeting with Selectboard

No response to our request from the Selectboard. Town Administrator has responded that she has not been able to get consensus from the Selectboard members about scheduling a joint meeting. Because months have gone by without input, the group feels it is our responsibility to share the documents with the public so they will be submitted to be posted to the town website under the Revitalization Committee page.

9. Zoom

The Selectboard and Town Administrator have not responded to the request for a Zoom login to hold hybrid meetings to allow for increased public attendance. Members offered to help pay for the service if the town was unwilling to cover costs.

10. Any items not anticipated

Cathy requested a copy of the reports to share now that they will be made public and suggested sharing them in both the Otis Observer and on social media.

11. Public Comment

None

12. Adjournment

Tim made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 am; Hal 2nd, all in favor.

Next meeting: September 28, 2026, 10:00 AM