

Town of Otis
Selectboard/ Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Town Hall Conference Room
1 North Main Road, Otis, MA 01253
Tuesday, Oct 08, 2024, 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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Topic: Select Board
Time: Oct 8, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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Attendance: Gary Thomas-Chair, Larry Southard, Terry Gould, Brandi Page, Diane Dyer, Scott Bergeron, Sue Brofman, Sue Ebitz, Denise Hardie and Stacey Schultze. On Zoom: None

Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from Sep 24th were approved as written.

State Election Warrant: The Board signed the warrant for the State Presidential Election for Tue Nov 5th.

Affordable Homes Act: The Board looked at the applicable portions of the AHA 4977 and had a discussion about the implications the act has on our zoning and the possibility it creates for accessory dwelling units. The “by right” process that is laid out is still subject to the necessary setbacks and Board of Health requirements such as septic and well capacity. The goal of the legislation is to increase housing capacity across the State. The Board agreed to recommend the Planning Board consider any allowable restrictions the Town may want to put in place.

MBLC Library Grant: The Town has been awarded the Small Population Library Construction Grant. There is an admin meeting with the MBLC next week to go over next steps. This first award is the Planning and Design phase. Upon completion of a MPLCP level design we move into the award for construction funds. A vote for the Town’s portion for construction/ project costs would be spring of 2026.

Personnel Policy: The language for adding longevity to the personnel policy was reviewed and approved.

Transfer Station: The Board discussed the late hours on Thursdays and if we should consider setting winter hours. With it getting dark sooner the thought is to be open 9-5 on Thursdays instead of 10-6. Eric had sent a letter and his position was to keep things the same. The Board decided to continue this item until the next meeting when Eric can be present.

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

Not Anticipated by the Board: Denise wanted to invite the Board to a joint meeting with the School Committee and Sandisfield Select Board to review the draft of the revised RDA that has been sent to DESE and will ultimately go to the voters.

Adjournment: 7:17 PM