Town of Otis

Selectboard/ Board of Health

Meeting Minutes

Conference Room
1 North Main Road, Otis, MA 01253
Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 6:30 PM

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Topic: Select Board
Time: Jun 24, 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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Attendance: Larry Southard, Terry Gould-Acting Chair, Brandi Page, Denise Hardie, John & Cynthia Fletcher, Sue Ebitz, Stacey Schultze and B.J. O'Brien. Zoom: Kate Meierdiercks.

Call to Order: 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from 5/28 & 6/10 were approved as amended.

Appointments: The Board reviewed the two applications that had come in for the School Committee vacancy. Terry made a motion to recommend Kate Meierdiercks. She liked that she currently has children in the district. Larry agreed. Kate was appointed to the School Committee for the remainder of Phil's term. Larry requested to revisit the Water Operator position. He made a motion to appoint Jeff Gamelli who works for us at the Waste Water plant and had taken the initiative to get his water license. Larry suggested we keep Mr. Bunnell on for the transition and a possible back-up if he is agreeable. Terry seconded and the motion passed.

Sewer Commitment: The Board signed the FY26 sewer commitment.

Library Project Update: The architect submissions had come in. The review team is working on scoring the proposals and will be meeting tomorrow at 10:00 to total the scores and decide on interviews.

SBPHC: Brandi had forwarded some minor edits to the IMA. The Board was fine with those changes. No new signatures are required. Brandi mentioned that the collaborative has a great website and we will be pushing it out more when we launch our new website. https://southernberkshirehealth.com/

Year End Transfers: Brandi had two transfers for the Boards approval. She asked for a motion to transfer \$5,000 to vehicle fuel and \$15,750 to snow and ice both from the vocational transportation line. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Recent and Upcoming Events: All coming in July – Library Fair 7/05, Smile Like Jack 4th Annual 5k/10k Family Fun Run/Walk 7/12, and a food truck at the Congregational Church 7/01 & 7/22. Paige's Place just had their second annual Summer Shindig.

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

Not Anticipated by the Board: BJ mentioned the waste hauling truck driving fast in the early mornings on West Center.

Adjournment: 6:47 PM