

Town of Otis
Select Board/ Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes

Town Hall Conference Room

1 North Main Road, Otis, MA 01253

Thursday, May 01, 2025, at 11:00 AM

This meeting will be held in person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Attendance: Gary Thomas-Chair, Larry Southard, Terry Gould, Brandi Page, Lisa D’Orazio, Jim Crandall and Stacey Schultze.

Call to Order: 11:00 AM

Town Meeting Warrant: The Board reviewed the updated draft of the warrant. One article had been added for the creation of the EMS enterprise fund. Everyone was good with that. The warrant will be signed and delivered to Lyn to post. Jim commented that he was not endorsing article 13 to purchase the Poultry Farm. The Finance Committee had posted a separate meeting for Monday to discuss. Stacey asked if the Board had investigated the different option for affordable housing were they to move forward. Brandi stated we are aware there are differences when different entities create affordable housing. That’s not something the Board has discussed prior to even purchasing the property. She also asked if the Board had undertaken a buildability plan for the property. The answer is no. This opportunity came up very recently and is in the early stages.

Not Anticipated: Brandi communicated a request from the reserve officers to be brought up to the hourly rate the full-time officers make. They are equally trained and would like to be compensated the same. The Board briefly discussed and was all in favor as long as it does not cause that budget line item to go over. Kris was confident it would not. Next meeting date is Wednesday May 28th.

Adjournment: 11:24 AM