

**Town of Otis, Massachusetts
Special Town Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2025**

Selectboard: Gary Thomas Chair, Therese Gould, Larry Southard
Finance Board: Lisamarie D’Orazio Chair, Therese Gould, Susan Brofman
Moderator: David Sarnacki
Town Counsel: Jeremia Pollard
Town Administrator: Brandi Page
Town Clerk: Lyn O’Brien
Board of Registrars: Marjorie Middleton, Emily Piacquadio, Jill Moretz
Clicker System: Chase Chapdelaine, Anthony Middleton
Detail Officer: Police Chief, Kris McDonough and Sergeant, Tammy Weidhaas

Total Registered Voters: 1353

Total Registered Voters in Attendance: 268 checked in on the voting list- still voters out the door.

6:10 PM- The Moderator declared the meeting was over capacity and continued the meeting to 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 23 at the Farmington River Regional School.

**Special Town Meeting Minutes Continued
October 23, 2025
Location: Farmington River Regional School**

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The Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM

The Moderator had everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence.

The Moderator did introductions.

The Moderator had the audience do a test vote.

The Moderator said there would be 3 minutes per person to speak. He asked everyone to be respectful and speak into the microphone.

The Moderator confirmed with the Town Clerk there was a quorum.

The Moderator read the entire warrant.

ARTICLE 1: Citizen Petition

To see if Town will vote to withdraw from the Small Population Library Grant.

A motion was made to accept Article 1.

The motion was seconded.

Discussion: Voters who came to the microphone and spoke, urged the voters to finish the design phase so an accurate construction budget could be presented to the voters at the May 2026

Annual Town Meeting. Library Trustee, Tom Burke pointed out contracts are in place and there could be a breach of contract. The \$150,000 was already voted on and allocated by the voters in May 2024. One resident asked if there was any chance of changing the site location. The selectboard said no. Another resident acknowledged volunteer committee members who have put so much work into this project and urged voters not to throw all that work away.

A motion was made to call the question. 2/3rds vote is required, and this motion is not debatable.

Yes 216; No 38

The motion passed to end debate.

Article 1 Failed. Yes 102; No 156

ARTICLE 2: Withdrawal from Library Grant

To see if the Town will advise the Select Board that the previous article, if passed, would be to withdraw from the Small Population Library Grant between the design and construction phase.

Article 2 was not acted on based on the result of Article 1.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyn O'Brien
Town Clerk