

Town of Otis
Planning Board Meeting Minutes April 13, 2026

Call to order 7:00 PM

- Roll Call:

Mark Anthony-Chair
Ross Knowles
Gordon Middleton
Hal Kobrin

- Approval of March 9, 2026 minutes
Mark motion to accept, Hal second, all in favor.
- Form A: 23 Old Blandford Road
-Property owner is looking to sell the house and keep the lot. It will be a conforming lot with plenty of frontage,
-Hal motion to approve, Ross second, all in favor.

- Public Hearing: Special Permit Towhee Trail

Matt from SK Design, since last meeting have done some test pits looking for bed rock, looking at doing a new design and hoping to have new plans for next months meeting. Asking for a continuance

Hal motion to continue hearing to May 11, 2026 meeting, Ross second, all in favor.

- Continued Master Plan Discussion
Mark, the town signed the contract with BRPC, waiting on BRPC to sign off on the contract, tomorrow the select board will be discussing the master plan steering committee,

Hal, BRPC should do all the heavy lifting for this

- Continued Discussion on Seasonal Community Designation
Mark, Selectboard had preliminary discussion on seasonal communities but had not read material yet, they will be discussing at tomorrow nights meeting. I think we need to provide more clear package of information to the town with answers to all the questions so that the voters know and understand what they are voting on, I plan on asking the selectboard to kick this back to the planning board to work on gathering more information on this, there may not be time to get this on this years annual meeting

Hal, there is still so many questions

Ross, that is why I have been so hesitant, there are so many questions still unanswered

Mark, I think everyone needs to know the answers to the questions and how it will work for our town

Hal, I support this in principal because there is money and tools we can use that will benefit our town,

Mark, Does the board have a problem with me asking the selectboard to send this back to us?

Hal motion for the planning board to request the selectboard to refer the seasonal community designation back to the planning board for further discussion and information gathering, Ross second, all in favor.

- Any other business old or new.
Ross, update on terrenovas they are working on testing, soil is still contaminated

Hal, need infrastructure to support businesses in town like Otis Ridge, they are not connected to the sewer system, this was a discussion 10 years ago and is still an issue,

Mark, would be good to talk to the people in charge of the waste water plant to understand the status of the system and current needs

Hal, in theory the system was built to be able to add on and expand the system to support additional properties

Hal, with the Master plan this will theoretically address this issue and make it possible to apply for grant money for this because it will be identified as a need in the updated master plan,

- Hal motion to adjourn 7:54 PM, Mark Second, All in favor.