

Town of Otis
Selectboard/ Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Conference Room, 1 North Main Rd., Otis, MA
Tuesday, September 09, 2025, at 6:30 PM

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Topic: Select Board

Time: Sep 9, 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Attendance: Gary Thomas-Chair, Larry Southard, Terry Gould, Brandi Page, Adam Thibeault, Michael Scott, Whit Iglehart, Janice Hawley, Stacey Schultze, Larry Gould, Diane Dyer, Susan Brofman, Sue Ebitz, Tony Rigilo, Deb Fogel, Diane Saunders, Eve Kummel, V. Crowe, C. Gangloff, B.J. O'Brien, Patty Strauch, Robert Rich, Donna Rich, Katelyn Chaffee, George Roy, Beth Roy, Rose Crittendon, Jeanne Randorf, Joanne Weir, Kathleen Casey, Sharon DeLevie, Cathy Bezozo, Carole Burke, Tom Burke, Kay Koloski, Lisa D'Orazio, Laretta Harris, Hilary Harley, Barbara Linden, Bob Gentile, Jackie Gentile, John & Nancy Hansen, Debby Bobsen, Bobbe Klegmer, Margie Klein. **Zoom:** Ilona Packie, Kelly Taylor, TSKP, Thomas Kreis, Candy Chaffee, Chase, Clayton Dilts, Iphone and Mary Kay.

Call to Order: 6:33 PM.

Gary stated for the record that if anyone was disrespectful during the meeting or interrupted they would be removed from the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: None.

Special Municipal Employee: Brandi explained that we have a back-up wastewater operator that covers the plant usually two weekends a month when Town staff is not covering. This position is better suited to be designated a "Special Municipal Employee" as it does not appear to pass the test for when we utilize an independent contractor. The Board agreed. Terry Made a motion to approve, Larry seconded and the motion passed, vote 3-0.

Trunk or Treat: Dana was present for the Recreation Commission. They requested Trunk or Treat be set for Nov 1st from 5-7 pm with the way the calendar plays out this year. The Board was good with that. Rec will push out the flyers.

Appointments: Brandi stated we had recent resignations from Cemetery and Finance. Those vacancies will be posted. Katy Utenis has submitted interest for the Recreation Commission. The Board was good with her application. Terry made a motion to appoint Katy. Larry seconded and the motion passed, vote 3-0. There is still another spot with Rec if anyone is interested.

Library Project: Gary stated that the Library Building Committee requested to re-open the discussion on the site due to the fact the Crandall property in East Otis was withdrawn. He asked Sue what she wanted to say. Sue stated that the design team was here and she wanted the Board to let them present additional information. Gary spoke to say that he was very disappointed to learn that the Crandall's were pressured to withdraw their parcel from the Library project. This caused unnecessary personal stress for Jim and his family. He also decided to resign from his seat on the Finance Committee. Gary expressed what a loss that is for the Town and that Jim was doing a great job on that committee. It was his understanding Stephanie was the one who directly pressured them to withdraw that parcel. Gary felt she had exceeded a boundary and in turn disrespected the Board's decision. He asked if Stephanie was present. She was not. Larry also felt this had disrespected the Board and their decision on the site. He again stated he was disappointed we hadn't explored renovating/expanding the current library. Terry spoke to assure the residents that the Select Board does their due diligence in making these decisions and had considered every aspect of what was presented. She was beyond angry and embarrassed at how the Crandall's were treated. She has no support for the Erbe site. Gary spoke again to confirm a citizen's petition had been submitted to the Board "To see if the town will withdraw from the small population library grant". The Board will forward the petition sheets to the Town Clerk for certification of the signatures. In light of this he was not inclined to vote on the site tonight. Diane Provenz interrupted to say she felt people should be allowed to speak. Gary made a motion to forward the petition to Lyn. Larry seconded and the motion passed, vote 3-0. Diane again spoke out at the Board for not allowing discussion. Gary explained we have already gone over the site information at prior meetings. He warned Diane if she continued he would have her removed. He said end of discussion. Patty Strauch commented people had come out for discussion. Residents weren't feeling heard. Gary moved on to the next agenda item. Diane again interrupted. Gary asked Tammy to remove Diane from the meeting. Diane continued to make comments as she was escorted out. Other members voiced their displeasure and were disruptive as a few chose to exit the meeting.

Recent and Upcoming Events: None.

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

Not Anticipated by the Board: None.

Adjourn: 6:57 PM.