

Town of Otis Revitalization Committee Meeting Minutes
Otis Town Hall Meeting Room
September 28, 10:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Stacey called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Members Present: Stacey, Cynthia, David, Hal, Jackie; Absent: Celeste, Tim

Public: Wylie, Cathy, Bob

2. Approval of August 24 & September 8 Minutes

Hal made a motion to approve the August 24 minutes as written; Jackie 2nd, all in favor.

Stacey commented that Tim's name was omitted from the September 8 minutes. With this correction, Hal made a motion to approve the September 8 minutes; Jackie 2nd, all in favor.

3. Public Comment

None

4. DLTA Consultancy

At the September 8 Select Board meeting, the board members responded to the grant work submitted by the Revitalization Committee with the decision to use the funds to review building maintenance estimates and ADA compliance for the library. Committee members expressed their disappointment that this decision was reached without input from them. A discussion ensued on the importance of continuing the committee's work to revitalize the Otis village center.

5. Pro bono infrastructure support

The need for potable water continues to be a top concern for redevelopment progress. Wylie suggested creating a flow chart for next steps, offered the committee review Housatonic's water efforts, and mentioned a nonprofit or outside organization to focus on the water effort outside of the municipality. It was decided that a subcommittee be formed to continue this investigation. Cynthia, David, and Jackie agreed to work on the flow chart and will present it at the next meeting.

6. Any Items Not Anticipated

In response to the RKG report and Revitalization Report, Geoff Pigman emailed to express his desire to preserve Harmony Hall and the Catholic Church. Stacey relayed that she had contacted

the OPST/OHC to seek their interest in investigating the possibility of preserving Harmony Hall. They replied that they were unable to take on this project at this time.

Patricia Racine sent an email sharing possible winter community events.

7. Public Comment

Cathy requested to share information with OWL via their newsletter. Bob offered some suggestions for the water effort.

8. Adjournment

Hal made a motion to adjourn at 11:37 am; Jackie 2nd, all in favor.

Next meeting: October 26, 2026, 10:00 AM

Zoom link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/89538252129?pwd=Vyc9foZ1hTmjna3qBSWEb3cGbJTx6Z.1>