

Town of Otis
Select Board/ Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes

Town Hall Conference Room

1 North Main Road, Otis, MA 01253

Tuesday, Feb 24, 2026, at 5:00 PM

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, Sue Brofman, Rick Phair, Brittany Phair, Chris Bouchard, Eric Kreis and Stacey Schultze.

Call to Order: 5:06 PM

Department Budgets: First up was discussion of the Fire department budget. Air packs and the compressor have both been procured and are expected soon. Chris talked about the eventual change to 800 band radios. There were no concerns with their FY27 budget requests. The Board then discussed the Rescue budget. Operations under the Town began Jan 01 so we have little to no history at this point. For FY26 we appropriated 350,000 for salaries and 85,000 for supplies. Rescue for this year are requesting 553,773 in salaries and 104,700 in supplies. They are also requesting we add an additional full time EMT bringing it up to five. We are working on converting the small office into a bunk room. We need to figure out a heat source so the door can be closed. They are working on some uniform vendors. Last was Eric for the Maintenance budget. He would like to break out the fire truck fire extinguishers and transition those to the Fire department. Maintenance would remain handling all the building extinguishers. Eric has requested an additional full time employee again this year. He stated he would at least like to see a summer groundskeeper position if the full time is not possible. The Board was agreeable to that idea. Brandi will double check on the hour limit for seasonal. Both agree they would like to continue the summer transfer station and beach attendant. Eric has built in a 5% increase on hauling. Our contract is up this fall and our vendor and rates are anticipated to change. Eric reviewed his capital requests and the Board asked a few questions.

Meeting Schedule: We discussed an alternate meeting schedule this year. Everyone agreed on Friday March 6th and Mar 27th starting at 9:00 am. We will leave the 20th open.

Adjournment: 6:20 PM