

*Town of Otis*  
**Select Board/ Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Town Hall Conference Room**

**1 North Main Road, Otis, MA 01253**

**Tuesday, Mar 10, 2026, at 5:30 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, Kris McDonough, Cynthia Fletcher and John Fletcher.

**Call to Order:** 5:37 PM

**Department Budgets:** First on the schedule was Police. Kris was present to discuss. He informed the Board that the department in Becket had unionized. His salary requests are impacted by that and he is wanting to keep our officers comparable. There has been no intention of the Otis officers to unionize as of right now. Kris reminded the group about the intense training and professional standards police in Mass are required to have now. The Board is very happy with the operations and conduct of our department. Kris is also requesting to replace the Tahoe this year. Repair costs have been expensive and it will be ten years old in this upcoming fiscal year. He has been upgrading to the new frequency radios as he replaces cruisers. In closing Kris reported that they have collected over 14,000 in administrative fees and over 49,000 in cruiser fees when billing for details. Next up was discussion of the proposed WWTP budget. Jeff Gamelli was present. He said things are running well. He is in progress on the ball valve project and the air release valves. He had submitted a capital item to replace the bioclear units but withdrew. He was able to find a much cheaper alternative to insulate them instead. His truck is still operating well and doesn’t need replacement. He updated the Board on the current backup operator schedule and current rates for that. It is one of the bigger expenses in his budget. We are currently working with SK Design on the sewer extension that was committed in the beginning but never installed. Final design and an estimate are expected this summer.

**Adjournment:** 6:23 PM