

Town of Otis
Select Board/ Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Conference Room, 1 North Main Road, Otis, MA
Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:30 PM

[This meeting will be held in person at the location provided on this notice. Members of the public are welcome to attend.](#)

Attendance: Terry Gould, Larry Southard, Gary Thomas, Gordon Middleton, Brian Middleton, Ross Knowles, Paul Gage, Tom Soules, Sue Brofman, Stacey Schultze, Cynthia Fletcher, John Fletcher.

Call to Order: 6:32 PM.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of June 9th were approved as written.

The minutes of June 23rd were approved as written. Gary noted that he was not in attendance on the 23rd and asked that the record reflect that he was not in favor of the reappointments of Chris Chaffee and Dave Sarnacki to the Conservation Commission based on recent events.

Appointments: Election workers were appointed, see attached list. Jessica Horan was reappointed as Treasurer for 3 years. Gordon Middleton and Wendy Lampro were appointed to the Master Plan Steering Committee.

Tolland Road Signage: Mark Barnard had requested additional signage for Tolland Road to prevent people from driving down and turning around. Photographs were reviewed by the board and Terry noted that she had also spoken with Derek regarding this issue. It was agreed that there is sufficient signage on Tolland Road to alert drivers that there is no exit on the road.

Street Light Request: Paul Gage lives at 41 South Main Road and explained that the streetlight nearest his home is quite bright and shines into his home. He would ideally like the streetlight to be removed. We will need to speak with Otis PD and FD to see if that is an option for him. The other option would be to request that Eversource place a shield on the light to eliminate the problem of light shining into his home. We will follow up with PD, FD and Eversource to see if a good solution can be reached. Paul provided the Pole number; information on the Pole reads 182 over NET&T Co, over 447.

Proposed Flag Wall: The Middleton family would like to fund and erect a flag wall on the green area between the driveways leading up to town hall. The wall would specifically be to

recognize and celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States with a dedication to their mother Marion. A discussion on the exact location led to the meeting moving outside briefly to the driveway to measure and consider placement. Returning to the meeting room, Gary made the motion to approve and accept the gift of the wall pending exact measurements, design and final location. Larry seconded. Unanimous vote.

Recent and Upcoming Events: Smile Like Jack was held on the 11th and was a big success with over 700 participants. The Library Fair is on the 18th from 10 to 3. Tom Soules and Sue Brofman came to remind the town about the 250th celebration that the Amvets are planning for August 8th at the Isaac Walton field. They were wondering if there was funding available from the Celebrations account and they presented a cost breakdown. Terry explained that the 2026 budget cycle has concluded and that new funding is already budgeted for specific events. The new funding cycle for 2027 is already in place.

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

Not Anticipated by the Board: There were no unanticipated items.

Adjourn: At 7:21 PM.