

Town of Otis
Selectboard/ Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Conference Room, 1 North Main Rd., Otis, MA
Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 6:30 PM

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Topic: Select Board

Time: Oct 28, 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Attendance: Gary Thomas, Terry Gould, Larry Southard, Brandi Page, Cynthia Fletcher, Joe Buyse, and Rich Phair. Zoom: Stacey Schultze.

Call to Order: 6:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from Sep 23rd and Oct 14th were approved as written. Gary was not at the meeting on the 14th.

Grant Application: Gail Gelburd had submitted a grant form for the Board to review. Historic is seeking to apply for a cultural grant for ADA work on the Otis Cultural Center. OPT intends to cover the required match. Brandi had checked with the project coordinator and architect, and their thought was not to submit this grant application until after the bids have come in for the belfry work. We want to ensure we have a successful round of work before we initiate the grant. Gail was good with that. The Board was good and didn't have any additional concerns.

Winter Parking Ban: Gary stated that every fall the Board reviews and accepts the winter road closures/ parking ban. Gary read the road closures for the record. Larry made a motion to accept, Terry seconded and the motion passed, vote 3-0.

Recent and Upcoming Events: Trunk or Treat is Nov 1st from 5-7 pm. The flu clinic is tomorrow from 11-1.

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

Not Anticipated by the Board: Terry brought up concerns with respect to Revitalization's recent update about their exploration of community paramedicine. Terry, in consideration of feedback from Fire and Rescue, wants Revitalization to take it off their plate. The Town, Fire Dept and Otis Rescue Squad have been working for three years on bringing the EMS service under the Town. The concern is that any discussions of Otis exploring a paramedic level structure could undermine the transition and structure we already have. Stacey disagreed and maintained Revitalization is simply learning about the concept. Terry felt this is not within the charge of the committee. Stacey disagreed. Terry made a motion to direct the Revitalization Committee to take exploration of community paramedicine off their plate. Larry seconded the motion with the concern of this impacting what we have worked very hard to set in place. Gary agreed and closed the discussion.

Adjourn: 6:48 PM.