

*Town of Otis*  
**Selectboard/ Board of Health**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
*Conference Room, 1 North Main Rd., Otis, MA*  
**Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 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. A remote option is offered via zoom with the link provided below.

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Anyone with interest in any specific item should plan in person attendance. This meeting is being recorded.

Topic: Select Board

Time: Sep 9, 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**Attendance:** Gary Thomas-Chair, Larry Southard, Terry Gould, Brandi Page. See attached list.

**Call to Order:** 6:30 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from 8/26 were approved as written. Gary made a motion to approve, Terry seconded and the motion passed 3-0. The minutes from 9/09 for the 5:30 meeting were approved as written. Terry made a motion to approve, Larry seconded and the motion passed 3-0. The minutes from the 9/09 6:30 meeting were approved as amended. Gary made a motion to approve the amended set, Larry seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

**Public Hearing for the following Pole Petitions -Eversource 80389650, Verizon 1A7T1BH, Verizon 1A7B0NF, Verizon 1A7T1VR, Verizon 1A7C5AS:** Ryan Anderson was present for the Eversource petition. He explained this is one new pole across from the Soccer Camp on Reservoir Road to handle the electricity from roof mounted solar panels being installed at the camp. The Board was good with the Eversource petition. No one was present from Verizon. The Verizon petitions will be continued until our next meeting when someone can be present.

**Liquor License Transfer 2000 East Otis Road:** Larry recused himself from this discussion. Present for the application were Anand Patel, Ginamarie Boyer and Henry Cropsey. Henry represents the buyer, Johnny Kayrouz. The applicant is Otis Racing Mart Inc for which Anand is President. Henry indicated he wanted the Board to include a pledge to Rockland Trust as part of the approval. The Board was not familiar with pledging the license. Henry stated it provides collateral

to the bank. Gary said we would need to check with the ABCC and Town Counsel. Henry pressed the Board to approve the transfer pending these approvals. Gary made a motion to approve the transfer and pledge the license to Rockland Trust pending no concerns from the ABCC or Town Counsel. Terry seconded, motion passed 2-0.

**Appointments:** The Board reviewed the applications that had come in for Finance Committee. Terry made a motion to appoint Lisa D’Orazio based on her experience. Motion seconded and passed 3-0. The Board congratulated her and welcomed her back to the Finance Committee.

**Fire Dept, Radio Upgrades:** Rick Phair was present to update the Board on the status of Berkshire County emergency communication radios switching over to 800 mhz band. Portables are 13k-15k each. Mobile are 21k. They have not identified any grant opportunities, but we will need to switch by late 2026 early 2027. Rick updated the Board on other pending capital purchases. The Board thanked him for coming in and this will remain an ongoing discussion.

**Special Town Meeting Warrant:** The Board discussed date options. October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm was set. Gary read aloud the two articles and signed the warrant. The Constable will post accordingly.

**Alternate Site for the Library Project:** Diane Dyer voiced her concern over the upcoming vote. Gary stated that despite accusations the Board has never been opposed to a new Library. They in good faith did not support the Erbe site but that did not mean they weren’t in support of the project. Larry Gould felt that the well issue at the Erbe site was bigger than people realized. The zone around a public water supply carries strict regulations and can significantly limit the ability to use the property in normal ways. This combined with limited parking and the site overcrowding that would be created make the Erbe site not a good choice. An alternate site creates a new campus with adequate parking and the potential for expansion and recreational opportunities. Mrs. Gangloff spoke to say she was willing to offer some of her land for a well. It was advised that she would first need to speak with her lawyer and understand the impact this could have on her property. Whit Iglehart from TSKP spoke to echo what was being said. They very much want to help us build a new library on either site. Sue Brofman asked the Board to please help the project move forward and select a site. Terry made a motion to move forward with the West Center Road site and asked that it be embraced. Larry seconded and the motion passed, vote 3-0. Larry Southard spoke to defend against accusations that he said “the downtown is dead”. He never stated that. He has always supported the efforts of Revitalization and the Library. When he spoke at a previous meeting in support of the Crandall site it was the result of a broad vision for the Town and what the site had to offer. Sue stated they felt the public would never have supported the Crandall site. Terry felt it was disingenuous to include the site in their application if they never had an intention to consider it. She also spoke to counter accusations that she votes independently. An audience member pointed out how well the communication went at this meeting and people making an effort to work together.

**Recent and Upcoming Events:** None.

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

**Not Anticipated by the Board:** None.

**Adjourn:** 7:54 PM.

**If you wish to be included in the minutes please add your name**

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