

**Board of Selectmen Agenda**  
**Municipal Center Resource Room**  
**Tuesday, January 7, 2025**  
**7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Chairman Announcements
4. Citizen's Forum
5. Local Cultural Council Appointments – Possible Votes
6. Douglas PD Update
7. Annual License Renewals – Possible Votes
8. Meeting Minutes – Possible Votes
9. Formal final written notice of withdrawal from MSHG – Possible Votes
10. Municipal Light Plant Discussion
11. BOS 2025 Goals / TA Goals Document Discussion
12. Town Administrator's Report
13. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting
14. Adjournment

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025  
MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance: Chair Tiim Bonin, Vice Chair Mike Fitzpatrick, Hal Davis, Ross Smith, Les Stevens, and Matt Wojcik Town Administrator

1. Tim Bonin called the meeting to order AT 7PM.
2. (0:10 TS) Pledge of Allegiance
3. (0:40 TS) Chairman announcements: Recognized Dan Mascroft who is interested in joining the Master Plan Committee and spoke with him briefly and have him added to the next agenda for formal action. Dan Mascroft spoke about his interest in joining the committee.  
Mike Fitzpatrick also wanted to make it known that a local business was visited by the First Amendment Audit Group and Officer Jacob Bloniasz was present. Mr. Fitzpatrick commended him for representing the town in a positive manner and acknowledged his efforts.
4. (3:25 TS) Citizen's Forum: NONE
5. (3:35 TS) Local Cultural Council Appointments – Possible votes  
Louise and Alice joined the table, and they spoke about their interest in joining the Cultural Council.  
(5:25 TS) Motion to appoint Louise and Alice to the Cultural Council for a term of 3 years made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Hal Davis. The vote passed unanimously.
6. (6:25 TS) Douglas Police Department Update  
Lieutenant Travis Gould gave an update on the events that have recently passed in town and some new cruisers and updates on new personnel and introduced the new officers. They discussed the 2 new cruisers and an additional 2 within the next year. He also acknowledged Officer Bloniasz again for the recent situation in town and stated they received many emails and phone calls commending his knowledge and calm response to the matter.
7. (17:45 TS) Annual License Renewals – Possible votes  
Douglas House of Pizza and Z-Mart and Douglas Village Package are late submissions for annual license renewals and the Board discussed the option of late fees.  
(23:15 TS) Motion to approve the liquor license for Douglas Village Package and the common victualler for Douglas House of Pizza made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Ross Smith. The vote passed unanimously.
8. (24:00 TS) Meeting Minutes: December 26, 2024 – Possible votes  
(25:40 TS) Motion to approve the December 26, 2024, meeting minutes as written, made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Ross Smith. The vote passed unanimously.
9. (25:55 TS) Formal final written notice of withdrawal from MSHG – Possible votes  
TA Wojcik discussed payment options he went over with Attorney Rich Bowen and the issue of having an audit done on MSHG in order to get the surplus funds that are owed to the town. TA Wojcik presented the letter that would need to be voted on and signed



by the Board in order to be sent out to MSHG, and wait for the response on how they are going to handle the Douglas's exit from the group.

(38:50 TS) Motion that the Town of Douglas take all necessary steps acting through this Board and the Town Administrator to withdraw from the Massachusetts Strategic Health Group effective July 1, 2025, pursuant to articles 8 and 9 of the Massachusetts Strategic Health Group joint purchasing agreement effective July 1, 2023, and further move that in order to initiate the process the Board sign written notice of the withdrawal vote on the record this evening and direct the Town Administrator to forward the signed notice immediately to the MSHG Board of Directors, made by Hal Davis, seconded by Mike Fitzpatrick. The vote passed unanimously.

TA Wojcik explained the exit process and amount they will be getting. He also spoke about the budget and the other current contracts and town insurances, schoolteacher contracts, school bus contracts, and special education transportation. They talked at length about the school transportation.

10. (58:35 TS) Municipal Light Plan Discussion

TA Wojcik would like to push this along at the next meeting and talked about a data center for the town connected to a municipal light, and how much power would the town be willing to support. In order to pursue what would be right for Douglas regarding the size of the plant, Senator Fattman is willing to invite the Secretary of Economic Development and Housing to have a conversation about the suitability of the Town of Douglas as a development site for this specific asset.

11. (1:17:18 TS) BOS 2025 Goals / TA Goals Document Discussion

Discussion postponed until January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

12. (1:17:28 TS) Town Administrator's Report

Nothing further than discussed earlier in meeting.

13. (1:17:30 TS) Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting

A resident of Cottage Colony reached out Mike Fitzpatrick via email with concerns about the conditions of the road and some requests that he will forward to Lisa Freeman to add to the next agenda to have a discussion about what can and can't be done.

TA Wojcik also stated that the town received a constituent inquiry recently regarding fire insurance rates having gone up considerably and when TA Wojcik looked into it, he found that the town has not been rerated by the ISO and that the town is still a four community not an eight. TA Wojcik explained what needs to be done in order to have this taken care of.

14. (1:22:40 TS) Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Ross Smith. The vote passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Stephenie Gosselin  
Recording Secretary