



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

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Chairman Announcements
4. Citizen's Forum

PUBLIC HEARING

5. (3) Pole Petitions – Possible Votes
 - Pole Petition #31154263 38 Hemlock Street
 - Pole Petition #31161580 2 Orange Street
 - Pole Petition #31175749 41 Vine Street
6. Road Use / Midstate Massive Ultra Trail Race – Possible Votes
7. Executive Session
 - a. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(6), To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. **Interest in Real Property – Discussion with Carol Gogolinski**
8. COA Appointment / Carolyn Dorval – Possible Votes
9. Highway Department FY26 Plow Rates – Possible Votes
10. Stop Sign at North St. / Gilboa St. Discussion – Possible Votes
11. Depot Street Crosswalk Plan Discussion – Possible Votes
12. Grant Acceptance / Highway Dept. DER Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance – Possible Votes
13. 250th Donation Account Creation & Discussion – Possible Votes
14. Cannabis Bylaws & Policies Discussion / Fall Town Meeting – Possible Votes
15. Review Articles & Close STM Warrant – Possible Votes
16. Meeting Minutes – Possible Votes
17. Town Administrator's Report
18. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting

19. Executive Session (continued)

- b. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(6), To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. **Interest in Real Property – 11 Arnold Road & Whitin Heights Parcel #160-22.1**
- c. Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. **Potential Litigation – Perry Street Extension & MSHG**

20. Adjournment

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Attendance: Chair Les Stevens, Vice chair Tim Bonin, Mike Fitzpatrick, Ross Smith, Hal Davis, Matt Wojcik Town Administrator, and Lisa Freeman Executive Assistant.

1. Call to Order – Les Stevens called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. (0:05 TS) Pledge of Allegiance
3. (0:25 TS) Chairman Announcements – Thank all involved in the Octoberfest for another successful showing. The Fire Department has an open house tomorrow from 6-8 pm. Acknowledged the Orchard for placing 2nd in the state and the scarecrows look great on the town common.
4. (1:15 TS) Citizen's Forum - NONE

PUBLIC HEARING

5. (1:25 TS) (3) Pole Petitions – Possible Votes
Motion to open the public hearing made by Ross Smith, seconded by Mike Fitzpatrick. The vote passed unanimously. Robert Moran, a community engagement manager with National Grid with Al Galvin, a senior designer, presented the pole petitions.
 - Pole Petition #31154263 38 Hemlock Street – New home going in and installing a new pole for service, adding an intermediate between two existing poles.
 - Pole Petition #31161580 2 Orange Street – This is for underground electrical, and they are building a rock wall, National Grid was trying to help a customer out, they apologize for installing the pole before it was approved. They may want to have the Planning Board take a look at the rock wall that was built. The property owner of 19 Orange Street stated that there was never a scenic road permit, and the abutters were never notified.
 - Pole Petition #31175749 41 Vine Street – New home installing a couple of new poles to extend the secondary down the road.(12:15 TS) Motion to close the public hearing made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Hal Davis. The vote passed unanimously.
(12:25 TS) Motion to approve all three locations of poles with one forgiveness fact, for 38 Hemlock Street, 2 Orange Street & 41 Vine Street, made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Hal Davis. The vote passed unanimously.
7. (13:00 TS) Executive Session
(13:20 TS) Motion to move into executive session for the sole purpose of discussing interest in real property and a discussion with Carol Gogolinski and then to return from executive session for the remainder of the agenda, made by Tim Bonin, seconded by

Ross Smith. Roll call vote – Mike Fitzpatrick, Tim Bonin, Les Stevens, Hal Davis, Ross Smith all in favor.

8. (14:05 TS) COA Appointment / Carolyn Dorval – Possible Votes

Carolyn Dorval introduced herself and talked about her interest in joining the Council on Aging.

(15:30 TS) Motion to appoint Carolyn Dorval for a one-year term on the Council on Aging, made by Tim Bonin, seconded by Mike Fitzpatrick. The vote passed unanimously.

6. (15:50 TS) Road Use / Midstate Massive Ultra Trail Race – Possible Votes

The race is scheduled for October 11th and 12th and they don't come into Douglas until Sunday the 12th.

(16:50 TS) Motion to approve the road use for the Midstate Massive Ultra Trail Race, made by Hal Davis, seconded by Tim Bonin. The vote passed unanimously.

9. (17:15 TS) Highway Department FY26 Plow Rates – Possible Votes

Adam Furno, Highway Superintendent, gave an update on the Mass DOT plow rates. The town has 20 subcontractor positions for the highway department and 6 employees for plowing. The proposed rates are as follows:

9 ¾ ton plow with an 8-foot plow is going to be \$102/hour

10 1 ton with a 9-foot plow is \$120/hour

11 1 ton with 9-foot plow and 3-yard sander \$134/hour

12 Skid Steer is \$126/hour

13 Backhoe with a 12-foot pusher is \$139/hour

14 Six-wheel dump with a 10-foot plow and 6-yard sander is \$179/hour

(22:55 TS) Motion to approve the FY26 plow rates made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Ross Smith. The vote passed unanimously.

10. (23:05 TS) Stop Sign at North St. / Gilboa St. Discussion – Possible Votes

Adam Furno stated that Mass DOT has a program for all-way stops. They have identified one in Douglas at North Street and Gilboa Street, and Adam Furno is before the BOS as road commissioners to ask what they would like to decide with this recommendation from Mass DOT. The consensus of the Board is that they would leave it as a 3 way stop.

11. (26:55 TS) Depot Street Crosswalk Plan Discussion – Possible Votes

Bob Minarik, Economic Development, gave an overview that next spring they will be reclaiming Depot Street with new sidewalks, resetting the curb, pouring new concrete sidewalks and they must be ADA compliant. Mr. Minarik stated where they will need to install ADA points. They discussed the crosswalk points, and they decided to have Mr. Minarik bring it before the Safety Committee.

12. (34:50 TS) Grant Acceptance / Highway Dept. DER Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistance – Possible Votes

Adam Furno stated that the Highway Department recently applied for and received a reimbursable grant from the division of ecological restoration in the amount of \$85k, to start the field work on the Webster Street culvert in the area of Cedar Street and the Wallace Street culvert in the area of 35 Wallace. These funds will only cover the field work.

(36:35 TS) Motion to accept the grant, made by Hal Davis, seconded by Tim Bonin. The vote passed unanimously.

13. (36:50 TS) 250th Donation Account Creation & Discussion – Possible Votes

(37:40 TS) Motion to create the 250th Donation Account, made by Mike Fitzpatrick, seconded by Tim Bonin. The vote passed unanimously.

14. (37:55 TS) Cannabis Bylaws & Policies Discussion / Fall Town Meeting – Possible Votes

TA Wojcik stated for the record that the Cannabis Control Commission in Massachusetts is not the easiest agency to work with. They have gone on, what TA Wojcik's opinion is a bureaucratic bender with thousands of words of regulations and restrictions. They have come out with a mandate that all communities that have bylaws have to remove them because they are unenforceable per the state. They want a diversity, equity and inclusion policy that will guide the town's issuance of host community agreements. TA Wojcik has printed the recommended language the comes from the Cannabis Control Commission for the board members to review and is asking the board to charge him over the next couple weeks to pare it down to something that with town will be happy with and that the Cannabis Control Commission will accept. The town cannot collect fees without providing specific documentation.

(46:30 TS) Motion to authorize TA Wojcik to draft a revision to the Cannabis Control Commissions policy draft made by Les Stevens, seconded by Hal Davis. The vote passed unanimously.

15. (47:15 TS) Review Articles & Close STM Warrant – Possible Votes

- Article 1 & 2 – Citizen's Petitions
- Article 3 – FY26 Budget and Transfers
- Article 4 – Public Transfer and clean-up process
- Article 5 – FY26 Water/Sewer
- Article 6 – Dive Team Account
- Article 7 – Warehouse overlay district
- Article 8 – Land donation on B street
- Article 9 – 67 Gilboa
- Article 10 – Cemetery Commissions and signs
- Article 11 – Brown house demolition
- Article 12 – 103 Shore Road demolition

- Article 13 – Water/Sewer Department brick building. They had a brief discussion about this article and Mr. Fitzpatrick feels that this should be put back on the Water/Sewer department to fund.

(55:05 TS) Motion to close the Fall Town Meeting Warrant as written, made by Hal Davis, seconded by Ross Smith. The vote passed unanimously.

16. (55:20 TS) Meeting Minutes – Possible Votes – Passed over.

17. (55:25 TS) Town Administrator's Report – Passed over.

18. (55:45 TS) Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting. NONE

19. (55:55 TS) Executive Session (continued)

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing interest in real property for 11 Arnold Road & Whitin Heights Parcel #160-22.1 and potential litigation for Perry Street Extension & MSHG and reconvene into open session for the sole purpose of adjournment, made by Ross Smith, seconded by Tim Bonin. Roll call vote – Ross Smith, Hal Davis, Les Stevens, Tim Bonin, Mike Fitzpatrick all in favor.

20. Adjournment

Mr. Bonin made a motion at 9:31pm to leave executive session and return to regular session for the sole purpose of adjournment, Mr. Davis seconded the motion, all in favor. Roll call vote Fitzpatrick – aye, Davis – aye, Stevens – aye, Bonin – aye.

Respectfully submitted,


Stephenie Gosselin
Recording Secretary