

**Minutes
Select Board
Tuesday, April 7, 2026
Cotter Room
10 a.m.**

Members Present: Roger Woods, Chair, Suzanne Djusberg, Paul Bunker, Michael Maresco, Town Manager

Absent: Kevin Donovan, Nichole Emery

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence: George Donald Litzen was a teacher in the Abington School system for more than 30 years.

Items:

1. **Vote on Minutes: 03/30/2026** – motion by Mr. Bunker to approve, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.
2. **Vote to approve the layout of Gordon Circle as a Public Way.** This had been voted on at a previous meeting, but not with the correct language. The correct language is, Motion by Ms. Djusberg that the Select Board approves the layout of Gordon Circle as a Public Way, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous.
3. **Vote to authorize the borrowing of \$45,280,983.00 for 2025 BAN renewal and \$38,500,000 for the Firehouse/DPW project.** Lindsay Grasso, Treasurer/Collector – we took out a BAN last year, and we are rolling that BAN, which included the ambulance borrowing, the fuel island, Memorial Fields, as well as the Fire Station/DPW and the new money which would be the borrowing for the building itself.
Town of Abington, Massachusetts. \$45,280,983 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes dated April 22, 2026. **Authority.** The notes are issued in respective amounts set forth below in anticipation of sale of bonds authorized pursuant to the following statutes and votes of the Town and a vote of the Select Board duly adopted on April 7th, 2026.
 - A. \$3,310,666 - \$3,500,000 is for the Fire Station Planning Bonds under GL c44, §7(7) and a vote of the Town passed on May 24, 2021 (Article 12).
 - B. \$536,208 - \$775,000 Paving Bonds under GL c44, §7(1) and a vote of the Town passed May 24, 2021 (Article 14).

- C. \$485,000 - \$485,000 Ambulance Bonds under GL c44, §7(1) and a vote of the Town passed April 3, 2023 (Article 5).
 - D. \$31,663 - \$95,000 Town Building Improvement Planning Bonds under GL c44, §7(7) and a vote of the Town passed May 24, 2021 (Article 15).
 - E. \$38,500,000 - \$38,500,000 DPW and Fire Station Building Bonds under GL c44, §7(1) and a vote of the Town passed on October 14, 2023 (Article 5), excluded from the limitations of Prop 2 ½, so-called, on October 21, 2023 (Ballot Question);
 - F. \$1,218,046 - \$1,700,000 Memorial Field Recreation Area Improvements Bonds under GL c44, §7(1) and a vote of the Town passed April 1, 2024 (Article 10).
 - G. \$1,200,000 - \$1,200,000 Fuel Island Bonds under GL c44, §7(1) and a vote of the Town passed on April 1, 2024 (Article 8). Motion to approve made by Ms. Djusberg, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous.
4. **Vote to approve April 12, 2026, for the St. Patrick's Day Parade** – Date had been changed due to the snowstorm. Motion by Mr. Bunker to approve April 12, 2026, for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.
5. **Vote to negate the sale for Zero Linwood Street and Zero Brockton Avenue.** Mr. Maresco gave the update. The sale had been originally approved through an RFP process last summer or fall. There were no bidders. After the deadline passed, an individual came forward and was interested in it. There was some conversation with the former Town Manager. Someone made an offer, but that negates the whole process and makes it very murky. One of the Select Board members was then approached by another person who wanted to bid because they heard another person was bidding \$250,000 for the piece of land, and they were willing to bid slightly higher. That's the reason you go out to bid, have an RFP. The cleanest way is to negate the sale, return the money and begin the process over. Mr. Woods – he is a realtor but has nothing to do with this property. The land is worth more than \$250,000, and we need to get the most we can for the Town.

Motion by Ms. Djusberg to terminate the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated June 11, 2025, between the Town and Sparling Builders LLC for the sale of the Town-owned property located at 0 Brockton Avenue, Abington, based on buyer's failure to complete the purchase on the terms set forth in said agreement, and to return the deposit of \$40,000 to the buyer notwithstanding buyer's default, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous.

Motion by Mr. Bunker to adjourn at 10:08 a.m., seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurst