



Town of Abington

Board of Selectmen

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**Minutes
Select Board
Thursday, January 15, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Cotter Room
Town Hall**

Members Present: Roger Woods, Chairman, Suzanne Djusberg, Paul Bunker, Nicole Emery, Michael Maresco, Interim Town Manager
Absent: Kevin Donovan

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence: Patricia Gordon was employed by the Town of Abington for over 40 years, where she was an Administrative Assistant at the Woodsdale School, Abington Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Abington Fire Department, retiring in the summer of 2018. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Items:

1. **Vote to place Caristia Property, Map 63 Lot 135 (7 acres), Map 64 Lot 14 (17.50 acres), Map 64 Lot 34 (33 acres, Map 68 Lot 2 (3 acres) under Conservation Restriction.** The Board thought this had been done years ago, but it hadn't. Liz Shea, Town Planner, put together the deeds and the parcels. We have done some land that abuts this. Motion by Mr. Bunker to approve putting this land into a Conservation trust, seconded by Ms. Emery, unanimous. This area is very wet.
2. **Discuss/Vote on Disbursement of Opioid Funds.** Nicole Emery and Roger Woods became the Opioid Sub-Committee to review applications to disburse funds. They did their research and made the following recommendations:

\$70,000	Abington COPEs
\$50,000	Edwina Martin House in Brockton. It deals with females and is the only female facility between here and the Cape.
\$62,500	Abington Police Department
	\$12,500 Defibrillators – needed to be updated.
	\$35,000 Mental Health Clinician Training
	\$15,000 Narcan for Open House

Chief Bonney – this is not for enforcement; it is for training. They have a grant for someone for 8 hours a week. When she goes out, she has to have a police officer with her. He would like to have an officer with a bachelor's degree become a licensed mental health clinician. The Braintree Police Department has this program, and they are meeting with them to find out what the steps would be to get this done.

Ms. Emery – they read all the applications, but her priority was to keep the funds focused on Abington. Mr. Woods - there are a lot of people that use the Edwina Martin House in this

area. Going forward, they will disburse the money once a year. Motion by Mr. Bunker to approve, seconded by Ms. Emery, unanimous.

Chief Bonney – On January 1st they deployed their body cameras. They are now beta testing translation services; it does an automatic detection which will be a huge help. It goes a long way with the transparency of the agency. The body cameras were all done out of grant work. They insure accountability from everyone. The Board expressed their condolences on the Uxbridge officer. A number of our officers attended the wake and funeral.

3. **Update on the Town Manager Search Committee.** Mr. Woods – the Committee has met once already and meeting again on Saturday, the 17th at 8 a.m. to review the applications and will narrow it down to five that will be interviewed on Saturday, the 24th, and then narrow it down to three per the Charter. They will recommend those to the Select Board who will interview the finalists at the Select Board meeting on the 26th of January.
4. **Update on the Budget.** They had a Budget Sub-Committee Meeting yesterday with Mr. Woods, Mr. Maresco, Mr. Donovan, Assessor, Treasurer and Accountant. Mr. Maresco – we are trying to identify every dollar that we have. It is going to be important to keep our expenses tight and identify revenues, so we lessen that burden. He felt the meeting was productive. There will be a separate question on the ballot. They need to identify all their budget dollars.

Mr. Woods – there was a question on the ballot to add four police officers, and we are going to vote to withdraw that item. We can't do it now. They have spoken to the Chief. Chief Bonney – they need the override to keep the people they have currently. We want four extra bodies but now isn't the time, and he recognizes that and supports the pulling of this item. This will be voted on at the January 26th meeting.

5. **Ratification of Easement** – This is in regard to the DPW/Fire Station facility on Central Street. It is a standard document for construction to allow the utility company to come in and put in lines and polls for the buildings. Motion by Mr. Bunker to approve, seconded by Ms. Djusberg, unanimous.
6. **Vote to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant on January 26th and close on Friday, February 20, 2026, at the close of business at 12:30 p.m.** Motion by Ms. Djusberg to approve, seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous.

Motion by Ms. Djusberg to adjourn at 10:17 a.m., seconded by Mr. Bunker, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hurst