

SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 13, 2026
Room 229 Veteran's Memorial Building

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Underhill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following people were present Chair Erin Underhill, Vice Chair Craig Schultze, Clerk Ellen Rosenfeld, Town Administrator Michael Guzinski, Assistant Town Administrator Karen Bouret DeMarzo.

II. UPCOMING EVENTS

- The Annual Town Meeting will be held on May 4th at 7:30pm at the Middle High School.
- Annual Town Election on May 11th from 7-8pm.
- The Board announced that Millis has been approved to join the Metro West Regional Transit Authority, providing additional transportation options for residents.
- The newly renovated Train Station will host an open house on Memorial Day, following the Veterans' Celebration, with tours, refreshments, and a ribbon cutting ceremony.

III. Schedules Appointments/Hearings

26-63 MUNICIPAL MOMENT: Cultural Council Funding Request

Megan Quilop, chair of the Cultural Council, presented a request for the Town to provide matching funds for arts programs. The Council typically receives \$7,000-\$8,000 from the State and uses this to fund various local arts initiatives including an annual June festival, school programs, and artist grants. While the Town has not previously contributed to these funds, Megan proposed a \$7,000 match to help the Council fully fund all approved grants at 100%. The Select Board indicated that while the concept was good, timing was important, suggesting the request should be considered in November when new free cash becomes available rather than immediately.

The meeting focused on planning for an upcoming cultural festival and the Cultural Council's activities. The Council discussed using grant money for jury disposition and paid performances at the festival, with a specific event planned for June 13th at the library. They addressed recruitment efforts for new Council members, with the next meeting scheduled for May 21st in Room 206 at 7 PM. The discussion also covered

social media promotion strategies and the use of town resources for advertising, including website updates and a large sign at the library.

26-64 HEARING: Grant of Locations/Eversource Norfolk Road

Sel. Underhill said she would call the meeting to order. Sel. Schultze I move that the Board open the hearing to consider an order for location of polls at Norfolk Road. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded. Sel. Underhill said it has been moved and seconded and polled the Board. All ayes. The motion carried unanimously.

26-065 HEARING: Grant of Locations/Eversource Norfolk Road

Christine Crosby from Eversource joined the meeting via phone. She discussed Eversource's proposal to install nine poles on Norfolk Road to provide power to a new cell tower at 121 Norfolk Road. A resident of 128 Norfolk Road, raised concerns about the plan, questioning why overhead lines were being used instead of the existing underground infrastructure from 1985 and why the Planning Board approved the Cell Tower without requiring additional power. He also expressed concerns about property values and the scenic view of Paine's Woods, suggesting that power lines could be buried along the right-of-way on Norfolk Road. Another Resident also voiced concerns over the lines obscuring the view. New information is needed from Eversource.

Sel. Schultze I make the motion we continue until April 27, 2026, with more information. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded. Sel. Underhill said the motion has been moved and seconded. Sel. Underhill polled the Board. Sel. Schultze -yay, Sel. Rosenfeld- yay. Sel. Underhill – yay. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Open Session Items

**26-066 Vote to Open 5/4/26 ATM Warrant
 Discuss/Add Remove Warrant Articles
 Vote to Close 5/4/26 ATM Warrant**

Sel. Schultze motioned that the Board open the 5/4/26 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Sel. Underhill said all in favor? All Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Administrator Mike Guzinski told the Board that in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant there are a few changes. Both the Town Council and the Town Bond Council have reviewed and approved the draft as to form and the Finance Director Jody Kurczy and he are there to answer questions. He is recommending one in Article 7 Section 1, Personnel Plan, there are two changes. I recommend that there be an increase in

annual stipend of the Zoning Board of Appeals Assistant, from 4,500. To 5,000. The stipend has not been upgraded for several years. Also, I recommend an increase in the hourly rate of the DPW Seasonal Workers from 15.00 – 20.00. He has asked that the Board approve the updated FY27 proposed Personnel Plan The board discussed a proposed \$120,000 hydronic study in response to FEMA's updated flood maps, which could impact development and tax revenue in the industrial area near Hammond Lane and Miller's Foundry. Concerns were raised by a resident about Article 14 and the change in the FEMA map at the Great Black Swamp. Sel. Rosenfeld discussed how the Town is going to handle this concern. Another resident asked about the impact of beavers and raising water levels.

26-067 Sel. Schultze said I am moving that the Board approve and update the FY27 Personnel Plan as presented. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded. Sel. Underhill polled the Board. All Ayes. The Motion carried unanimously.

26-068 Sel. Schultze moved that the Board approve and sign the 5/4/26 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded. Sel. Underhill said it has been moved and seconded and polled the Board. All Ayes. The motion carried unanimously.

26-069 Discuss and Vote to Recommend FY27 Budget

Town Administrator Guzinski has asked the Finance Director Kurczy to come in and answer any questions from the Board. She has worked very hard and with all the Department Heads to get this balanced budget together. Director Kurczy discussed the proposed budget with the Board and answered questions. The Board discussed several key items including the FY27 budget, which was presented by Kurczy as a balanced proposal with 2% budget growth.

Sel. Schultze said I move that the Board vote to recommend the FY 27 Budget as presented. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded. Sel. Underhill polled the Board. All Ayes. The motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Schultze moved to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Sel. Rosenfeld seconded. Sel. Underhill polled the Board. All Ayes. The Motion passed unanimously.

26-070 Vote to Approve Annual Carnival 6/25-6/28/26

Sel. Underhill told the Committee about the annual Carnival that will be held from June 25 through June 28, 2026. All the children enjoy this and is a good family outing. Also, on June 27 at 9:30 p.m. there will be Fireworks supplies by Pyrotecnico Fireworks, Inc.

Sel. Schultze said I move that the Board approve the request by the Recreation Department to hold the Annual Carnival hosted by Fanelli Amusement at Town Park from June 25 – June 28, 2026, with a set up to begin on June 21 in coordination with the following groups, the Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, Building Department and School Department. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded. Sel. Underhill polled the Board. All Ayes. The motion passed unanimously.

26-071 Select Board Liaison Update

Sel. Underhill attended the Tri Board (Select Board, School Committee and Finance Committee)

Meeting which meets four times per year. They discussed the new Middle/High School Project and the Audit of the Town which is available on the Town's website under the Finance department... Sel. Rosenfeld discussed the Sewer Meeting.

26-072 Review/Approval of Water/Sewer Commitment

Town Administrator Guzinski recommends that the Board approve the March 2026 Water Sewer department Commitment in the amount of \$1,653.37.

Sel. Schultze move that the Board approve the March 2026 Water and Sewer Department commitment to the Collector in the amount of \$1,653.37. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded. Sel. Underhill polled the Board. All Ayes. The motion passed unanimously.

Sel. Schultze said I move we move into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation related to consultant contracts pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A Section 21A Subsection 3. If it was an open meeting it may have detrimental effect on the litigation position of the public body, and the Chair declares so and then reenter open session only for the sole purpose of adjournment. Sel. Rosenfeld seconded. Sel. Underhill polled the Board. All Ayes. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Nahass

