

**Select Board Meeting
June 15, 2026, 7:00 PM
Sanford Hall, Town Hall
155 Village Street**

Present: Dennis Crowley, Chair; Maryjane White, Vice-Chair; Frank Rossi, Clerk; Glenn Trindade, Member; Todd Alessandri, Member.

Staff Present: Michael Boynton, Town Manager; Allison Potter, Assistant Town Manager; Michael Fasolino, Fire Chief; Pete Pelletier, DPW Director; Nolan Lynch, DPW Deputy Director; Stephanie Carlisle, Sustainability Director; Sandy Johnston, Communications Director.

At 7:01 PM, Mr. Crowley called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Recognition of Calvin Barrows' 911 Call for Structure Fire on Village Street

Chief Fasolino introduced Calvin Barrows and awarded him a citation for calling 911 when he noticed his home was on fire after school. When Mr. Barrows was coming home from school, he entered his house and smelled smoke. He stayed calm and was able to give the emergency response team a clear and calm description of what was going on. The Board commends Mr. Barrows for his quick thinking and responsiveness, adding he is responsible for saving his home.

Public Comment

Christopher Meo of 16 Cottage Street asks the Select Board to reevaluate the Evergreen Cemetery Rules and Regulations, Section 1. Line 13 that prohibits all animals in the Cemetery. He expresses concern over the disrespect that has been taking place of irresponsible pet owners, often letting their dogs off leash and defecating around the premises without cleaning up. He mentions, if this rule is enacted, his neighbor that likes to walk his dog to sit at his wife's grave, will no longer be able to bring the pet to visit said grave. Mr. Meo believes a complete pet ban is disrespectful and asked the Board to consider changing the regulations. He suggests adding requirements such as a 6-foot leash and cleaning up after your pet signs along the Cemetery.

Mindy Tarkowski of 82 Fisher Street is the Co-Chair of the Medway Democratic Committee. She has been trying to get information on the Celebrate Medway Day booth regulations. The Committee was informed this year that they are not allowed to host a stand at the Celebrate Medway Day event and would like to find documentation as to why they cannot host this year. She adds that the committee has had a booth for as long as any member can remember. Mr. Crowley suggests finding time to talk to Mr. Boynton about this issue.

Select Board Community Announcements

Mr. Rossi comments that the splash pad opened at Choate Park, from 11 am to 5 pm. It will be open daily as long as there is no inclement weather and the temperature is above 75 degrees. He also mentions that the Parks and Recreation summer concert series starts June 29th at Oakland Park.

Mr. Trindade comments that the State has hired an expert in printed methods from the 18th century, and the Commonwealth is going to print copies of the Declaration of Independence to distribute to all

Massachusetts towns. He has spoken with Mr. Boynton about purchasing a frame for it to be hung in Town Hall.

Mr. Crowley mentions Celebrate Medway Day is on July 18th, starting at 10 am. Events include boating, rock climbing walls, bouncy houses, and fireworks.

Appointment Consideration – Paul Giangarra – Cultural Council

The Board reviewed the letter of interest from Paul Giangarra

Mr. Giangarra of 24 Green Valley Road would like to be appointed to the Cultural Council. He took the required year off after serving two consecutive terms. Mr. Crowley recommends Mr. Giangarra to be reappointed.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Select Board vote to appoint Phil Giangarra as a member of the Cultural Council for a three-year term expiring on June 30, 2029. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Municipal Aggregation Program Renewal

The Board reviewed the memo from Stephanie Carlisle, a new contract for community electric supply

Mr. Boynton explains that the Town's current aggregation term expires in August and needs to be renewed by September 1, 2026. The current consultant, Colonial Power, has been timing the appropriate benchmarks for bidding, and preliminary bidding shows \$0.158 /kWh. Mr. Crowley asks how much Eversource is currently charging. Ms. Carlisle responds that the current rate is \$0.156 /kWh and the rate the Town is currently paying is \$0.121 /kWh. Mr. Rossi says the memo claims Eversource's rate is \$0.1732. He asks if the municipal aggregation would allow for the rate to drop to roughly \$0.15. Ms. Carlisle responded that while a rate of \$0.15 is possible, actual savings depend on market conditions when bids are received. She further explained that because energy markets fluctuate often, authorizing Mr. Boynton to act quickly allows the Town to execute the most favorable contract available. Mr. Rossi asks if other communities are a part of an aggregation. Ms. Carlisle replies most are, but this one is specific to Medway. Ms. White asks if the aggregation will reduce residents' electricity bills, Ms. Carlisle responded yes. Mr. Alessandri asks if they have chosen the 12-, 24 or 36-month contract. Ms. Carlisle said Colonial Power recommended choosing the 24-month contract since it is the least expensive. Mr. Crowley asks when the rate change will occur, noting that rates typically change every six months to account for higher usage during winter months. Ms. Carlisle stated that Eversource's rate will adjust to \$0.1732/kWh effective August 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027. She noted this six-month period typically maintains a lower rate compared to late winter because it includes fewer peak cold-weather months. She added that the Town will go out to bid again to establish a rate for the remaining six months of the year. Mr. Crowley asks if Mr. Boynton would come back to the Board if there were a significant change in rate. Ms. Carlisle explained that Mr. Boynton is under no obligation to sign a contract if the quoted rates are unfavorable. Mr. Boynton reiterated that he will not execute a new contract unless it is beneficial to residents. Ms. Carlisle adds that they must sign the new contract by June 30, 2026, to meet Eversource's 60 days' notice requirement from the expiration date of their current contract.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Select Board vote to approve the renewal of the Municipal Aggregation Program, as presented, and authorize the Town Manager to execute any further documents. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Approval:

The Board reviewed the EOY budget transfer request – Assessors Full-Time Salaries, the Memo from Nolan Lynch, DPW Deputy Director, asking for authorization to execute Task Order #3 & Supporting

letter from Woodard & Curran, the Memo from Nolan Lynch & Contract from Worldwide Industries Corp, and the Memo from Stephanie Carlisle & Contract from Lawrence Waste

a. End of Year Budget Transfer Request – Assessor Full Time Salaries

Mr. Boynton explains that they hired a new Assistant Assessor and Administrative Assistant last Fiscal Year, leading to the necessary increase in salaries that is not currently accounted for in their budget. Mr. Crowley states he has spoken with Ms. Pratt, Finance Director, and \$53,000 remains from the originally appropriated \$150,000 in Legal Expenses. Mr. Alessandri asked if FY27 is budgeted to the right amount. Mr. Boynton replied yes.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Select Board vote to approve the transfer of \$5,500 from the Legal Expenses fund to the Assessor Full Time Salaries account. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE: 5-0-0.

b. Task Order #3 – Building Demolition Support with Woodard & Curran (\$65,000)

Mr. Lynch explains that this is a proposal for engineering services for the Shady Oaks property and the two garages at 13 Populatic Street for hazardous structural assessment and demolition purposes. Mr. Crowley asks why they cannot use CPC funds to pay for this clean up. Mr. Boynton replies that this is being funded from the money allocated to the Shady Oaks purchase, which indirectly uses the CPC funds for this clean up. Mr. Crowley asked for a report on the remaining balances when projects are funded from this account, to stay up to date on the available funds. He also asked why the debris outside of the buildings are not included with this contract. Mr. Lynch clarified that since they are getting a separate company for metal removal, adding the surrounding landscape to this portion of clean up would not be valuable at this time. He comments that they will see if the company conducting the demolition might want to add a change order to get rid of the outside debris. Mr. Crowley asked about the condition of not removing anything 200 ft within a wetland. Mr. Lynch clarified this is under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission and it is state law to not alter within this buffer zone.

Mr. Crowley asked why they are assessing the property at 13 Populatic Street. Mr. Lynch clarifies that they will need to conduct the hazardous assessment no matter what they will do with the property in the future. Mr. Crowley asks why they did not look for a contractor to take care of everything in the building along with the hazardous assessment. Mr. Boynton said that they investigated the pricing for this and average pricing was averaging around \$400,000. Mr. Pelletier said that if they did not do the hazardous assessment first, the company would be assuming more risk, and it would cost more to account for these precautions. It should be more cost effective to have separate contracts for hazardous assessment and demolition/clean up. Mr. Alessandri asked how much of the \$65,000 is allocated to 13 Populatic Street. Mr. Lynch responded roughly \$6,000. Mr. Rossi asked if there is a remaining balance from the environmental assessment. Mr. Boynton clarifies that this will come from the \$4.85 million allocated to purchase the property, but they will pay for the 13 Populatic Street assessment from the Water Department budget.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Select Board vote to approve Task Order #3 with Woodard & Curran for building demolition support services at 34 and 38 Winthrop Street, and hazardous building material evaluations at 13 Populatic Street, in an amount not to exceed \$65,000, and authorize the Chair to execute it. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE: 5-0-0.

c. Contract with Worldwide Industries Corp for the Lovering Street Tank Rehabilitation (\$1,261,600)

Mr. Lynch states they completed bidding for the Lovering Street tank rehabilitation and Worldwide Industries came in at the lowest total price. Their references came back favorable, as well. Mr. Rossi asks

where they are based out of. Mr. Lynch responded their home company is in Missouri. Mr. Rossi asked if this was the original estimate cost. Mr. Pelletier said it was \$1.8 million. Mr. Alessandri asked when they will be starting rehab on the water tank. Mr. Lynch said they will begin in the fall. Mr. Boynton said the \$1.8 million was authorized and we will use excess funds for communications work to be done on the premises. Mr. Crowley asked how much is left in the contract for consulting, noting that Ms. Pratt put \$1.8 million in bonding. Mr. Pelletier said that this was a separate article. Mr. Crowley comments that they are in a good place with the budget, considering there might be change orders in the future. Mr. Rossi comments that the \$1.8 in bonding was approved but the Town only borrow what the cost of the project will be.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Select Board vote to approve the Contract with Worldwide Industries Corp for the Lovering Street Tank Rehabilitation in the amount of \$1,261,600 and authorize the Chair to execute it. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE: 5-0-0.

d. Contract with Lawrence Waste for Recycling Center Renewal (1 Year)

Ms. Carlisle introduces the one-year renewal contract stating that this is usually a two-year contract, but since they do not know where the state of the landfill will be, they will be contracting for 1-year increments until it is resolved. Mr. Crowley wanted to note that this has nothing to do with the weekly trash and recycling pickup from Lawrence Waste; this is just for the recycle center. Ms. Carlisle explained that this is the same contract they have used for years stating that prices have increased 2%-4% across the board. Mr. Alessandri asks if there is any update on the landfill cap. Mr. Pelletier confirmed that Weston and Sampson are still working on the State report but anticipates an update from the DEP soon. Mr. Alessandri asked if a two-year contract would make sense. Mr. Pelletier said he does not think there is an advantage to this when the landfill status is uncertain. Mr. Rossi asks what the rationale is behind the one year. Mr. Pelletier affirmed that if they must repair the landfill in any way, they will have to close the recycle center.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Select Board vote to approve the contract with Lawrence Waste for recycling collection and disposal services at the Medway recycle center. Seconded by Mr. Alessandri. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Discussion/Vote:

The Board reviewed the Vote of the Select Board regarding Maximum Useful Life of Fire Truck, the Memo from Nolan Lynch asking for the adoption of the Evergreen Cemetery with corresponding Rules & Regulations, Cemetery lot Deed, and FY26 Cemetery Fee Schedule, and the Email from Chair Jo-Ann Venezia, requesting disbandment of the Indigenous Peoples Committee

a. Maximum Useful Life (20 Years) of New Fire Truck

Mr. Boynton explains that to go out for bonding, the Bond Counsel needs to verify that the truck can last longer than the 10-year bond. This truck was approved to purchase by borrowing \$1.1 million at the 2024 Town Meeting. The truck is planned to be completed by December, and, as of January 1, there are new state emissions regulations that will require new greener engines, which happen to be more expensive. Mr. Crowley asked if this is the confirmed price of the vehicle. Mr. Boynton responded that the bid went out for \$960,000, but the extra funding will go to the truck's accessories.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Select Board vote to approve the maximum useful life of the fire truck authorized under Article 24 of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting, purchased from borrowed funds in the Sum of \$1,100,000, to not exceed 20 years of life, and authorize the Clerk to execute it. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE: 5-0-0.

b. Adoption of the Evergreen Cemetery Rules & Regulations, Cemetery Lot Deed, & Fee Schedule

Mr. Lynch explained that the Town took on the maintenance of Evergreen Cemetery a year ago and, currently, Legal Counsel has been going through the process of dissolution, which will be completed soon. He wants the Town to be prepared to assume full responsibility for the cemetery at this time. The Board will be voting on the policies and approval of the deed for the property. The current association group who operates the burials will continue to provide these services for the Town. Mr. Trindade mentions the public comment from earlier in the meeting and wants to carry out a discussion about the banning of pets to enter the Cemetery. Mr. Boynton comments that he is willing to discuss different avenues that were not previously thought of to allow pets into the Cemetery. He adds that there have been complaints to the animal control officer and from residents about the misuse of the area for pets. Ms. White claims that when she has visited the Cemetery, there are dogs without leashes running around, going to the bathroom on grave sites, and even littering of the dog "poop bags" around the entire area. Mr. Lynch informed the Board that they have compiled other cemetery regulations from existing municipally owned cemeteries and have added what they believe is the best practices for the community. Mr. Pelletier adds that while communicating with the groundskeeper, they learned there is a littering issue where some of the dog bags are on the gravesites or on the side of the road. This is why there is a current ban on animals. Mr. Trindade suggests installing cameras where you can identify these repeat offenders and can possibly build a case with the police department. Mr. Boynton said enforcement is hard and must be a bylaw; police cannot enforce rules and regulations. Mr. Crowley suggests having clear signs of the policies, rules and regulations in the Cemetery that no matter what entrance you use it will be visible. Mr. Boynton said that there are signs, but they had to wait for the Board to sign off on the policies since they are the Cemetery Commissioners. Mr. Alessandri suggested revising the rules and making it clear that dogs are allowed but they need to be on leash, walk on the pavement only, and owners must clean up after them. Additionally, if these rules are not adhered to then they will prohibit dogs from entering the premises for any use. Mr. Lynch will get a sign proof made that will show these rules for the Board's consideration at its next meeting. He will also write up a new set of rules, but they will need to sign off on the deed before their next meeting in case they need to sell a plot.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Select Board vote to approve the rules and regulations of the Evergreen Cemetery, as presented, with the exception of rules regarding dog walking, which shall be presented to the Board on July 13th, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Alessandri. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Mr. Rossi asked if the previous association had any rules or regulations. Mr. Pelletier responded they did not have any from what they could find, but they had signs that said dogs need to be on leashes and to be cleaned up after.

c. Dissolution of the Indigenous Peoples' Committee

Jo-Ann Phillips of 63 West Street read a statement from the Indigenous Peoples' Committee's last meeting. She acknowledged the accomplishments made by this committee, such as the creation of the Indigenous peoples map to teach the history of tribes that inhabited the area before colonization. They have collaborated with surrounding towns' Indigenous Peoples' Committees and correlating tribes to have contributed to shared tasks such as walking trails, educational events with Tribal representatives, and nature-based learning activities that connect history to current day nature. Mr. Trindade commends all the work this committee has done. Mr. Crowley asks what the biggest accomplishment is she believes she did in her time with this committee. Ms. Phillips responds that she is most proud of the relationships built with the Nipmuc Tribe and Massachusetts Tribe, recognizing that they see the history and Medway's initiative to preserve and share the history of this area.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Select Board vote to disband the Indigenous Peoples' Committee and file their final minutes, as requested from the committee. Seconded by Mr. Trindade. VOTE: 5-0-0.

d. E-Bike Awareness

Mr. Boynton explains that there have been recent incidents in Town involving E-Bikes. Chief Kingsbury and he are looking into State Legislation and guidelines about the Ride Safe Act to regulate E-bikes, mopeds and motorized scooters. Mr. Boynton adds that if the state does not put regulations in place, then it can become a challenge to regulate these modes of transportation. Creating Town Bylaws around E-bikes could help with enforcement, but the regulations become difficult because the regulations would differ across town lines. Mr. Alessandri suggests the School Resource Officer teach educational classes for the students who use E-bikes to get around. Lt. Chris Stygles said that this has been an ongoing issue he has seen around town, and he would like to work with the Police Department to teach those who own these bikes how they should operate them. He adds that some younger users of these E-bikes state that their parents bought them for them because they then don't have to drive them to friends' houses, sports practices, etc. Additionally, these young users have never gone through drivers' education training. They don't know the rules of the road or how to properly drive these vehicles. Mr. Boynton also suggests that there needs to be an educational class for students and younger drivers, as well as parents about E-bike capabilities. Mr. Crowley asked if there is a date that Chief Kingsbury will come in to discuss this topic further. He would attend a Select Board meeting when he has finished researching the legislation around regulating E-bikes.

Discussion: Select Board Fiscal Year 2027 Liaison Positions

The Board reviewed the list of FY26 liaison position

Mr. Crowley requested to replace Ms. White as the Tri-County Vocational School Committee liaison, and she will be the liaison to the Thayer Governance Committee. Mr. Crowley asks if he can replace Mr. Alessandri's position to the Finance Committee. Mr. Alessandri will be the liaison to the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Select Board vote to approve the FY27 Select Board Liaison Positions to Committees and Board list, as discussed. Seconded by Mr. Alessandri. VOTE 5-0-0.

Approval of Minutes

The Board Reviewed the Draft Minutes dated May 18, 2026 & June 1, 2026

This agenda item will be discussed at the next Select Board meeting.

Action Items from Previous Meeting

The Board Reviewed the Action Items Dated May 18, 2026

Mr. Crowley asked about the June 2026 item about the Federal Stormwater grant. Mr. Boynton explained they are still waiting on materials from the state. They will present the grant when they receive all documents.

Town Managers Report

There are no associated backup materials

Mr. Boynton explains that the Secretary of State is starting to crack down on those who do not complete the census. He says that they have to submit everything to the state by July 1, 2026, or voters will be

deactivated. Ms. White and Mr. Trindade suggested informing those who have not submitted the census about the impact to their voter status.

This time is being reserved for topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate would be discussed

There are no associated backup materials

Mr. Crowley asked to get a real estate agent to look at 13 Populatic Street to have an estimate of what the property should be sold at.

Select Board Reports

There are no associated backup materials

Mr. Alessandri wanted to remind residents, in regard to the recent Rt. 109 Development Project, that the Select Board and any other board or committee do not get paid for their position. If there are issues in the town, residents are more than welcome to come to the Board to discuss or voice their opinions. Mr. Boynton adds that the Planning Board is a regulatory board and must follow State law and Town bylaw with any application. They are not allowed to deny an application because residents do not like what is being proposed. He said the Select Board, on its own, executed a development agreement for this complex that says if it is being built, they must pay a mitigation payment and agree that all water and sewer issues will be resolved.

Mr. Rossi is on the Investment Advisory Committee, which oversees the OPEB trust and stabilization fund. He said they hired Rockland Trust to help invest this money. The OPEB fund originally started with just \$25,000 in 2009. By 2019, the total fund had grown to \$857,000, at which point the IAC was formed and the capital was officially turned over to the specialized money manager. Ultimately, the total initial investment placed into the OPEB trust account came to \$2.9 million, which has since grown to \$4.9 million under management. This account is allocated with 85% growth and 15% fixed average rate. Since inception, the average annual rate of return is 11.38%. The committee also utilized Rockland Trust for the stabilization money, actively directing the money manager on how to allocate the funds and where to invest them. It originally started at \$8.2 million and grew to \$14.3 million. After a recent withdrawal of \$6 million, the total balance now stands at \$9.3 million. The stabilization fund currently earns an average interest rate of 3.4%.

Executive Session, Exemption 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, [Fire Union]

At 8:57 PM, Mr. Trindade moved that the Select Board enter Executive Session, with no intent of returning to public session, pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(3) to discuss collective bargaining in regard to the Fire Union, if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. The Chair so declared. Seconded by Mr. Alessandri. VOTE: Mr. Trindade – Aye, Mr. Alessandri – Aye, Mr. Crowley – Aye, Ms. White – Aye, Mr. Rossi – Aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Sophie Boucher
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