

**Select Board Meeting
September 8, 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; Sandy Johnston, Communications Director; Pete Pelletier, DPW Director; Nolan Lynch, Deputy DPW Director; Stephanie Carlisle, Sustainability Coordinator

At 7:00 PM, Mr. Crowley called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There are no associated backup materials

Michael Fahey of 28 Village Street discussed the citizen's petition he submitted regarding Flock surveillance cameras and a potential Town Meeting warrant article. Mr. Fahey expressed concerns about privacy, the company behind the cameras, its massive database, and the lack of oversight, while clarifying that he holds no ill will toward the Medway Police Department. Mr. Boynton responded that there is a technical issue with the petition documents and agreed to work with Mr. Fahey and Town Counsel to resolve the formatting issues. Fred Hopke of 11 Holbrook Street asked the Board to act proactively and remove the cameras before the Fall Town Meeting, claiming the petition has a high probability of success among other town residents. Mr. Crowley asked whether Police Chief Kingsbury could attend a future Board meeting to discuss the issue; Mr. Boynton confirmed that Chief Kingsbury will be at the following Select Board meeting on September 21 to discuss the Flock Cameras and what they do for Medway.

Recognition of Milton Sanford Portrait Restoration

There are no associated backup materials

Mr. Boynton opened the discussion by inviting members of the Historical Commission to present the portrait restorations. He explained that, through their efforts and community preservation funding, the portrait of Milton Sanford has been restored and is back in its original position in Sanford Hall. Sheila Dubrawski, co-chair of the Historical Commission, introduced the remaining members, Anne Marie Fontecchio, Steve Malloy, and Jeanne Johnson, before detailing how former Medway resident and professional restorer Pauline Dellen cleaned both the Milton Sanford portrait and the Jacob Ide portrait. Mr. Rossi asked when the original portrait was painted; Ms. Dubrawski estimated around 1860. Mr. Crowley inquired about the restoration cost, and Ms. Dubrawski replied that the total for the two portraits was \$765. Ms. Dubrawski and Ms. Fontecchio unveiled the portraits and noted that the Jacob Ide portrait will remain in the newly restored Ide House. Ms. Fontecchio announced the grand opening of the Ide House, stating that an open house will be held on Saturday, October 3, from 1 pm to 4 pm for residents. The Board commends the volunteers for their time and effort in restoring the two portraits.

Recognition of Hunger Action Month

There are no associated backup materials

Mr. Crowley asked Susan Dietrich, Executive Director of the Medway Village Food Pantry, to come before the Board while Mr. Trindade read a proclamation designating September as Hunger Action

Month in Medway. The Board shared remarks praising the initiative, highlighting food insecurity and congratulating the Medway Food Pantry on its new facility. Ms. Dietrich thanked the Board for its support and explained the pantry's recent change, noting that it unifies the Mahan Circle Food Pantry and the Medway Village Food Pantry at one location at 74 Main Street. She shared that they opened on August 10, 2026, and within its first four weeks, the food pantry served 2,279 people across 755 visits. She announced that they use an appointment-based system to avoid overcrowding and are now exclusively for Medway residents, except for non-resident regulars who have used their services when visiting the Medway Community Church in the past. Mr. Crowley mentioned touring the new facility and suggested that the other Board members visit as well, expressing amazement at the new space. Ms. Dietrich added that they had a successful capital campaign, noting that a donor offered a \$45,000 match if the Food Pantry raised \$45,000 by June 30th. She thanked the community for donating \$45,000 to secure the match; she noted that the last donation was from a middle school student who raised funds through a lemonade stand, which shows how supportive the community is. Mr. Crowley closed the discussion by encouraging Medway residents to continue supporting the Medway Food Pantry through donations.

Select Board Community Announcements

There are no associated backup materials

Mr. Rossi highlighted the success of the Parks and Recreation Department summer programs, and commended Julie Harrington, Parks and Recreation Director, on an amazing summer. He noted that they held 11 activities, 93 programs, and had 2,133 participants. The fall brochure was released this week, which offers 120 programs and activities, and he suggested residents go to the many events offered.

Mr. Alessandri praised Mr. Pelletier, Mr. Lynch, and the DPW team for completing significant roadwork this summer, adding that they completed all projects with minimal disruption.

Mr. Trindade echoed the compliments to DPW staff and announced that Medway Amateur Basketball travel tryouts for grades three through eight begin the week of September 18th.

Mr. Crowley addressed a negative safety concern, warning parents that children under 16 without a license are continuing to operate motorized scooters and e-bikes illegally and dangerously. He urged parents to keep unlicensed youth off these micromobility devices.

Contract Approval & Grant Expenditure Authorization:

The Board reviewed the Memo from Pete Pelletier, DPW Director, Contract with Wright-Pierce & Company COIs, Memo from Pete Pelletier & Contract with Clean Harbors & Company COIs, Memo from Stephanie Carlisle, Sustainability Coordinator, contract with DOER, & Green Communities grant acceptance sheet, Department of Mental Health statement of work & grant award letter, contract with Community Impact Inc. & grant acceptance sheet, and grant acceptance sheet for Complete Streets Grant

a. Wright – Pierce – Water Treatment PFAS Design - \$270,000

Mr. Boynton provided an update from the Water Treatment Facility Building Committee, explaining that they unanimously recommended moving forward with Wright-Pierce for the design of PFAS treatment infrastructure in the existing water treatment facility. Mr. Crowley addressed resident concerns about the increase in water rates and explained that the increase will account for future needs through enterprise account reserves. Mr. Boynton added that the project will also be funded through PFAS litigation funds and the remaining balances from the 39 Main Street account; he estimates the project total to cost around \$2.4 to \$2.5 million. Mr. Alessandri clarified to residents that while the facility was built with pre-allocated space for PFAS equipment, they were intentionally waiting to install any infrastructure until regulations and pilot studies from the state were finalized. Mr. Crowley asked about what these EPA

regulations state; Pete Pelletier, DPW Director, replied that the state requires the Town's water supply to have no more than 4 parts per trillion (ppt) of PFAS. Mr. Boynton added that they are aiming for 0 traces of PFAS in the water supply when this infrastructure is installed.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board vote to approve the contract with Wright-Pierce for PFAS treatment system design within the existing water treatment facility in an amount not to exceed \$270,000 and authorize the Chair to execute it. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE 5-0-0.

b. Clean Harbors – Household Hazardous Waste Collection – October 31, 2026 & May 8, 2027 (\$26,000)

Mr. Pelletier explained that this service runs twice a year and costs about \$13,000 per event. The two upcoming collection dates are October 31, 2026, and May 8, 2027. Mr. Crowley asked which account this will be paid from; Mr. Pelletier replied that they will use the Solid Waste Enterprise Account.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board vote to approve the contract with Clean Harbors to collect household hazardous waste for the events being held on October 31, 2026, and May 8, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$13,000 per event, and authorize the Chair to execute it. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE 5-0-0.

c. Department of Energy Resources – Green Communities Grant (\$125,000)

Stephanie Carlisle, Sustainability Coordinator, presents a \$125,000 Green Communities grant from the Department of Energy Resources to finish weatherization, air sealing, and building envelope improvements at Medway High School. She notes that the \$125,000 grant represents the maximum amount allowed for Green Communities, and the remaining balance will be paid in two parts: \$33,309 from Eversource for utility incentives and \$23,153 covered by the School Department. Mr. Rossi congratulated Ms. Carlisle on writing the successful grant in partnership with their consultant, and she added that she hopes to come back in two weeks with a contract for the work through Environ Energy.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board vote to authorize the expenditure of the \$125,000 Green Communities Grant and authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract with the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) to complete building improvements at Medway High School. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE 5-0-0.

d. Community Impact Inc. – Co-Responsive Clinician & Jail Diversion Clinician Grant (\$143,000)

Mr. Boynton shared that the Police Department, specifically Chief Kingsbury, Sergeant O'Neil, and Lieutenant Brennan, have successfully revived the co-responder clinician program after previous grant and earmark funding lapsed. Lieutenant Brennan notes that they received full funding for the program through the Department of Mental Health from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027. This covers a full-time clinician, a part-time supervisor, and a secondary fill-in clinician. Mr. Rossi inquired about the clinician's specific role, prompting Lieutenant Brennan to explain that the clinician assists officers with de-escalation, mental health crisis response, psychiatric hospitalizations, and crucial follow-up outreach, alleviating the strain on police resources. Referencing the program's records, Lieutenant Brennan shared that the clinician has already seen 36 traditional evaluations, 37 non-traditional responses, 118 follow-ups, and 31 hospital transports. Addressing funding questions from Mr. Crowley and Ms. White, Lieutenant Brennan explained that in previous years they received the grant in two parts and that, if state funding remains available, he expects the strong metrics will easily justify re-applying for the grant next year.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board vote to authorize the expenditure of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health for Jail Diversion Clinician Programs Grant for \$143,000 and approve the contract between the Town of Medway and Community Impact Inc for services of a co-responsive clinician. Seconded by Mr. Alessandri. VOTE 5-0-0.

e. Mass DOT – Complete Streets Grant (\$500,000)

Me. Pelletier explained that this is a formal acceptance required to expend funds for the completed Village Street and Matondi Square reconfiguration project. Mr. Crowley addressed resident concerns and asked why asphalt was used instead of concrete for the sidewalks. Mr. Lynch clarified that MassDOT guidelines for shared-use paths in urban settings require wider asphalt paths for multi-modal pedestrian and bicycle use, which was necessary to receive this grant. The Board praised the redesign for greatly improving traffic safety and visibility in the area. Mr. Crowley asked if electricity is installed at Matondi Square for lighting purposes and running a PA system for events. Mr. Pelletier explained that while there is no direct power source for audio, the existing utility pole light was upgraded to a bright LED.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board vote to authorize the expenditure of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation grant in the amount of \$500,000 for Village Street and Holliston reconfiguration. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE 5-0-0.

License Approval:

The Board reviewed the Memo from Tina Wright, Chair of the Open Space Committee, with signed trail use licenses from property owners, the memo from Nolan Lynch, and an agreement from Lobisser & Company COIs

a. Open Space Committee Trail Use Licenses

Tina Wright, co-chair of the Open Space Committee, explained that this license agreement formalizes permission from private property owners at 2 Fawn Road, 70 Oakland Street, and 74 West Street where existing trails cross over the residents' property. The license agreement will allow the Town to update its trail maps to include these crossovers; she noted the non-binding license can be canceled with 30 days' notice. Mr. Alessandri and Mr. Rossi commended the Open Space Committee for securing the agreements properly but suggested adding trail signage reminding trail users to respect private property. Ms. Wright and Art Colman, a member of the Open Space Committee, noted that published maps already indicate sections over private property, and they will look into adding further physical signage.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board vote to approve the Trail Use Licenses between the Town of Medway and the property owners at 2 Fawn Road, 70 Oakland Street, and 74 West Street for the purpose of including existing private property trail crossovers on the updated Town Trail Maps. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE 5-0-0.

b. Michael & Patricia Lobisser – Hayfield License Agreement (Shady Oaks)

Mr. Lynch presented a non-exclusive license agreement negotiated with help from KP Law for a local farmer, Michael Lobisser, to hay the fields of 25, 34, and 38 Winthrop Street. He notes that Mr. Lobisser's sole payment will be the ability to keep the hay he cleans from the property. Addressing Mr. Trindade's question about haying the entire property, Mr. Lynch explains that some areas cannot be hayed due to the rough terrain, but with regular maintenance over time, the area will smooth out, and they will be able to maintain it regularly. He adds that Mr. Lobisser is not responsible for haying this section of the property. Ms. White raised concern about whether the opportunity was offered to other local farmers, expressing hesitation due to past critical comments from Mr. Lobisser about the Town. Mr. Lynch explained that Mr.

Lobisser previously performed these services for the Briggs family, and he had reached out to the Town to offer his services again. Mr. Lynch added that since this is a non-exclusive license, the Town can cancel the agreement at any time. He emphasized that the hay removal needs to be addressed immediately, but it can be revisited later. Mr. Crowley notes that the town has a history of allowing local farmers to utilize town-owned agricultural land, such as permitting the Cassidys to graze at the Wilson Farm.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board vote to approve the Hayfield License Agreement between the Town of Medway and Michael & Patricia Lobisser for haying operations at 25,34 and 38 Winthrop Street and to authorize the chair to execute it. Seconded by Mr. Alessandri. VOTE 4-1-0. Ms. White opposed it due to Mr. Lobisser's negative comments about the Town and its officials.

Discussion/ Vote:

The Board reviewed the Memo from Nolan Lynch and the Email from Phil Palumbo, Tetra Tech Full Characterization & MMC budget status

a. Request to Remove Overnight Parking Restrictions Implemented on March 18, 2024

Mr. Boynton explained that overnight parking restrictions were implemented due to the overflow parking issue at the Medway Community Church when the Medway Village Food Pantry was operating there. Since the Food Pantry has moved, there is no need to keep the restrictions and related signs in the area.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board vote to rescind the March 18, 2024 vote establishing parking limitations from 12:00 am to 7:00 am in the Medway Village Church area, thereby restoring unrestricted parking in that zone. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE 5-0-0.

b. Approval of Site Soils Full Characterization – Municipal Complex Project - \$139,854

Mr. Boynton clarified that while they originally planned for only a partial soil analysis, doing a full characterization now allows the Town to identify what is in the ground for bidding contractors. Completing full soil characterization would reduce final bidding prices by proving the soil is clean and safe to work with. He notes that the negotiated cost of \$139,854 is lower than the \$200,000 initially anticipated, and sufficient funding exists within the project budget.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board vote to approve the agreement with Tetra Tech for Comprehensive Soil Characterization at 120 Main Street in an amount not to exceed \$139,854 and authorize the Chair to execute it. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE 5-0-0.

Public Event Approval: Old Coots Tractor Pull – September 20, 2026

The Board reviewed the Citizenserve application with associated insurance and Department Head comments and conditions

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board vote to approve the Old Coots Tractor Pull on September 20, 2026, conditioned upon the Police Chief's recommendations. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE 5-0-0.

Mr. Crowley clarified that rumors claiming the Town would no longer allow the event were false, noting that the organizers successfully provided the required documents and insurance for the event. Ms. White echoed this, pointing out that misinformation has spread, and expressed support for continuing the long-standing, popular event. Mr. Alessandri asked Mr. Boynton if the town is fully protected liability-wise, to which Mr. Boynton responded that the organizers have provided necessary insurance to cover the event.

Vote: Open November 9, 2026 Fall Town Meeting Warrant

The Board reviewed the 2026 Fall Town Meeting Calendar

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board vote to open the Fall Town Meeting Warrant for November 9, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Alessandri. VOTE 5-0-0.

Approval of Minutes: July 28, 2026 & August 10, 2026

The Board reviewed the draft minutes from July 28, 2026 & August 10, 2026

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve the minutes from July 28, 2026, as amended. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE 5-0-0.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve the minutes from August 10, 2026, as amended. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE 5-0-0.

Mr. Alessandri stepped out at 8:23 PM

Appointment of Chris Petrini of Petrini & Assoc., P.C. as Special Counsel for Sewer Matters

The Board reviewed the letter of engagement from Chris Petrini regarding Sewer Capacity Negotiations

Mr. Boynton reminded the Board that he previously asked for approval to seek Special Counsel to protect the Town's interests while negotiating with the Town of Franklin on sewer capacity matters. He introduced Chris Petrini of Petrini Associates, noting that Mr. Petrini is well-versed in sewer matters and has had previous success in other towns he represented that have dealt with similar issues.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board vote to appoint Chris Petrini of Petrini Associates to provide legal advice in connection with purchasing sewer capacity from the Town of Franklin, and to authorize the Town Manager to execute the Letter of Engagement for these services. Seconded by Ms. White. Vote 4-0-0. Mr. Alessandri stepped out of the meeting.

Action items from Previous Meeting

The Board reviewed the action items dated August 10, 2026

This agenda item was not discussed

Mr. Alessandri came back into the meeting at 8:35 PM

Town Manager's Report

There are no associated backup materials

Mr. Boynton shares that there will be a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Medway Fire Station for the 25th anniversary on Friday. He also shares that the 1964 Maxum Fire truck restoration project is complete. The truck went to the National Antique Association convention in Marlboro, and out of 81 participating antiques, the truck won the "Best in Show" award.

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

There are no associated backup materials

This agenda item was not discussed

Select Board Reports

There are no associated backup materials

This agenda item was not discussed

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, [Police Association Contract], and Exemption 7, to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, specifically the Public Records law, G.L. c. 4, s. 7(26)(discuss privileged communication from Special Counsel)[Legal Advice regarding potential Acquisition of Sewer Capacity Gallonage]

At 8:26 pm, Mr. Trindade moved that the Board enter Executive Session, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining regarding the Police Association contract; and pursuant to MGL c. 30A, § 21(a)(7), to comply with or act under the authority of any general law, specifically to obtain legal advice regarding the potential acquisition of sewer capacity gallonage that is exempt from public disclosure under G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26 (Public Records Law). And further, that the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating and legal position of the public body. The Chair so declared. Seconded by Mr. Alessandri. Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Rossi – Aye, Ms. White – Aye, Mr. Crowley – Aye, Mr. Alessandri – Aye, Mr. Trindade – Aye.

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At 9:01 PM, Mr. Trindade moved to return to public session to discuss and vote on the purchase of additional sewer capacity from the Town of Franklin; Mr. Alessandri seconded. It was voted by roll call: Mr. Rossi – Aye, Ms. White – Aye, Mr. Crowley – Aye, Mr. Alessandri – Aye, Mr. Trindade – Aye. VOTE 5-0-0.

**Discussion/ Vote: Purchase of Additional Sewer Capacity from the Town of Franklin**

Mr. Boynton initiated discussions regarding Medway’s rights and options for sewer capacity, explaining that Medway, Millis, and Franklin have been negotiating to buy Franklin’s excess sewer capacity for many years. With negotiations led by the three towns, they have successfully lowered the cost from \$15.07 a gallon to \$10.50 a gallon for 150,000 gallons per day. This agreement was previously approved by the Millis Select Board and Franklin’s Town Council, and Mr. Boynton requests to add this topic as an Article in the Fall Town Meeting to secure funding and bring Medway’s total capacity to just over 1.1 million gallons per day. Mr. Crowley stated that Medway is currently maintaining about 80,000 gallons per day of available capacity and emphasized that this purchase is being made proactively for the near future with the growth of the Town rather than immediate needs.

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board vote to approve the purchase of sewer capacity from the Town of Franklin as outlined in the agreement, and to authorize the Town Manager to execute all related documents. And further, Mr. Trindade moved to insert an Article in the Warrant for the Fall Town Meeting to fund said purchase of the Town of Franklin’s excess sewer capacity at the Charles River Pollution Control District Treatment Plant. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE 5-0-0.**

Mr. Crowley commends Mr. Boynton for all the work he has done to secure this purchase. Mr. Boynton wanted to thank Mr. Petrini for his leadership and guidance related to this matter.

**Mr. Trindade moved to adjourn at 9:07 PM. Seconded by Ms. White. VOTE 5-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sophie Boucher  
Executive Assistant  
Town Manager's Office