

SELECT BOARD MEETING AGENDA*

Donn B. Griffin Room, Town Hall

732 Main Street, Harwich, MA

Executive Session 5:00 P.M

Regular Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Monday, February 24, 2025

Remote Participation Optional:

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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**As required by Open Meeting Law, you are hereby informed that the Town will be video and audio taping as well as live broadcasting this public meeting. In addition, anyone in the audience who plans to video or audio tape this meeting must notify the Chair prior to the start of the meeting.*

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Pursuant to MGL c. 30A, §21(a)(6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town; 62 Route 28
- B. Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A s21(a)(3) - Seal Pub Restaurant v. Liquor Licensing Authority for the Town of Harwich, where a discussion in open session would have a detrimental effect on the Town litigating position and the chair so declares

III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

IV. **STAFF COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Public Announcement of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) acquisition of a conservation restriction

V. **WEEKLY BRIEFING**

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

VII. **2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

- A. Presentation of Petitioned Articles: (listed in the order as received)
 - Petition for special legislation Prohibiting the Application of Fertilizer - Lead Petitioner: Patrick Otton
 - Petition for special legislation for a Pesticide Reduction Bylaw – Lead Petitioner: Patrick Otton
 - To appropriate \$125,000 for the proposed Harwich Home Rule Charter Commission – Lead Petitioner: Sandra Hall
 - Vote to rescind Article 2 of the 2022 Special Town Meeting Vote – Lead Petitioner: Louis Urbano
 - To accept funds allocated in the Massachusetts Clean Water State Revolving Funds Intended Use Plan for the Phase 3A Construction – Lead Petitioner: Ann Frechette
 - Hiring of a part-time Tree Warden; estimated cost \$25,000 – Lead Petitioner: Matt Sutphin
 - To establish a Tree Preservation Bylaw – Lead Petitioner: Patrick Otton
 - Annual Presentation of a Historic Preservation Award – Lead Petitioner: Paul Doane
 - Amend Chapter 125 General Bylaws: Deleting Article II and Article IV Completely – Lead petitioner: Thomas Birch
- B. Draft 2025 Annual Town Meeting Articles: votes may be taken
- C. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget presentations:
 - Monomoy Regional School District
 - Cape Cod Technical High School
- D. Vote to provide budget to the Finance Committee pursuant to the Harwich Town Charter per Chapter 9-3-2

VIII. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2025

IX. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Vote to approve the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) request to waive the 120-day waiting period to acquire a conservation restriction on the 16-acre parcel of land near Hawksnest State Park pursuant to 301 Code of Massachusetts Regulations (CMR) 51.07(1)(b)

- B. Vote to authorize the formation of a Select Board Sub-Committee for the Monomoy Regional School District Assessment
- C. Discussion on a draft animal policy for municipal buildings

X. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Discussion on the Wastewater Management Consultant; Votes may be taken

XI. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

XII. **SELECT BOARD MEMBER REPORT**

XIII. **CORRESPONDENCE**

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

****Per the Attorney General’s Office: The Select Board may hold an open session for topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting following “New Business.” If you are deaf or hard of hearing or a person with a disability who requires an accommodation contact the Select Board’s Office at 508-430-7513.***

Authorized Posting Officer:

Natasha Lyon, Executive Assistant

Posted by: _____
Town Clerk

Date: _____
February 20, 2025