

Select Board Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2026
7:00 PM
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Select Board Members: Daniel Brosgol; Shawn Hanegan; Bopha Malone (attended remotely); Paul Mortenson; Terrence Parker

Attendees: Matt Hanson, Town Manager; Autumn Ledgister-Cummins, Executive Assistant; David Manugian, DPW Director; Jeanette Rebecchi, Capital Program Manager; Armen Zildjian, 9 Hartwell Road; Stuart Trout, 35 Riverside Avenue; Steve Wightman, 3 Nelson Circle; Renu Bostwick, 23 Hartford Street; Piper Pavelich, Bedford Citizen; John McClain, 8 Maple Street; Alethea Yates; Carolyn Frost; Rebecca Pomerantz; Melinda Ballou; Kati Winchell; Sue; Christine

1. Public Comment

Renu Bostwick, 23 Hartford Street, spoke on how Bedford had no representation at the Sustainable Middlesex Carbon Countdown. Ms. Bostwick highlighted the advantages and importance of attending the annual meeting. In addition, Ms. Bostwick spoke about hiring an additional equivalent person in the role of the Energy and Sustainability Manager.

2. Board and Committee Interview

a. Taxation Aid Committee – Steven Wightman

Steven Wightman introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Wightman would like to aid residents that need the most assistance, particularly the aging community. He would like residents to remain in their households for longer periods of time. Mr. Wightman also has a background in dealing with taxes.

Mr. Mortenson asked whether Mr. Wightman had attended prior meetings. Mr. Wightman answered yes. He looks forward to fundraising and collaborating new ideas with the committee. Mr. Mortenson inquired about ideas to generate funds. Mr. Wightman answered that he would like to collaborate with different companies to raise funds. Mr. Mortenson asked Mr. Wightman to further elaborate on how he would connect with companies. Mr. Wightman answered by attending their events and fostering relationships. Mr. Mortenson asked if Mr. Wightman has had any communication with current committee members. Mr. Wightman answered no. Mr. Parker asked whether Mr. Wightman was interested in other committees. Mr. Wightman answered he was interested in the Bicycle Advisory Committee.

The Board decided to postpone the appointment of Mr. Wightman to a subsequent Select Board meeting.

b. Hanscom Area Towns Committee – Stuart Trout

Stuart Trout introduced himself and read a prepared statement to the Board. Mr. Trout has an extensive background in engineering and a great appreciation for airplanes and general aviation. He understands the importance of Hanscom and believes his factual outlook would provide fresh

perspectives for the committee. Mr. Trout also spoke on his professional relationship with Richard Davey. Mr. Trout emphasized that he has no personal connections with the Davey family.

Mr. Mortenson asked how long it's been since Mr. Trout has worked with Mr. Davey. Mr. Trout answered between 16-17 years. Mr. Mortenson also inquired whether Mr. Trout had previously reconsidered his decision in his professional career. Mr. Trout answered he recalls recanting a decision on ballasts for fluorescent lights when it was discovered that the wrong decision had been made upon application during his time at Boston Commuter Rail. Mr. Trout proceeded to order a change that went back to the previous information with previous components. Mr. Hanegan asked what efforts Mr. Trout would make to protect the environment. Mr. Trout answered that the committee should promote planes' internal combustion engines' transition from gas to diesel and the use of electric aircrafts. Mr. Brosgol asked for Mr. Trout's perspective on the projects currently under the Supplemental Draft Impact Report (SDIR). Mr. Trout answered that he's in favor of the refurbishment of the Navy Hangar and the hangar expansion. Mr. Trout also has some concerns regarding the transportation of fuel and aircrafts to Hansom. Mr. Brosgol and Mr. Trout had a brief discussion regarding the proposal to increase aviation at Hansom. Ms. Malone asked Mr. Trout how to ensure community voices were represented in HATS discussions and recommendations. Mr. Trout answered that he spoke with members from Stop Private Jet Expansion (SPJE) and had an engaging conversation. Mr. Trout would like to present a full picture when a decision is made on the issue. Mr. Parker inquired if Mr. Trout believed that HATS was out of balance and what steps he would take to rectify it. Mr. Trout believes the committee is imbalanced and would like to see more discussion about solutions that would benefit everyone. Mr. Parker also inquired about Mr. Trout's position on the Beling Labs proposal. Mr. Trout had no position and would like to further research the topic. The Board agreed that Mr. Trout's differing views would bring a new perspective that would benefit the committee.

Mr. Brosgol moved that the Select Board appoint Stuart Trout to the Hanscom Area Towns Committee for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2028, and authorize the Town Manager to sign letters on behalf of the Select Board to this effect.

Mr. Parker seconded. The Select Board members were polled individually: Mr. Hanegan, aye; Mr. Brosgol, aye; Mr. Mortenson, aye; Ms. Malone, aye; Mr. Parker, aye.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

c. Patriotic Holiday Committee – Armen Zildjian

Armen Zildjian introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Zildjian is part of the rifle squad and active in the Masonic community. He looks forward to honoring veterans in the highest regard through services and opportunities ran on a biannual basis.

Mr. Hanegan asked if there were any activities or projects that Mr. Zildjian would like to see the committee partake in. Mr. Zildjian answered no. He was asked to join the committee and hasn't attended any meetings. The Board agreed that Mr. Zildjian would be a great addition to the committee and thanked him for his dedication and service to the community.

Ms. Malone moved that the Select Board appoint Armen Zildjian to the Patriotic Holiday Committee for a 2-year term ending June 30, 2027, and authorize the Town Manager to sign letters on behalf of the Select Board to this effect.

Mr. Brosgol seconded. The Select Board members were polled individually: Mr. Hanegan, aye; Mr. Brosgol, aye; Mr. Mortenson, aye; Ms. Malone, aye; Mr. Parker, aye.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: Appointments 1.5.26; A.Zildjian_Redacted; S.Trout_Redacted; S.Wightman_Redacted

3. DPW

a. BETA Group Inc - Town Common Final Design Contract

David Manuguaian, DPW Director, and Jeanette Rebecchi, DPW Capital Program Manager, presented the BETA Group Inc - Town Common Final Design Contract to the Board.

The contract drafts a conceptual plan that proposed material palette replaces the existing stamped concrete walkways with concrete utilizing an exposed aggregate finish in a neutral gray color. To complement the concrete walkways, pavers are proposed in high-impact locations— the picnic seating area, the gathering area in front of the church steps, and along interior walkway borders. Further refinement of the conceptual design is underway based on feedback received at the community site walk held on December 18th. A final design will be shared publicly before construction funding is requested at the upcoming Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Hanegan inquired whether there would be another site walk. Ms. Rebecchi answered that it was well attended, but had some concern that it didn't reflect the parts of the community that weren't able to attend. Ms. Rebecchi would like to consider using Zoom to increase accessibility. Mr. Hanegan also inquired about the AI representation. Ms. Rebecchi acknowledged that the image didn't accurately represent the actual vision and that it was rendered with a program through their consultant.

Mr. Parker hereby moved that the Select Board approve the contract for Beta Group, Inc. of Lincoln Rhode Island for a sum not to exceed \$92,600 as described in the Public Works memo dated December 29, 2025, and further to authorize and direct the Town Manager to take all actions required to implement the vote on this motion.

Mr. Brosgol seconded. The Select Board members were polled individually: Mr. Hanegan, aye; Mr. Brosgol, aye; Mr. Mortenson, aye; Ms. Malone, aye; Mr. Parker, aye.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

b. Green International Affiliates - Great Road Improvement Project – Construction Phase Services Contract

Mr. Manugian and Ms. Rebecchi presented the Green International Affiliates - Great Road Improvement Project – Construction Phase Services Contract to the Board.

The contract with Green International Affiliates provides construction administration and resident engineering services for the upcoming Great Road traffic and stormwater improvement project, in accordance with their proposal dated December 9, 2025. This work supports the relocation of the Bedford Fire Station from 55 Great Road to 139 Great Road. With the Select Board's prior approval of the J. Tropeano, Inc. construction contract, work is anticipated to begin this spring and reach final completion by November 2026.

Mr. Hanegan hereby moved that the Select Board approve the contract for Green International Affiliates of Tewksbury, Massachusetts for a sum not to exceed \$384,324 as described in the Public Works memo dated December 29, 2025, and further to authorize and direct the Town Manager to take all actions required to implement the vote on this motion.

Ms. Malone seconded. The Select Board members were polled individually: Mr. Hanegan, aye; Mr. Brosgol, aye; Mr. Mortenson, aye; Ms. Malone, aye; Mr. Parker, aye.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

c. Wilson Park Committee – Update

Mr. Manugian and Ms. Rebecchi presented an update to the Board regarding the Wilson Park Committee. Mr. Manugian divided the work into three phases: park background information, attributes important to the community, and modeling those attributes into design options as a solution. Over the past three months, there have been substantial and productive discussions, which are now concluding as the work transitions to the next phase. Mr. Mortenson asked whether the situation would repeat after implementing a solution due to navigational resources, such as google, that would redirect traffic. Ms. Rebecchi answered that DPW has a concept called induced demand. A design would be scored poorly if it was determined to induce more traffic. Once a design is ran through the review process, it might present a better alternative solution. Mr. Hanegan inquired about a potential mitigation. Mr. Manugian answered that the committee has been working toward the discussion. Ms. Rebecchi also updated the Board regarding the 362 Reformatory Branch crosswalk. DPW has been working with a consultant team to develop a design to improve pedestrian safety.

The Board thanked Mr. Manugian and Ms. Rebecchi for the update.

Materials: BETA Town Common Design TM Memo_12-29-25; BETA-Town Common Final Design_ Amendment 1; GIFA_Fire Station Construction Phase Services_TM Memo; Bedford Great Road Green Int CPS Proposal; GIFA-Bedford_CPS Contract_Great Road; Community Site Walk Plan_Finishes_12-18-25

4. Vote to open Annual Town Meeting Warrant and review timeline

Mr. Hanson presented the timeline and articles for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to the Board. A detailed discussion followed between the Board and Mr. Hanson regarding the warrant articles.

Town meeting warrant timeline as presented:

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| HOLIDAYS |
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| SELECT BOARD MEETINGS | |
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| Date | Agenda Topics |
| Monday, January 5, 2026 | Open ATM Warrant |
| Monday, January 12, 2026 | Deadline for Petitioners Article (2nd Monday) Review Draft ATM Warrant |
| Monday, January 19, 2026 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| Monday, January 26, 2026 | FY27 Budget 2nd Review/Submit to FinCom Zoning Article Presentations FY27 Budget Presentation Salary Bylaw Public Hearing Review Draft ATM Warrant |
| Monday, February 2, 2026 | No meeting unless additional budget review is needed |
| Monday, February 9, 2026 | Discuss FinCom budget feedback from Feb 5th meeting and adjust budget if needed FY27 CPC Budget Review Review Draft ATM Warrant Sign Annual Town Election Warrant |
| Monday, February 16, 2026 | Presidents' Day |
| Monday, February 23, 2026 | General Bylaw Public Hearings Review Draft ATM Warrant Close Town Meeting Warrant Finalize Recommendations |
| Monday, March 2, 2026 | No meeting |
| Monday, March 9, 2026 | Finalize Motions and remaining recommendations (if needed) |
| Monday, March 16, 2026 | No meeting |
| Monday, March 23, 2026 | Annual Town Meeting |

Town Meeting Article Warrants as presented below:

| Article Warrants |
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| Article 1 - Reports of Town Officers and Committees |
| Article 2 - Debate Rules |
| Article 3 - Consent Article |
| Article 4 - Bills of Prior Year |
| Article 5 - Revolving Funds Expenditure Limits |
| Article 6 - Community Preservation Budget—Fiscal Year 2027 |
| Article 7 - Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Projects Plan |
| Article 8 - PEG Access and Cable Expense Related Budget—Fiscal Year 2027 |
| Article 9 - Salary Administration Plan Bylaw Amendment—Classification & Wage Schedule |
| Article 10 - Appropriation to the Special Education Reserve Fund |
| Article 11 - Appropriations from Special Education Reserve Funds for Fiscal Year 2027 |
| Article 12 - Operating Budgets—Fiscal Year 2027 |
| Article 13 - Appropriation to Stabilization Fund |
| Article 14 - Ambulance Enterprise Budget—Fiscal Year 2027 |
| Article 15 - Supplemental Accrued Leave Fund |
| Article 16 - General Bylaw Amendment—Article 56 Tax Deferral for Renovated Historic Properties |
| Article 17 - General Bylaw Amendments |
| Article 18 - Charter Amendments |
| Article 19 - General Bylaw Amendment—Article 56 Tax Deferral for Renovated Historic Properties |

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| Article 20 - Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund Appropriation |
| Article 21 - Appropriate to 300th Anniversary Fund |

Mr. Brosgol moved that the Board votes to open the 2026 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Ms. Malone seconded. The Select Board members were polled individually: Mr. Hanegan, aye; Mr. Brosgol, aye; Mr. Mortenson, aye; Ms. Malone, aye; Mr. Parker, aye.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: 2026 Annual Town Meeting Memo; ATM 2026-Warrant Draft 12.31.2025

- 5. Consent
 - a. 12.8.25 Meeting Minutes
 - b. 20(b)s – Austin Day

Mr. Hanegan moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Parker seconded.

The Select Board members were polled individually: Mr. Hanegan, aye; Mr. Brosgol, aye; Mr. Mortenson, aye; Ms. Malone, aye; Mr. Parker, aye.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Materials: 12.8.25 Meeting minutes; Austin Day

6. Town Manager’s Report

Matt Hanson, Town Manager, presented the Town’ Manager’s Report.

Materials: 1.5.26 Town Manager’s Report

7. Liaison Report

Bopha Malone- Ms. Malone will attend a Recreation Commission meeting.

Paul Mortenson- Mr. Mortenson will attend a Wilson Park Committee meeting.

Dan Brosgol- Mr. Brosgol will attend a Youth and Family Services meeting. In addition, Mr. Brosgol attended a Hanscom Area Towns Committee (HATS) conversation regarding the air quality next steps.

Shawn Hanegan- Mr. Hanegan will attend the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee open house and a Housing Partnership meeting.

Terrence Parker- Mr. Parker will attend a Historic District Committee and a Fire Station Building Committee meeting.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Brosgol moved to adjourn. Mr. Hanegan seconded.

The Select Board members were polled individually: Mr. Hanegan, aye; Mr. Brosgol, aye; Mr. Mortenson, aye; Ms. Malone, aye; Mr. Parker, aye.

The motion passed 5-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.