



Select Board Meeting – Agenda Amended 02/23/2026

Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:30 PM

Virtual Meeting Broadcast on Comcast Channel 22 and Verizon Channel 45

I. Call to Order – 6:30 P.M.

II. Opening Ceremonies

- A. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Recognition of Kari Belson, Eagle Scout from Troop 73

III. Town Manager Report

- A. Update on Town’s Coordination with National Grid

IV. Communications/Announcements/Liaison Reports

V. Public Comment

VI. Public Hearings

- A. National Grid – Lowell Junction Road
Board to review and consider voting to approve an application from National Grid and Verizon requesting permission to locate, erect and maintain poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the public way hereinafter named in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked - Lowell Junction Road - Andover, Massachusetts.
- B. Eversource Gas – Kathleen Drive, Marie Drive, Highland Road and Summer Street
Board to review and consider voting to approve an application from Eversource Gas of Massachusetts to trench the length of Kathleen Drive, Marie Drive, and Highland Road from Summer Street to Kathleen Drive for the purposes of abandoning 4,714' of existing bare steel and unprotected coated steel main and replacing it with 4,985' of HDPE gas main. All associated services will be replaced or tied over as part of the project.
- C. De Minimis Impact Determination
Upon request of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Board to consider a De Minimis Impact Determination for the permanent and temporary easements on Shawsheen River Conservation Area adjacent to the Tewksbury Street Bridge since this parcel is protected under Section 4(f). Board to consider voting to approve position to support.

VII. Regular Business

- A. Zero Emission First Vehicle Policy – 2nd Reading
Board to receive a presentation by Director of Sustainability and Energy and consider voting to adopt the Zero Emission First Vehicle Policy.
- B. March 24, 2026 Annual Town Election Warrant
Board to consider voting to approve the March 24, 2026 Annual Town Election Warrant.

C. Designation of Emergency Election Polling Place

Board to consider delegating to the Town Clerk the authority to designate an alternate election polling location(s) in the event of an emergency.

D. Annual Town Meeting Articles

Board to consider voting to take a position on the following articles:

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| P11 | Dissolution of Revolving Funds |
| P12 | Minor Financial Articles (A through E) |
| P18 | Water Treatment Plant Maintenance |
| P19 | Sewer Collection System Maintenance |
| P20 | Indemnification of Public Safety Medical Costs |
| P23 | Bylaw Amendment – Soliciting |
| P24 | Bylaw Amendment – No Solicitation Registry |
| P31 | Home Rule Petition – Bylaw Amendment – Electric Bicycle Registry |

VIII. Approval of Minutes

A. Board to approve minutes from the following meeting:

1. February 9, 2026

IX. Adjourn

Summary of Town Manager Staff Appointments

The Town Manager is pleased to announce the following appointments:

| Department | Name | Position | Date of Hire | Rate/Term |
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| Administration & Finance/Human Resources | Julie Zielinski <i>(Christine Barraford)</i> | Administrative Coordinator | 02/23/2026 | \$81,000/year |
| Community Services | Molly Lowell <i>(Lisa Van Campen)</i> | Business Coordinator | 02/23/2026 | \$86,082/year |
| Community Services - Recreation | Laura Downs <i>(Hannah Wilen)</i> | Kid Care Programmer | 03/02/2026 | \$68,361/year |

Pursuant to S.2475 "An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency," which was enacted into law on June 16, 2021, and which was extended by legislation enacted on March 20, 2025, this meeting of the Planning Board will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.

Members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so in the following manner: Andover TV Comcast Channel 22 and Verizon Channel 45 or stream online at www.andovertv.org. If you have specific questions or comments that you would like to have addressed, you may email them in advance of or during the meeting to manager@andoverma.us. If you would like to provide live public comment, please access the Zoom link on the [Select Board page](#) of our website.

Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceeding in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.