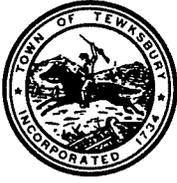


**SELECT BOARD  
MEETING**

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**FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

**SELECT BOARD OFFICE**



**SELECT BOARD  
TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
TOWN HALL  
1009 MAIN STREET  
TEWKSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS 01876**

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Notice of Meeting  
**Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**  
Meeting Place: Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA  
Main Hall  
Mark Kratman, Chair  
**Agenda**

**Scheduled Items: Public Hearing**

7:00 p.m.

Residents

New Business

Tree City Proclamation  
Annual Town Election Warrant  
FY27 Enterprise Budgets and FY27 Capital Improvement Plan Presentation

Town Manager

Town Counsel Invoice: January 1-15, 2026

Minutes: December 16, 2025 and January 6, 2026

Board Member Reports

Adjourn

**Next Select Board Meeting Date:  
February 24, 2026  
Meetings are televised on Comcast Channel 99 and Verizon Channel 33  
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**TREE CITY USA  
PROCLAMATION**



**TREE CITY USA**  
An Arbor Day Foundation Program

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**\*\*\* OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION \*\*\***

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**WHEREAS** in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, *and*

**WHEREAS** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, *and*

**WHEREAS** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, *and*

**WHEREAS** trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating, and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, *and*

**WHEREAS** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, *and*

**WHEREAS** trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, *and*

**WHEREAS** trees --- wherever they are planted --- are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** We, the Select Board of the Town of Tewksbury, do hereby proclaim **April 24, 2026 as ARBOR DAY**. In the Town of Tewksbury, and we urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, *and*

**FURTHER,** We urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**DATED THIS** February 10, 2026

**Town of Tewksbury, By Its Select Board**

Mark Kratman, Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Eric Ryder, Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Russo, Jr., Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

James F. Mackey III, Member \_\_\_\_\_

Patrick Holland, Member \_\_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL TOWN  
ELECTION WARRANT**



# Town of Tewksbury

TOWN HALL  
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## OFFICE OF TOWN CLERK

DENISE GRAFFEO, CMC/CMMC  
TOWN CLERK

Middlesex, s.s.

Phone: 978-640-4355  
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To any of the Constables of the Town of Tewksbury, in said County:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Tewksbury, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet and assemble at Tewksbury Memorial High School, 320 Pleasant Street, in said Tewksbury on Monday, May 4, 2026, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. to act on the following articles, except Article 1, and you are hereby further required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town, who are qualified to vote in elections and town affairs therein to assemble and meet in town meeting at the polling places in said Town of Tewksbury on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 8:00 o'clock a.m. to 8:00 o'clock p.m. then and there to act on the following:

### Article 1

To choose all necessary Town Officers, by ballot, One (1) member of the Select Board for three years; One (1) member of the School Committee for three years; Two (2) members of the Planning Board for three years; Two (2) members of the Board of Library Trustees for three years; One (1) member of the Board of Health for three years; One (1) member of the Housing Authority for five years, and One (1) Moderator for three years.

And you are directed to serve the within Warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof upon the Town Hall and in each of the eight Precincts, ten (10) days at least before the time of holding said election. Precincts:

1 & 5	Senior Center	175 Chandler Street
2 & 6	Recreation Center	286 Livingston Street
3 & 7	Town Hall	1009 Main Street
4 & 8	Public Library	300 Chandler Street

HEREOF, FAIL NOT, AND MAKE DUE RETURNS OF THIS WARRANT, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this, TENTH day of FEBRUARY, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty-six.

### SELECT BOARD

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Kratman., Chair

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Eric M. Ryder, Vice Chair

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Richard P. Russo, Jr., Clerk

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James F. Mackey, III

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patrick Holland

Middlesex, s.s.

By virtue of this Warrant, I have this day served at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock a.m./p.m. the within Warrant upon the Town Hall and the eight (8) precincts in the Town of Tewksbury

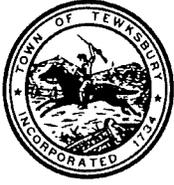
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Constable for the Town of Tewksbury

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Date

**FY2027 ENTERPRISE  
BUDGETS AND CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
PRESENTATION**

**MINUTES**  
**APPROVAL PENDING**





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**December 16, 2025 – Meeting Minutes**  
**Tewksbury Town Hall**  
**1009 Main Street**

**Present:** Mr. Mark Kratman, Chair; Mr. James F. Mackey, III, Board Member; Mr. Patrick Holland, Board Member, and Mr. Rich Russo, Clerk

**Not Present:** Mr. Eric Ryder, Vice-Chair (Excused)

**Also Present:** Mr. John Curran, Town Manager

Chair Kratman opened the regular meeting of the Select Board at 7:00 p.m.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS: (PUBLIC HEARINGS)**

1. Vikram Car Service Corporation: 40 Wells Drive – Hackney Vehicle License

Mr. Gurmukh Banwait was present to discuss the request.

Chair Kratman asked whether any Board members had questions or comments.

Board Member Holland asked which operational area would be covered. Mr. Banwait replied that he would primarily be driving to and from Logan International Airport.

Board Member Holland asked if the applicant had a Certificate of Insurance. Mr. Banwait confirmed he had a Certificate of Insurance.

Chair Kratman asked whether any members of the public had questions or comments. There were none.

**MOTION:** Board Member Russo made a motion to close the public hearing. Board Member Holland seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

**MOTION:** Board Member Mackey made a motion to approve the Hackney Vehicle License. Board Member Holland seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

**Recorder's Note:** Chair Kratman took the agenda out of order.

2. Lisa's Family Pizzeria: 2312 Main Street – Common Victualler License (New Owner)

Ms. Jennifer Deacon was present on behalf of the application. Ms. Deacon explained that she owned multiple pizza shops in Canada and wanted to expand their footprint to the United States.

Chair Kratman asked whether any Board members had questions or comments.

Board Member Russo asked whether the applicant planned to serve alcohol. Ms. Deacon replied that they were not.

Board Member Holland asked if there was a grease tank outside of the building. Ms. Deacon replied that an external tank was located outside the building.

Chair Kratman asked if there were members of the public who had questions or comments. There were none.

**MOTION:** Board Member Holland made a motion to close the public hearing. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

**MOTION:** Board Member Mackey made a motion to approve the request for a Common Victualler License. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

**RESIDENTS**

Ms. Christine Chesbrough, 398 Chandler Street, addressed the Board and noted that the proposed lithium battery infrastructure project would impact the town for years to come, with potential implications for public safety, environmental protection, emergency response, and quality of life. Given the nature of lithium battery facilities and their known risks, residents requested transparency regarding the Community Host Agreement for the project and that it should be shared publicly. She asked that the agreement be discussed in an open forum, where questions and comments could be raised before the document was signed.

Ms. Dawn Sheehan, 100B Starr Avenue, addressed the Board and said she was present to discuss the lithium battery site. She presented data on carbon monoxide emissions that could result from a single battery catching fire. She asked how many outreach meetings the Board had held with residents about the proposed facility.

Ms. Linda Martin, 25 Emerald Court, addressed the Board and said that at the December 2, 2025, Select Board meeting, Mr. Peter McCoy had asked the Select Board to clarify their position on the proposed lithium-ion facility. She said no one provided a direct response, but instead stated that: "that this process was up to the state and they would make the determination, and that the Board's only concern was with the safety and the operations of the facility."

Ms. Martin asked how much the Town of Tewksbury was paying the independent legal counsel who was representing the town regarding the matter.

Mr. Gerard Corbiin, 82 Emerald Court, addressed the Board and read aloud from the letter that he sent to the Select Board, as summarized below:

“A procedural conference for the Hillman Energy Center proposal was held on December 11, 2025, by the Energy Facility Siting Board of the Department of Public Utilities. The conference focused, in part, on several expert witnesses, the two current interveners, the Town of Tewksbury, and the law firm that Maureen DePalma and Dennis Sheehan hired planned to present at the evidentiary hearing scheduled to begin in February. Counsel from Senie Law Firm indicated plans for five expert witnesses, and in contrast, the Town of Tewksbury’s Counsel anticipated one expert witness in addition to testimony from the Town Manager, Mr. John Curran.

Mr. Curran wrote a letter dated October 9, 2025, in which he stated that: The Hillman Battery Energy Storage System proposal currently before the Energy Facilities Siting Board is of the utmost concern to the Select Board and the local officials. The town’s primary focus is on the potential impact of public health and safety in the community. The town is fully committed to representing the town’s interests in an intervening party through the EFSB process.

Mr. Corbin said he understood that the Board of Health wanted to be an intervener but could not afford to retain its own lawyer. He asked why they could not have access to the same lawyer the Select Board had.

Mr. Ryan Lloyd, 159 Booth Street, addressed the Board and said the residents at Emerald Court were very concerned about the possibility of one of the batteries catching on fire. He added that many residents were elderly, making evacuation even more difficult.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Approval of Donation to the Senior Center

Mr. Curran stated that the town had received a \$2,000 anonymous donation for the Senior Center.

**MOTION:** Board Member Holland made a motion to accept the \$2,000 donation, with the Select Board's sincere gratitude. Board Member Mackey seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

### 2. Approval of Donation to the Police Department

Mr. Curran stated that the town had received donations of \$750.00 from both Ostrofsky Plumbing & Heating and 978 Plumbing, Inc., for the police department, and requested that the funds be used to help community members in need during the holiday season.

**MOTION:** Board Member Holland made a motion to accept the donations from Ostrofsky Plumbing & Heating and 978 Plumbing, Inc., with the Select Board’s sincere gratitude. Board Member Mackey seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

### 3. Approval of Donation to the Veterans Department

Mr. Curran stated that the town had received two \$25.00 gift cards as donations from Oakdale Liquor Store for the Veteran’s Holiday Luncheon.

**MOTION:** Board Member Mackey made a motion to accept the donation from Oakdale Liquor Store, with the Select Board’s sincere gratitude. Board Member Holland seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

4. Trahan School Project Documents

Mr. Curran stated that the Select Board had three documents in their packets and noted that the Board had voted to approve them at the November 4, 2025, meeting. He said they executed only one document, the Option to Lease. He added that, after speaking with the attorneys on both sides, they recommended that all documents be executed. He said it did not require a vote.

Board Member Mackey expressed concern that the documents were incomplete. He further suggested that they seek legal counsel’s opinion.

Mr. Curran explained that Trahan Development's legal counsel stated they needed all executed documents to demonstrate the Town of Tewksbury's commitment to all four documents. He further explained that he asked legal counsel whether executing the documents before certain milestones was acceptable, and that counsel did not see any issues with it.

Board Member Russo noted that the missing exhibits and other missing information should be made available to the Select Board before they were executed. Mr. Curran replied that the exhibits had been provided to the Board.

5. License Renewals: Automatic Amusement, Class Auto, Common Victualler, Entertainment, Farmer’s Market, Liquor, and Marijuana

a. Automatic Amusement License Renewals

Name of Establishment	Notes
Knights of Columbus	
Oscar’s Pinatas	Pending water bills & personal property
Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks	

**MOTION:** Board Member Mackey made a motion to approve the above-listed licenses, contingent on any notations being resolved. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

b. Class License Renewals

Name of Establishment	Notes
1032 Motor Cars	Pending real estate taxes/Worker’s Comp & Surety Bond
A-K Motors	
Boutiette’s Auto Body	Pending renewal fee
Domenic Germano	Pending Worker’s Com & Surety Bond
Eco Auto	
Speed Motors	Pending renewal fee
Taktak Auto Group	

**MOTION:** Board Member Russo made a motion to approve the above-listed licenses, contingent on any notations being resolved. Board Member Holland seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

c. Common Victualler Renewal Licenses

Name of Establishment	Notes
Al Maidah Indian Restaurant	
Anthony's Roast Beef	
Capellini's	
Dandi-Lyons	Pending water bill and personal property taxes
Dunkin' Donuts (8 locations)	
Edible Arrangements	
Giovanni's	
Hunan Wok	Pending renewal fee
Jimbo's Roast Beef	
Knights of Columbus	
Longmeadow Gold Club	
McDonald's	Pending personal property taxes
Meadowlands	
Oscar's Pinatas	Pending water bill and personal property taxes
Perfecto's Café	Pending personal property taxes
Subway	Pending personal property taxes
Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks	
The Pull-Up	Pending 2025 & 2026 water bills
Yujo, Inc.	ON HOLD w/building

**MOTION:** Board Member Russo made a motion to approve the above-listed licenses, contingent on any notations being resolved. Board Member Mackey seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

d. Entertainment License Renewals

Name of Establishment	Notes
Jon Ryan's	Pending outstanding renewal fee
Knights of Columbus	
Longmeadow Golf Club	
Oscar's Pinatas	Pending water bill and personal property taxes
Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks	

**MOTION:** Board Member Russo made a motion to approve the above-listed licenses, contingent on any notations being resolved. Board Member Mackey seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

e. Farmer’s Market License Renewals

Name of Establishment	Notes
Aaronap Cellers	
Blisspoint Meadery	

**MOTION:** Board Member Russo made a motion to approve the above-listed Farmer’s Market license renewals. Board Member Mackey seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

f. Liquor License Renewals

Name of Establishment	Notes
3 Amigos	
99 Restaurant	
AJ’s Beer & Wine	
Angelina’s	Pending ABCC renewal form
Brothers Sports Bar	
Capellini’s	Pending fire and building inspections
Cracker Barrel	
Hilton Garden Inn	
Jon Ryan’s	Pending ABCC renewal form and liquor liability
Knights of Columbus	
Longhorn’s	
Longmeadow Golf Club	
Luna Rossa	
Main Street Sports Grill	
Mango’s Thai Cuisine	Pending water bill and personal property taxes
Oscar’s Pinatas	Pending ABCC renewal form and liquor liability
Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks	
Trull Brook Golf Course	Pending ABCC renewal form
Yujo, Inc.	ON HOLD w/building

**MOTION:** Board Member Russo made a motion to approve the above-listed Liquor License Renewals, contingent on any notations being resolved. Board Member Holland seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

g. Retail Marijuana License Renewals

Name of Establishment	Notes
Lazy River Products	Pending liability insurance, fire & building inspections

**MOTION:** Board Member Russo made a motion to approve the above-listed Retail Marijuana License Renewal, contingent on any notations being resolved. Board Member Mackey seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

## TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Curran informed the Select Board on the following matters:

- Mr. Curran introduced Mr. Robert Maynard as the new Assistant Town Manager for the Town of Tewksbury.
- On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, public safety personnel responded to a report regarding an unresponsive male. Dispatcher Josh Whittmore had initiated CPR instructions with the victim's wife over the telephone while police officers Leffler, Sheehan, and Speller gained entrance to the home, and the male was transferred to Lahey's Critical Care Unit. Due to the efforts of the entire team, he lived for eight days and passed away surrounded by his family. He commended the public safety personnel.
- Congratulated Alexandra Lowder for conducting another successful Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- A task force would be put together in the area near Walmart & Motel 6 to talk about increasing police presence and economic development.
- Mr. Curran explained what a PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) program was, as summarized below:

Property Tax is the most significant source of revenue for the Town of Tewksbury. This source accounts for 69% of the Town's total revenue. The other sources are primarily state aid and local receipts.

PILOTS are often used when a non-profit or tax-exempt entity enters a community. A PILOT agreement is recognition that, while these non-profits do provide inherent economic and cultural benefits to a community, they also do benefit from the resources of local government and sometimes contribute a greater strain on these resources than a typical taxpayer (examples: hospitals or universities).

Another instance in which PILOTS may be enacted is with energy storage systems, as required by MGL Chapter 59, Section 5. This law allows Cities and towns to enter into payment-in-lieu-of-tax agreements or "PILOT" agreements that set contractually agreed-upon annual payments in lieu of cities and towns assessing and taxing projects in the ordinary course. These Payment Schedules reflect the mutually agreed-upon value over time and are approved by the Department of Revenue (DOR) with authorization from the Town Meeting.

An energy storage company would pursue a PILOT because it provides stability and predictability for tax schedules over the facility's life. This is particularly advantageous for enabling these types of projects to secure financing.

Similarly, from the town's perspective, predictability offers advantages. Energy uses are common sources of dispute at the Appellate Tax Board (ATB). These corporate taxpayers routinely tie up their tax bills at the ATB. This requires the town to consistently defend its assessments at the ATB and can result in high legal costs for communities. Additionally, it provides a stable revenue stream for the municipality over the long term.

Therefore, there are advantages to agreeing to total valuations up front to avoid legal disputes throughout the facility's life. It should be reemphasized that the valuation in a PILOT must reflect the actual valuation within reason, and this must be approved by the DOR. There are protections in place to ensure that corporations with these agreements are paying a fair and reasonable tax.

- **Cannabis and Billboard Revenue**

On January 7, 2025, the Select Board voted unanimously to issue a special permit for two digital outdoor advertising signs located at 6 Executive Place. The Town has received the first payment of \$50,000, \$25,000 for each sign.

Additionally, the town received its first quarterly payment from retail cannabis establishments of approximately \$15,000; we will receive three more quarterly payments. All of these payments go into the General Fund and help fund the town's operations.

- The town had hired an Animal Control Officer.
- The Lowell Five had donated \$2,000.00 to the Town of Tewksbury to assist with food insecurity. Mr. Curran thanked Senior Vice President Cheryl Popp and her team at Lowell Five for being great community neighbors.

**TOWN COUNSEL INVOICE:**

- October 16, 2025, through October 31, 2025

**MOTION:** Board Member Russo made a motion to approve Town Counsel's invoice in the amount of \$3,740.00 for the period from October 16, 2025, through October 31, 2025. Board Member Mackey seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

- November 1, 2025, through November 15, 2025

**MOTION:** Board Member Russo made a motion to approve Town Counsel's invoice in the amount of \$3,357.50 for the period from November 1, 2025, through November 15, 2025. Board Member Mackey seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

## **MINUTES**

There were no minutes to review.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

### Board Member Holland

- There were no reports to share.

### Board Member Mackey

- There were no reports to share.

### Board Member Russo

- The Tewksbury School Facilities Study Committee had met and noted that the visioning sessions began the prior week. He said approximately 55 stakeholders attended, and the next session would be in January.

### Chair Kratman

- Wilmington, MA, had joined the LRTA (Lowell Regional Transit Authority), and therefore, the service would be extended to the Lahey Clinic and the Burlington Mall, if approved.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At approximately 8:03 p.m., Board Member Holland made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 – 0 – 0.**

Approved:

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Rich Russo, Clerk

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Date

## **Documents Presented/Discussed**

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- Town Manager Report
- Town Counsel Invoice: October 16<sup>th</sup> through October 31, 2025
- Town Counsel Invoice: November 1<sup>st</sup> through November, 15, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Gedziun  
Recording Secretary

**Next Select Board Meeting: January 6, 2026**

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**January 6, 2026 – Meeting Minutes**  
**Tewksbury Town Hall**  
**1009 Main Street**

**Present:** Mr. Mark Kratman, Chair; Mr. Eric Ryder, Vice-Chair; Mr. James F. Mackey, III, Board Member; Mr. Patrick Holland, Board Member, and Mr. Rich Russo, Clerk

**Also Present:** Mr. John Curran, Town Manager.

Chair Kratman opened the regular meeting of the Select Board at 7:00 p.m.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS: (PUBLIC HEARINGS)**

1. National Grid Jointly Owned Pole Petition: Lincoln Road #31229903  
(To be continued)

**MOTION:** Board Member Mackey made a motion to continue the National Grid Jointly Owned Pole Petition located on Lincoln Road - #31229903, date-specific, to the January 27, 2026, Select Board meeting. Board Member Holland seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0.**

2. National Grid Jointly Owned Pole Petition: French Street #31218961

Mr. Dave Boucher of National Grid was present on behalf of the request. He said the request was to install a new device at a new pole location on the street to improve reliability across the system. He further stated that the proposed pole location would be between existing poles 21 and 22, near the corner of French Street and Dairy Farm Way, and it would be named 21-50.

Chair Kratman asked whether any Board members had questions or comments.

Vice-Chair Ryder commented that the directions per Kevin Hardiman, Director of Public Works, had to be followed.

Chair Kratman asked if there were members of the public who had questions or comments. There were none.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Ryder made a motion to close the public hearing. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0.**

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Ryder made a motion to approve the request for the pole petition located on French Street, with the requirements that Mr. Hardiman requested. Board Member Mackey seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0.**

## **RESIDENTS**

Ms. Dawn Sheehan, 100B Starr Avenue, addressed the Board and said the proposed lithium battery storage site was not going to go before every Board in Tewksbury. She said she felt that either the public had been misled or something had changed dramatically.

Ms. Sheehan presented a page from the Emergency Response Guidebook, which is what the firefighters used. She said one of the biggest concerns with lithium-ion batteries was the release of hydrogen fluoride, which was toxic to humans. She raised additional safety concerns and emphasized the importance of all Tewksbury Boards providing input.

Mr. Jerry Corbin, 82 Emerald Court, addressed the Board and stated that he felt the entire review process was strange and probably new to the town. Mr. Corbin said people had been able to comment on the proposal, and 97% opposed it.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Set Date for May Annual and Special Meeting

Mr. Curran recommended scheduling the Annual Town Meeting for Monday, May 4, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., at the Tewksbury Memorial High School, and the Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the Tewksbury Memorial High School.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Ryder made a motion to approve the recommended dates for the Annual Town Meeting for Monday, May 4, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., at the Tewksbury Memorial High School, and the Special Town Meeting for Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the Tewksbury Memorial High School. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0.**

### 2. Opening and Closing Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants

Mr. Curran recommended that the Warrant for the Annual and the Special Town meetings Articles be opened on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, and closed on Friday, February 13, 2026, at 12:30 p.m.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Ryder made a motion to approve the Warrant for the Annual and the Special Town meetings Articles be opened on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, and closed on Friday, February 13, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. Board Member Mackey seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0.**

### 3. Letter from Tony McIntosh, Superintendent/Director, Shawsheen Valley Technical High School

Mr. Curran stated that he received a letter from Mr. McIntosh on December 22, 2025, requesting that an Article be placed on the Warrant for funding for a feasibility study, which would request specifically

\$405,650 to be appropriated by the town to fund the town's portion of the feasibility study based on the formula for the Regional School District.

**MOTION:** Chair Kratman made a motion to have the superintendent of Shawsheen Valley Technical High School attend a Select Board meeting to explain the need for the feasibility study. Vice-Chair Ryder seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0.**

4. Approval of Donation to the Police Department

Mr. Curran stated that the town had received a \$2,500 donation from James Boudreau, who was the owner of Jim Boudreau's Automotive Service, for the police department, with the intention of funding the "Shop with a Cop" holiday event.

**MOTION:** Board Member Holland made a motion to accept the donation of \$2,500 from Mr. James Boudreau, with the Select Board's sincere gratitude. Board Member Mackey seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0.**

5. Approval of Donation to the Police Department

Mr. Curran stated that the town had received a \$2,500 donation from Mr. Mark Rocher of American Gutter Cleaning & Installations for the police department, with the intention of funding the "Shop with a Cop" holiday event.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Ryder made a motion to accept the donation of \$2,500 from American Gutter Cleaning & Installations, with the Select Board's sincere gratitude. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0.**

6. Approval of Donation to the Senior Center

Mr. Curran commented that the town received a donation of \$50.00 from David and Patricia Cressmen to the Senior Center for the Men's Stretch & Strengthen Class, as well as for the Tuesday Veterans Coffee Social.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chair Ryder made a motion to accept the donation of \$50.00 from David and Patricia Cressmen, with the Select Board's sincere gratitude. Board Member Russo seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0.**

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Curran informed the Select Board on the following matters:

- He received an email from a resident commending the Building Department for their efforts and hard work.
- There was a battery fire in Warwick, NY, on December 19, 2025, and he was keeping track of the incidents. He said the fire was localized within a single

battery container, and there were no signs that the fire spread to adjacent containers. He said there were no injuries, deaths, air-quality, or water quality issues caused by the incident.

- He said the town had hired a consultant, Paul Hayes, to help with the Host Community Agreement regarding the battery storage facility.
- The YMCA would offer a week-long recreational camp during February and April vacation weeks for children ages 5 through 13 at the Tewksbury Recreation Center.
- Working on putting together the budget books for 2027.
- People were now able to register for the replacement of “Code Red” with “Regroup” as the new mass notification system in the event the town needed to send out any emergency notifications.

**TOWN COUNSEL INVOICE:**

- November 16, 2025, through November 30, 2025

**MOTION:** Board Member Russo made a motion to approve Town Counsel’s invoice in the amount of \$2,422.50 for the period from November 16, 2025, through November 30, 2025. Board Member Mackey seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0.**

**MINUTES**

There were no minutes to review.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Board Member Russo

- There were no reports to share.

Board Member Mackey

- There were no reports to share.

Board Member Ryder

- There were no reports to share.

Board Member Holland

- Extended his sincere condolences to the Anderson Family as Keith Anderson had passed away the prior week.

Chair Kratman

- There were no reports to share.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** At approximately 7:40 p.m., Board Member Russo made a motion to adjourn. Board Member Holland seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5 – 0 – 0.**

Approved:

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Rich Russo, Clerk

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Date

**Documents Presented/Discussed**

- National Grid Joint Owned Pole Petition: Lincoln Road - #31229903 (Continued until January 27, 2026, meeting).
- National Grid Joint Owned Pole Petition: French Street - #3121861
- Set dates for the May Annual and Special Town Meeting
- Opening and Closing Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants
- Letter from Tony McIntosh, Superintendent/Director of Shawsheen Valley Technical High School
- Donations to the Tewksbury Police Department
- Donation to the Tewksbury Senior Center
- Town Manager Report
- Town Counsel Invoice: November 16<sup>th</sup> through November, 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Gedziun  
Recording Secretary

**Next Select Board Meeting: January 27, 2026**