

Town of Pittsford SELECT BOARD MEETING – September 29, 2026 - DRAFT

Members present: Alicia Malay, David Mills, Thomas Hooker, Dan Adams and Mark Winslow.

OTHERS PRESENT: Ann Reed – Town Manager, Gary Kupferer – Town Attorney

The Select Board was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Malay

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Malay stated there was a need to add a warrant for payables to the agenda. There was a motion to approve the agenda as modified by D. Mills, seconded by T. Hooker. Motion passed unanimously 5 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Payables Warrant for OVUUSD:

Ann Reed asked for a warrant to be signed in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the Otter Valley Unified Union School District, as they would like it by October 5, 2026 and the selectboard does not meet again until October 7, 2026. M. Winslow stated the Town just cut a check for \$1,500,000 a month ago. A. Reed explained that there are usually multiple payments made during a year, but she did agree that this seemed earlier than normal. Motion by M. Winslow to discuss this warrant for OVUUSD in the amount of \$1,500,000 as new business on the October 7, 2026 agenda. This motion was seconded by D. Mills. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Chair Malay asked Gary Kupferer for clarification on the correct way to go into executive session. She explained what she normally does. Attorney Kupferer suggested that going forward all the reasons for going into executive session should be read, a motion should be made to approve all of the executive sessions, then a motion should be made to enter into the executive sessions.

Chair Malay read the following:

In accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 313(a), where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the Municipality or person involved at a substantial disadvantage to discuss the appointment, employment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, provided that a public body must make the final hiring or appointment decision, and explain its reasons for the decision, in open meeting. 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(3) to include the Town Manager and Town Attorney.

In accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 313(a), where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the Municipality or person involved at a substantial disadvantage to discuss pending or probable civil litigation or prosecution, to which the public body is or may be a party. 11 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(1)(E) to include the Town Manager and Town Attorney.

In accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 313(a), where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the Municipality or person involved at a substantial disadvantage to discuss the negotiating or securing of real estate purchase or lease options. 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(2) to include the Town Manager and Town Attorney.

Motion by D. Mills and seconded by T. Hooker to approve all three executive sessions. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Motion by T. Hooker and seconded by D. Mills to enter into executive session for the three matters read above. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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The Select Board exited Executive Session at 8:15 PM with a motion by D. Mills and seconded by T. Hooker with no action taken. Motion passed unanimously 5 - 0.

Motion by T. Hooker and seconded by D. Mills to adjourn at 8:16 PM.

The next regular Select Board meeting will be held on October 7, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Reed
Recording Secretary

Alicia Malay, Chair

David Mills, Vice Chair

Thomas Hooker, Selectman

Dan Adams, Selectman

Mark Winslow, Selectman