Merrimac Select Board Meeting

Meeting Date: 10/19/26

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: Wayne Adams, Robert L Gustison II, Janet Bruno, Matthew Passeri, Gwen Lay Sabbagh

Call to order at 5:28 pm. Recorded.

II. APPROVE AGENDA

Motion to approve agenda

RESULT:	**PASSED**
MOVER:	Matthew Passeri
SECONDER:	Gwen Lay Sabbagh
AYES:	Wayne Adams, Robert L Gustison II, Janet Bruno, Matthew Passeri, Gwen Lay Sabbagh

III. MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Minutes of 9/29/26

Motion to approve minutes of 9/29

RESULT:	**PASSED**
MOVER:	Gwen Lay Sabbagh
SECONDER:	Wayne Adams
AYES:	Wayne Adams, Robert L Gustison II, Janet Bruno, Matthew Passeri, Gwen Lay Sabbagh

IV. APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND VENDOR WARRANT OF OCTOBER 12, 2026

Motion to approve

RESULT:	**PASSED**
MOVER:	Robert L Gustison II
SECONDER:	Gwen Lay Sabbagh
AYES:	Wayne Adams, Robert L Gustison II, Janet Bruno, Matthew Passeri, Gwen Lay Sabbagh

V. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposals for Town Administrator Search

   Final proposal for TA search needed. Gustison reviews the initial estimated costs submitted by MRI, Community Paradigm, and CSS. The board should come up with items they are looking for and ask for final proposals. Lisa Mead says the job description is the new bylaw. She suggests not paying them to write a job description. Jen Penney to draft final proposal letters based on using the items in MRI's final proposal, including a written essay. The board's intention is to take it up on October 27th.

2. WASTEZERO TRASH METERING AGREEMENT-Second Amendment

Motion to have the chair sign for the board

RESULT:	**PASSED**
MOVER:	Gwen Lay Sabbagh
SECONDER:	Robert L Gustison II
AYES:	Wayne Adams, Robert L Gustison II, Janet Bruno, Matthew Passeri, Gwen Lay Sabbagh

3.

To ratify the Select Board vote of September 10, 2007, to accept G.L. C. 32B, sec. 19 for the purpose of transferring subscribers to the GIC, pursuant to G.L. C. 32B, sec. 19(e), and that said acceptance be conditioned upon the Town and the public employee committee reaching a written agreement to transfer subscribers to the GIC.

2007 Public Employee Committee was never fulfilled. Board needs to vote on Sec. 19 due to the timeline/deadline. Lisa Mead says this allows you to explore the GIC option. The town will then be able to give notice to town employees.

Motion To ratify the Select Board vote of September 10, 2007, to accept G.L. C. 32B, sec. 19 for the purpose of transferring subscribers to the GIC, pursuant to G.L. C. 32B, sec. 19(e), and that said

acceptance be conditioned upon the Town and the public employee committee reaching a written agreement to transfer subscribers to the GIC.
Motion to authorize Gustison to send notice to retirees.

RESULT:	**PASSED**
MOVER:	Robert L Gustison II
SECONDER:	Matthew Passeri
AYES:	Wayne Adams, Robert L Gustison II, Janet Bruno, Matthew Passeri, Gwen Lay Sabbagh

Motion to authorize Gustison to send notice to retirees.

RESULT:	**PASSED**
MOVER:	Matthew Passeri
SECONDER:	Janet Bruno
AYES:	Wayne Adams, Robert L Gustison II, Janet Bruno, Matthew Passeri, Gwen Lay Sabbagh

4. Signature requested on Merrimac Public Library Security Alarm Monitoring

Security alarm monitoring at the library. Motion for chair to sign the MPL security monitor and alarm

RESULT:	**PASSED**
MOVER:	Robert L Gustison II
SECONDER:	Gwen Lay Sabbagh
AYES:	Wayne Adams, Robert L Gustison II, Janet Bruno, Matthew Passeri, Gwen Lay Sabbagh

VIII. LIAISON UPDATES

IX. CONTINUE TO TOWN MEETING

Motion to continue to town meeting at 6:12 pm

RESULT:	**PASSED**
MOVER:	Matthew Passeri
SECONDER:	Gwen Lay Sabbagh
AYES:	Wayne Adams, Robert L Gustison II, Janet Bruno, Matthew Passeri, Gwen Lay Sabbagh

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27 Oct 2026

Robert L. Gustison II