



## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, April 13, 2026 – 7:00 PM  
MacKinnon Council Chambers

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### AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consider and accept the meeting minutes of March 30, 2026
4. Subcommittee Reports
  - a) Department of Public Works
  - b) Education and Human Services
  - c) General Government
  - d) Planning and Development
  - e) Protection of Persons and Property
5. Chairman's Announcements
6. Town Manager's Announcements
7. Presentation
8. Citizens Forum-
9. Vote to confirm the Town Manager's appointment, based on the Department of Public Works Director recommendation, of Steven Wheeler to the position of Maintenance Man/Equipment Operator in the Department of Public Works, pending completion of all onboarding requirements. Entertain a motion to recommend to Town Council for approval.
10. Vote to approve the encroachment license agreement for the Transportation Improvement Program to reconstruct the Mill Street bridges. Allow the Town Manager to sign all related paperwork.
11. Vote to approve an extension to the EDA grant to June 30, 2026. Allow the Town Manager to sign all related paperwork.
12. Vote to approve an extension to Mass Dot contract # 121606 to June 30, 2026, providing matching funds for the EDA grant. Allow the Town Manager to sign all related paperwork.
13. Vote to approve the submission of a One Stop for Growth Expression of Interest for the following: Infrastructure Improvements at Southbridge Innovation Center; Planning grant to complete the Environmental Review of the Urban Renewal Plan's Major Amendment; Massachusetts Downtown Initiative to help fund a parking study; and a Site Readiness grant for 30 Mill Street. Allow the Town Manager to sign all related paperwork.

14. Vote to approve applying for the CDBG FY26 Mini-Entitlement grant for \$875,000 for code enforcement, Transfer Station Feasibility Study, and Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail Ped/ Bike Bridge Design. Allow the Town Manager to sign all related paperwork.
15. Vote to approve the creation of a gift account to accept donations for the purpose of downtown beautification and trail maintenance, with revenue and expenses tracked separately. Allow the Town Manager to sign all related paperwork.
16. Vote to accept a donation, in the amount, of \$1,000.00 from the UMASS Memorial Auxiliary for the Senior Center. Allow the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
17. Vote to approve the contract between the Town of Southbridge and Singer/Kittredge for the installation of a commercial hood for the Southbridge Senior Center Kitchen Project in the amount of \$55,320.74. Allow the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
18. Vote to approve the transfer of \$4,500.00 from account #610450-583000-91250 Water Reserve Fund to account #610450-574000 Insurance-Prop/Liability/Auto.
19. Vote to approve the transfer of \$278,800.00 from Sewer Retained Earnings, to account #600440-583000-26585 Facility Improvements (Sewer) for the emergency replacement of the boilers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
20. Vote to approve the transfer of \$20,500.00 from account #600440-583000-89500 Sewer Reserve Fund, to account #600440-574100 Insurance Prop/Liability/Auto.
21. Vote to approve the contract with Tighe and Bond to complete a Habitat Assessment for the Hatch Brook Reservoir #3 Dredge project in the amount of \$7,500.00. Allow the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
22. Vote to approve the contract with Tighe and Bond for engineering services for the Risk and Reliance Assessment and Emergency Response Plan Update in the amount of \$15,000.00. Allow the Town Manager to sign all related documents.
23. Review and discuss the Open Meeting Law Complaint submitted by Maureen Doyle to Council Chairman Scott Lazo on April 2, 2025, alleging that there was a Violation of the Open Meeting Law on March 30, 2026, relative to the posting language of Agenda #38. Vote to take any action to include a response and/or referral to Legal Counsel.
24. Review and discuss the Open Meeting Law Complaint submitted by Gus Steeves to Council Chairman Scott Lazo and Vice Chair Mike Montigny on April 4, 2025, alleging that there was a Violation of the Open Meeting Law on March 30, 2026, relative to the posting language of Agenda #38, and violation of Town Council Rules. Vote to take any action to include a response and/or referral to Legal Counsel
25. Councilors' Forum
26. Discussion of next meeting dates:
  - Town Council: Monday April 27, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.

27. Vote to enter into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A §21 under the following sections:

(7) To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law, or federal grant-in aid requirements:

- M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 22 (a), (g)(1); OML2024-158:OML 2024-29

**TOWN COUNCIL WILL ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND NOT RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

*Note: The items listed, which may be discussed at the meeting, are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed, and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*