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Monday, January 26, 2026
8:00 PM

This meeting of the City Council will be held in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 140 Main Street. **PUBLIC ATTENDANCE IS PERMITTED.** This meeting will be televised on WMCT-TV (Comcast Channel 8 or Verizon/Fios Channel 34), or you can view the meeting live on the WMCT-TV website (<https://www.wmct-tv.com/watch>).

1. Minutes, City Council Meeting, January 12, 2026.
2. Communication from the Mayor, re: Grant Acceptance in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the MA Cultural Council awarded to the Marlborough Downtown Village Association (MEDC) to support the annual Food Truck & Artisan Festival
3. Communication from the Mayor, re: Notification of Temporary Appointment pursuant to MGL Chapter 41 §61A of Brian Doheny as Interim City Collector effective January 23, 2026, for a 60-day term to expire March 24, 2026.
4. Communication from the Mayor, re: Appointment of Karen Thompson to the Commission on Disabilities for a 3-year term, effective on date of City Council confirmation.
5. Communication from the Mayor, re: Appointment of Karen Patti to the Board of Health for a 3-year term to expire on February 5, 2029.
6. Communication from the Mayor, re: Reappointments of Stefanie Ferrecchia, Adrian Gilbert and Kathleen Newton to the Historical Commission for 3-year terms each to expire on February 5, 2029.
7. Communication from the Mayor, re: Final Open Space and Recreation Plan for 2026-2036 for acceptance.
(The Open Space and Recreation Plan is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office and is also available on the Conservation Commission page of the city website).
8. Communication from City Solicitor, Jason Grossfield, re: Request for Executive Session regarding the Royal 401 Elm LLC v. City of Marlborough (Land Court No. 25 MISC 000631).
9. Communication from City Solicitor Jason Grossfield, re: Proposed Home Rule Petition relative to amend §59A of the Charter "Filling Vacancies in the Office of Mayor and in Council", specifically for the Procedure to Fill Vacancy in the Ward Councilor position.
10. Communication from City Solicitor Jason Grossfield, re: Proposed Order of Acceptance of Jewell Road as a Public Way along with associated Easements, Order No. 25-1009620.
11. Communication from City Solicitor Jason Grossfield, re: Proposed Order of Acceptance of Open Space Parcel within the Beauchemin Estates Open Space Development Special Permit.
12. Communication from City Engineer Thomas DiPersio, re: Acceptance of Jewell Road as a Public Way with associated Easements and Open Space Parcel, Order No. 25-1009620.

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13. Communication from the Planning Board, re: Favorable Recommendation on the Acceptance of Jewell Road as a Public Way, Order No. 25-1009620.
14. Communication from City Clerk Steven Kerrigan, re: Request for a Vote to Rescind the Junk Dealer/Secondhand Dealer License issued to ecoATM, 240 East Main Street (Market 32), Order No. 25-1009577A.
15. Communication from ViewPoint Sign & Awning, re: Request for Modification of Master Sign Plan for 910 Boston Post Road, Order No. 25-1009579A.
16. Petition of MA Electric and Verizon, to relocate one (1) Joint Owned Pole on Jefferson Street beginning at a point approximately 420' Northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Highland Street and continuing approximately 10' in a Northwest direction. National Grid is proposing to relocate Pole 4, 10' from its current location on Jefferson Street.
17. Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees:
 - a) Conservation Commission, December 18, 2025.
 - b) Council on Aging, December 16, 2025.
 - c) Historical Commission, November 20, 2025.
 - d) Planning Board, December 1, 2025.
 - e) Zoning Board of Appeals, December 16, 2025.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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18. **Order No. 25/26-1009415B: Proposed Change to City Charter relative to §59A for “Filling vacancies in the office of Mayor and in Council”.**

Recommendation of the Legislative & Legal Affairs Committee was to APPROVE. At the January 12, 2026, City Council meeting this item was POSTPONED to the January 26, 2026, City Council meeting.

On a motion by Councilor Robey, seconded by Chair Brown, the Legislative & Legal Affairs Committee recommends approval of the Proposed Charter Change relative to §59A for filling vacancies in the office of Mayor and City Council and further to suspend the rules to refer to the City Solicitor to place in a Home Rule petition format and to carry over to year 2026. Vote 3-0 with a suspension.