

# HOUSATONIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

6:30 pm

Ramsdell Library

1087 Main Street, Housatonic, MA 01236

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## Order of Agenda

1. 6:30 pm Open Meeting with Community Potluck
2. Call to Order
  - a. Betsy Turnbough taking minutes
3. Thank you to Amanda Giracca, who is stepping down from HiC, for her hard work & dedication
4. Discuss HiC vacancy
5. Ramsdell Building Committee recurring update: Ruby Chang
6. Discuss Old Maid's MVP Grant status
7. Housatonic Valley Association introduction: Erik Reardon
8. Discuss public comment on residential tax exemption and seasonal community distinction
9. Discuss Housatonic-specific upcoming CPA grants to be voted on at Town Meeting in May
10. Open Space and Recreation Plan Survey results related to Housatonic
11. HiC 2026 Goals / Work to Be Done update
  - a. Report on January action items
  - b. Review February action items for committee members
12. Committee Admin:
  - a. Approval of minutes from January 27, 2026
  - b. Next meeting dates: Confirmed for March 24th—Ben Elliott taking minutes

- i. Confirm April 28 meeting
- c. Proposed meeting dates for 2026:
  - i. March 24th (4th Tuesday)
  - ii. April 28th (4th Tuesday) (NOTE: Earth Day is April 22nd)
  - iii. May 26th (4th Tuesday) (NOTE: Memorial Day is May 25th)
  - iv. June 23rd (4th Tuesday) (NOTE: Party in the Park)
  - v. July 28th (4th Tuesday)
  - vi. **August Break?** (if none, August 25th — 4th Tuesday)
  - vii. September 22nd (4th Tuesday)
  - viii. October 27th (4th Tuesday)
  - ix. November 17th (3rd Tuesday) (NOTE: Thanksgiving is November 26th)
  - x. **December Break?** (if none, December 15th — 3rd Tuesday)
- 13. All Things Housatonic
- 14. Citizen Speak Time
- 15. Media Time
- 16. Adjournment (Roll Call Vote)

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