

STAFF REPORT

To: Gary Daniels, Select Board Chair
From: Chris Gentry, Director Community Media
Date: August 28, 2026
Re: 98.1 WGTM LPFM Radio Station



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS- RECOMMENDATIONS

BACKGROUND

During GTM's last meeting on August 27, 2026, the GTM Committee approved to purchase and install the necessary equipment to install on the tower at Town Hall. The FCC has approved of our station and licensed our build a little over 2 years ago. There is a 3 year timeline to get it started. We were initially going to do it last year, however, we were forced to move our broadcast servers from the school to the town hall instead, so it was moved to this year. As discussed when applying for the frequency, we are coming back before you to request permission to go live before the end of this year. With your go ahead we could likely have it active within the next couple of months. We have been working closely and will continue to work closely with MACC Base to ensure that it will not interfere with them. And they will actually have the capability to override in case of emergency, to get information out to the general public in a quicker manner.

COST AND FUNDING

The hardware and annual fees for Performing Rights Organizations (BMI, ASCAP, SESAC, etc) as well as upkeep will be paid through the revolving fund.

RECOMMENDATION

I would recommend moving forward with the activation of the Radio Station 98.1 WGTM LP-FM.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

I MOVE THAT THE SELECT BOARD approve the activation of the 98.1 WGTM LP-FM radio station to go live.