



**Town of West Newbury
Select Board
April 5, 2023 @ 5:30pm**
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
www.wnewbury.org

AGENDA

Open Session: Chairman Archibald called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Participation in the Meeting:

- Wendy Reed, Rick Parker, David Archibald- Select Board
- Angus Jennings- Town Manager
- James Blatchford- Town Clerk
- Sue Brown- Town Planner

Announcements:

- Annual & Special Town Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7pm
- Call for volunteers! Open positions on Boards/Commissions/Committees. See www.wnewbury.org/volunteer
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Regular Business

A. Review and finalize warrants for spring Annual and Special Town Meeting

The Select Board held discussion on the following Articles:

On Article 12, Special Town Meeting: The Board discussed the potential employment of ARPA funds on the Page School HVAC project which would replace heating and cooling in the Main Office and hallways of the School, and further more might be eligible for green funds. During the discussion Reed stated she wanted to see a longer-term plan on how to use remaining ARPA funds.

On Article 7, Annual Town Meeting: The Board determined that the funding would come from the Water Department for the replacement of water mains at Church and Prospect St.

On Article 13, Annual Town Meeting: Discussion raised the issue that upcoming Community Preservation Act funding might be below what the Town required to manage the directives of the Act, and Jennings stated he wanted to find out whether funding amounts could be allocated only in dollars or in percentages.

On Article 14, Annual Town Meeting: Discussion centered on the Article and its attempted acquisition and management of 32 acres off of Poor House Lane, whose text the Board found confusing and would potentially require further explanation after the motion was made at Town Meeting. There was also lack of knowledge on whether Greenbelt was assisting in fundraising for the acreage, which would cause the Town to utilize the Article's full \$705,00 allotted for purchase.

On Article 10, Special Town Meeting: The Board was made aware of duplicate language in the Article.

The Select Board approved the removal of Article 39 on electrical inspectors. The Article number was not finalized prior to its removal from the Warrant.

Following the discussion of these Articles, it was deemed that the language would be finalized by Thursday or Friday, April 6th or 7th, respectively.

Archibald motioned to adjourn the session. Parker seconded. The motion unanimously passed. (3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain). The session adjourned at 5:57pm.