

Town of West Newbury
Select Board Meeting
June 1, 2021 @ 5:00pm
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
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Meeting Minutes

Open Session: Chair Parker opened the session at 5:01pm.

Participation at the Meeting:

- David Archibald, Rick Parker, Wendy Reed Select Board
- Angus Jennings- Town Manager
- Mike McCarron- Town Clerk

Announcements:

- This meeting is being broadcast on local cable TV and recorded for rebroadcast on the local cable channels and on the internet. Meeting also accessible by remote participation.
- Call for Volunteers! FY22 members for Finance Committee, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Library Board of Trustees, Climate Change Resiliency Committee, Open Space Committee, and many more!
- Reminder to subscribe for Town email.

Regular Business:

A. Updates on projects and initiatives

The group heard from Town Manager Jennings and Town Clerk McCarron on the status of Covid-19 emergency statutes, which were set to expire shortly. This means the Town could lift its own State of Emergency. Jennings discussed with the Board options for continued virtual meetings, suggesting that Adam Stone, manager of the local cable technology, would be able to research best set-ups/practices and give the Board options of how to proceed. Reed asked if there were any downsides to continuing with remote meetings (or the option being given to have them). Jennings did not feel there was any downside, citing examples of individuals with perhaps only one Agenda Item to speak on being able to Zoom in rather than sit through an entire meeting. Archibald asked if any other government bodies would continue using Zoom meetings. Jennings stated that some meetings were being held by other Boards, Committees, or Commissions virtually. McCarron explained to the room how in-person and virtual attendance quorum requirements worked.

B. Follow up meeting assignments; and placing items for future Agendas
Reed asked if she should gather appropriate materials to plan for evaluations, with particular focus on Jennings, who had not received a formal evaluation in three years. It was decided to proceed with the Manager's evaluation in the near future.

Parker motioned to adjourn into Executive Session. The motion was properly seconded. The motion unanimously passed. (3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain). The Session adjourned at 5:17pm.

To access a video recording of the meeting, use the link below:

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