



**Town of West Newbury
Board of Selectmen
Thursday, August 6, 2020
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Minutes of Meeting – DRAFT**

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Archibald.

Participation at the Meeting:

- ❖ Board of Selectmen: David Archibald, Richard Parker and Glenn Kemper
- ❖ Town Manager, Angus Jennings
- ❖ Town Clerk/Counsel & Procurement Officer, Michael McCarron
- ❖ Park & Recreation Commissioners: Jack Foley and Brad Buschur
- ❖ Adam Stone
- ❖ Kathy Feehery

Announcements:

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Regular Business

- A. Review of requests for use of Pipestave Hill on Sunday, September 13, 2020 and Sunday, October 11, 2020 by both the West Newbury Riding & Driving Club and the West Newbury Youth League (pursuant to Sec. A.15 of the Pipestave Hill / Mill Pond Management Plan)

Chairman David Archibald gave an introduction of the requests before the Board for multiple uses of Pipestave Hill; and, of the continuing disagreement between the West Newbury Riding & Driving Club and the West Newbury Youth League on how to best manage these requests which has necessitated the Selectmen to act as arbitrators pursuant to the Pipestave Hill / Mill Pond Management Plan, Sec. A.15. General Management/Procedures for Approvals and Arbitration. Chairman Archibald gave an approximation for the potential of 280 parking spaces needed for the two events. An aerial photograph (contained in the agenda packet) depicting approximately 160 cars in the parking lot was referenced and shared to the screen. It was his opinion that it looked to be at maximum. With that, Chairman Archibald invited comments from participants.

Selectman Glenn Kemper asked why the flag football jamboree, a newer program, could not be scheduled on another date that would not conflict with the long-standing WNRDC event date. It was explained by Park and Rec Chair Jack Foley that, due to the increased number of participants, the need for player evaluation and to avoid conflict with other youth sports, the window to hold this event is very small. Kathy Feehery spoke on behalf of the WNRDC regarding the history and logistics of the riding event. She noted that, due to COVID-19, that the club does not anticipate having as large an event as was initially planned which may allow for both events to take place safely this year. Chairman Kemper asked the question to Jack Foley as to who is making the determination on whether the jamboree will be allowed under state guidelines. Mr. Foley responded that he is in continuous contact with Health Agent Paul Sevigny and Town Manager Angus Jennings on the current state guidance in effect and just wants to be prepared in the event that flag football is allowed to take place. Discussion continued between the parties addressing the concerns regarding parking and safety as well as whether the jamboree should be allowed given the current health concerns.

Motion was made by Selectman Glenn Kemper to not entertain any jamboree or tournament.

Discussion: Park and Rec Chair Jack Foley acknowledged the concerns of the Board and agreed that the traditional jamboree won't work this year; however, the question on the table is the concurrent use of Pipestave by the two groups. Chairman Archibald stated that we can only make a decision on the two dates up for discussion tonight and can revisit the long-term issue on a future agenda. Mr. Foley stated his disappointment with how the conversation has evolved and asked the Board if they would consider allowing a scaled-down event keeping all safety guidelines in mind. There was no objection. Logistics of the two events were discussed including the need for police details. Town Manager Angus Jennings stated that he will review with the Police Chief the requirements surrounding this issue.

Motion was seconded by Selectman Richard Parker.

Yes 3, No 0

Chairman David Archibald stated that a committee would be created after Fall Town Meeting to work through the unresolved parking issues related to the concurrent use of Pipestave by the two groups. The committee will be charged with developing a plan that can be brought to Spring Town Meeting.

- B. Establish a deadline for Board of Selectmen receipt of proposed Articles for potential inclusion on the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 10 AM

Town Manager Angus Jennings gave a brief outline of Articles received to date and recommended a deadline of no later than September 2, 2020 which will allow time, albeit a very tight timeline, for the Finance Committee to review Articles and publish a booklet.

Motion was made by Chairman David Archibald to establish a deadline of August 27, 2020 to submit Articles to be considered at the Board of Selectmen meeting on September 8th for inclusion on the Warrant for Special Town Meeting on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 10:00am, seconded by Selectman Glenn Kemper.

Yes 3, No 0

Motion was made by Selectman Glenn Kemper, seconded by Selectman Richard Parker to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm.

Yes 3, No 0

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Walsh

Approved 3-0 by Board on Selectmen on 9-8-2020