



Town of West Newbury Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 @ 5:45pm
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
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Open Session Minutes

Chairman Archibald called the meeting to order at 5:47pm. In attendance were Selectmen David W. Archibald, Chairman, Glenn A. Kemper and Joseph H. Anderson, Jr. Others in attendance were Town Counsel Michael McCarron, Treasurer/Collector Andrew Gould, Police Chief Art Reed and Executive Administrator Mary Winglass.

Selectman Kemper moved to go into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A §21(a) 3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. Second by Selectman Anderson with a unanimous roll call vote: Archibald – aye, Kemper – aye, Anderson – aye.

Chairman Archibald called the meeting back to order at 7:06pm and announced that this meeting is being broadcast on local cable TV and recorded for rebroadcast on the local cable channels and on the internet. Unfortunately, the video equipment did not work therefore there is no video of the meeting. A Town wide Earth Day roadside cleanup will be held on April 21st and 22nd.

Regular Session:

A. Tour de Cure: American Diabetes Association

On a vote of 3-0-0, the Board approved an application from the American Diabetes Association for a fundraising event on May 20th with approximately 350 cyclist between the hours of 8am and 10am. The Board explained the requirement to have the application approved 90 days before the event

B. National Grid Petition for Underground Conduit: Archelaus Hill Road

Chairman Archibald opened the Public Hearing and read the Notice:

Notice was given on March 30, 2018 to discuss a proposal from National Grid to give permission to excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary for the transmission of electricity according the plan. The underground conduit will serve new homes on additional lots at Archelaus Hill Road.

The Board of Selectmen approved the petition by National Grid on a vote of 3-0-0.

Chairman Archibald closed the public hearing.

C. Application for Short-Term Rental: 15 Norino Drive

Attorney Sarah Bellino was present on behalf of Colin and Reini Hodgson owners of 15 Norino Drive. Many abutters were present as well.

The Board reviewed an application for short-term rental for up to (3) paying guests for a period of less than 14 consecutive nights. The Board questioned specifically what rooms would be rented and Attorney Bellino was unsure. A discussion took place regarding what areas at the property would be permitted for guests, who is the emergency contact and the fact that there is no certificate of occupancy for the property.

Selectman Kemper moved to take the matter under advisement. Second by Selectman Anderson with a 3-0-0 vote.

D. Appointment for Board of Fire Engineers

The following members of the Fire Department put their name in for consideration as an appointed member of the Board of Fire Engineers. David Evan, Michael Dwyer and Benjamin Jennell are currently the town's Board of Fire Engineers and submitted a request to be reappointed; Mark Marlowe and Jason Goldweber also put in to be considered as a member this year.

Jason Goldweber introduced himself to the Board and gave his reasoning for wishing to be part of the Board of Fire Engineers. The Board decided to reappoint the present members as the Board is working very well but thanked Jason Goldweber for his interest and attending the meeting.

E. Chapter 61B Land: 0 Middle Street

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of West Newbury voted 3-0-0 to not exercise the right of first refusal as set forth in MGL c. 61B sec. 9.

F. Street Opening Permit: 152 Crane Neck Street

The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0-0 to approve the Street Opening Permit for 152 Crane Neck Street.

G. Police Dept: New Safety Sign

The Board reviewed and made comments on the proposed safety complex sign specifically as related to the fonts and overall size of the sign.

H. Police Dept: Updates to the Departments Rules and Regulations Manual

Police Chief Reed updated the Police Departments rules and regulations manual due to changes with the day to day operations. The Board approved the changes on a vote of 3-0-0/

I. Discussion of Plummer Springs Bridge Closure and Detour route

The Board reviewed a proposed detour for the Plummer Springs Bridge Detour Plan.

J. Discussion of Town Meeting article motions

The Board gave input and direction on proposed article language.

K. Discussion of future Special Town Meeting/Election for school building

The Board reviewed an email regarding proposed dates for a special town meeting and special election for the High School project.

L. Payroll and Invoice Warrants

The Board of Selectmen approved the payroll warrant on a vote of 2-0-1.

The Board of Selectmen approve the vendor warrant on a vote of 3-0-0.

M. Follow up meeting assignments

N. Placing items for future agendas

Chairman Archibald closed the meeting at approximately 9:30pm with a 3-0-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Winglass, Executive Administrator