



Town of West Newbury Board of Selectmen

Thursday, February 8, 2018 @ 12pm
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
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Emergency Selectmen Meeting

Chairman Archibald called the emergency meeting to order at 12:07pm in the First Floor Hearing Room. Selectmen present were David W. Archibald, Chairman and Glenn A. Kemper. Joseph H. Anderson, Jr. was present via speakerphone.

Other town personnel present were Town Counsel Michael McCarron, Health Agent Paul Sevigny, DPW Director Gary Bill, Executive Administrator Mary Winglass. Pentucket School District personnel present were Superintendent Jeffrey Mulqueen, Business Manager Greg Labrecque, Bob Danforth, Greg Hadden and School Committee member Chris Reading.

Chairman Archibald opened the meeting by stating that this emergency meeting is being held to address the potential exposure of nonfriable asbestos this week with work being done in the admin area. What should be our plan with this new information.

Pentucket School personnel explained that the district has a 2015 Asbestos (3) Year Reinspection report by RPF Environmental, Inc. Testing is happening now and will have results next week. The Board asked Gary Bill to speak with RPF Associates to help guide the town through this process. The Board decided to close the Page School until the town has the test results. Health Agent Paul Sevigny and Town Counsel Michael McCarron will prepare an update informing the residents, staff and students that the Page School will be closed until further notice. Since the Children's Castle building is separated by a fire wall and its utilities are self-contained, it is not impacted by this school closure.

Selectman Kemper motioned to close the Page School of all activity except testing until further notice and until we have the test results due to the potential exposure due to the reconstruction. Second by Selectman Anderson with a unanimous roll call vote: Archibald – aye, Anderson – aye, Kemper - aye.

School personnel informed the Board of events scheduled at the school in the evenings. Selectman Kemper called those affected by this decision and informed them of the closure until further notice. Gary Bill will inform the construction workers that all work must stop until the town receives the test results and a determination can be made by the experts.

Superintendent Mulqueen requested an occupancy permit once the work has been completed. The Board responded that sign-offs will be given for the work completed per the inspection department.

The town was given pages of the 2015 Asbestos 3 Year Reinspection Plan that relates to the Page School prepared by RPF Environmental.

Chairman Archibald motioned to close the meeting at 1:15pm. Second by Selectman Kemper with a unanimous roll call vote: Archibald – aye, Anderson – aye, Kemper – aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Winglass, Executive Administrator