



## **Town of West Newbury Board of Selectmen**

Monday, February 12, 2018 7:00 p.m.  
381 Main Street, Town Office Building  
[www.wnewbury.org](http://www.wnewbury.org)

Chairman David Archibald called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. In attendance were Selectmen David W. Archibald, Chairman, Glenn A. Kemper and Joseph H. Anderson, Jr. Others in attendance were Town Counsel Michael McCarron, and Executive Administrator Mary Winglass.

**Chairman Archibald moved to go into executive session under MGL Chapter 30A §21(a) 6: To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. Second by Selectman Kemper with a unanimous roll call vote: Archibald – aye, Anderson – aye, Kemper – aye.**

**Open Session:** Chairman Archibald reconvened the open session at 8:25 PM in the First-Floor Hearing Room

### **Regular Business**

#### **I. Update on the Page School**

The Board and Gary Bill, DPW Director provided a brief update on the Page School. Recently a contractor was removing a layer of tile in the offices, in which tore up old tile underneath and discovered that there was potential asbestos. The Town therefore had no choice but to conduct proper testing on the building to continue the construction. Several air quality tests were conducted on February 9, 2018 and February 12, 2018 in the following areas: third floor hallway east end, 2<sup>nd</sup> hallway opposite room 203, 1<sup>st</sup> floor hallway opposite room 124, basement floor hallway near stair leading to the new gymnasium, inside the café, and in the center of the gym. So far, all the tests have come back negative, but Mr. Bill is still waiting for more results from the insurance company. The plan is to get the rest of the samples back, and then continue finishing the repairs to the school.

The Board will check with Paul Sevigny, Health Agent to allowing functions in the gym only since it was not affected. The Board stated that there will be an update by Friday 2/17/18 that will be available on the Town website.

Mitch Sulvatiz, expressed his frustration with the poor communication that has been expressed to the parents. He also requested clarification on the construction schedule process. The Board states that once the rest of the asbestos tests are received then the continuation of the repairs will begin. The Town is doing their due diligence to get things back to “normal” for all the families.

A resident requested clarification on the tests that has been conducted within the school on the mold found; the Selectmen responded that a small area was found in the boy's bathroom and has been addressed appropriately, no other mold was found.

**Chairman Archibald motioned to adjourn at 9:09pm. Seconded by Selectman Kemper and it carried 3-0-0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Dawidowicz  
Recording Secretary