



Town of West Newbury
Select Board
Tuesday, January 8, 2024 @ 5:30pm
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
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AGENDA

Executive Session: 5:30pm in 1910 Building, 381 Main Street: Town Manager's office

- ❖ MGL Ch. 30A §21(a) 3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares (*Dispatch Union contract*);
- ❖ MGL Ch. 30A §21(a) 2: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (*Request to authorize temporary employee for term longer than 30 days*);
- ❖ MGL Ch. 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 (*Mullen property*);
- ❖ MGL Ch. 30A §21(a) 7: To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements (*potential Intermunicipal Agreement with Newburyport re Middle Street Bridge; legal costs, year-to-date*).

The Board may reconvene in Executive Session, after the conclusion of the Open Session, if needed.

Open Session: 7:00pm by in-person attendance or remote participation (instructions below)

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; instructions below.
- SAGE Center January/February Newsletter for Programs & Events now available.
- Call for volunteers! FY24 positions on Boards/Commissions/Committees. See www.wnewbury.org/volunteer
- Reminder to subscribe for emailed Town agendas/news/announcements at www.wnewbury.org/subscribe

Regular Business

- A. Public Comment. Limited to 2 minutes per resident on any topic. Please note that the Board will not discuss or take action at this meeting.
- B. Consent agenda – Request to approve the following:
 - a. Meeting minutes: December 18, 2023
- C. Town Manager Updates
 - a. Superseding Order of Conditions issued by MassDEP, proposed water leveling device at Macey's Pond
 - b. Church/Prospect Street bids opened; borrowing "green light" letter from Bond Counsel; financing update
 - c. NHESP filing regarding high-hazard tree removal
 - d. Land Management plan for Sawmill Brook due June 30th; input required from multiple stakeholders
 - e. Page School Conditions Assessment, draft report received; review of next steps
 - f. Correspondence with MA Dept. of Fisheries & Wildlife re ownership of parcel on Ash Street
 - g. Management Plan for Ash Street (due to NHESP end of January), progress update
 - h. Updates on other ongoing/active projects/initiatives
- D. Department Updates/Discussion
- E. Board/Commission/Committee Updates/Discussion (and Select Board liaison updates):
 - a. Review of Zoning Board of Appeals Questionnaire
 - b. Update on process/timeline to update Community Preservation Plan for 2024
- F. Action Items
 - a. Consideration of ARPA funding request, Middle Street Bridge; and review of proposed process to secure MassDOT and MassWorks grant and to secure overall project financing
 - b. Review of draft Livery Service Policy
 - c. Review of draft updates to Inclement Weather Policy
 - d. Review of Parks & Rec Commission recommendation regarding Summer Rec leadership staffing structure
- G. General Discussion Items
 - a. Known/Potential Town Meeting warrant articles
 - b. Confirmation of upcoming Select Board Meetings
 - c. Whittier Info Session January 16, 2024 at 7pm in the Annex
- H. Correspondence, including:
 - a. Notice from MassDPU regarding Energy Burden Notice of Inquiry
- I. Future Agenda Items / Meeting follow-up assignments

Addendum to Meeting Notice regarding Remote Participation

Public participation in this meeting of the West Newbury Select Board will be available via remote participation. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner:

Zoom Meeting

Phone: 1 (646) 931-3860

Meeting ID: 886 5506 4459

Passcode: 224527

Join at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88655064459?pwd=3E1j0a5HrMnVt27v8bBkS6carh2OCp.1>

Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the West Newbury website an audio or video recording of proceedings as soon as practicable after the meeting.