



**Town of West Newbury
Select Board
Monday, January 31, 2022 @ 5:30pm**
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
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AGENDA

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Executive Session: 5:30pm in the 1910 Building, 381 Main Street, Select Board office

- ❖ 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 (*Police Chief search; Library staffing/wages; Water Dept. staffing; COA staffing; Parks/Rec staffing; Conservation staffing*);
- ❖ MGL Ch. 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 (*Police Union contract; Highway/DPW Union contract*);
- ❖ 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 (*31 Dole Place*);
- ❖ 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 (*public records request*).

The Board may take a brief recess between the Executive Session and the Open Session beginning at 7 PM.

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.
- Regional Vaccination Clinics for COVID vaccination and booster shots. Town website for dates/details.
- Council on Aging meals, events and activities – see Town website for details.
- **Urgent call for residents interested in appointment to Finance Committee!** Call for other volunteers: current opportunities at <https://www.wnewbury.org/volunteer>
- Reminder to subscribe for emailed Town news/announcements at <https://www.wnewbury.org/subscribe>

Regular Business

- A. Special Event Permit Request: Annual Plant & Bake Sale May 21, 8am-12noon – *WN Garden Club*
- B. Proposed ballot question regarding farm equipment excise tax – *Christian Kuhn, Chief Assessor*
- C. Interview of Michael Dwyer as candidate for Police Chief
- D. Review of proposed Conservation Restriction (CR) and CR Stewardship Memorandum of Agreement for Coffin Street conservation area – *Vanessa Johnson-Hall, Essex County Greenbelt*
- E. Update on work toward preparing proposed FY23 operating budget and capital proposals
- F. Confirm date for spring Annual and Special Town Meetings (ATM/STM)
- G. Review referral from Parks & Rec Commission re 2022 Summer Rec Program budget/wages
- H. Recap of Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw Committee listening session held on Jan. 26, 2022
- I. Review of Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) Action Grant, Letter of Intent
- J. Discussion of plantings at Middle/High School
- K. Discussion of dog waste near the Reservoir
- L. Discussion of 2022 Memorial Day Parade
- M. Request for authorization to seek MIIA Wellness Grant – *Stephanie Frontiera, Town Acct./Bus. Mgr.*
- N. Meeting minutes: September 7, 2021

Town Manager Updates

- O. Recent meeting between Town Manager and Newburyport Mayor Sean Reardon
- P. Update on Middle Street Bridge; recent engineering change order due to MassDEP Ch. 91 permitting
- Q. Update on project kickoff and timeline for Mill Pond All Persons Trail site analysis/conceptual planning
- R. Informational update regarding Federal Infrastructure Bill and potential applicability
- S. Upcoming process/timeline for MPO updates to regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
- T. Bids received for Pipestave water tank rehabilitation
- U. Notice of Finance Committee approval of FY22 Reserve Fund transfer request (legal counsel costs)
- V. Invitation to Lappin Foundation Virtual Summit on March 28: Two Steps Forward against Antisemitism
- W. Notification of Town Manager vacation, Feb. 22-25, 2022
- X. Follow up meeting assignment; placing items for future agendas

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: (646) 558 8656
Meeting ID: 817 7719 3310
Passcode: 417011

Join at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81777193310?pwd=cVVZWjNBcENvMWdEWHNpOTQ3eHgZUT09>

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.