



**Town of West Newbury
Select Board
Monday, February 12, 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) 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 (*Elliot Fund*);
- ❖ 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 w/Newburyport re Middle St Bridge*).

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

Open Session: 6:00pm by in-person attendance or remote participation (instructions below) [NOTE 6PM START TIME]

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.
- **Update:** Select Board Open Session starting times will vary, and may be 6pm or 7pm going forward, as needed
- Nomination papers available for local office- contact the Town Clerk's Office! townclerk@wnewbury.org or call or visit. Final day to obtain nomination papers: March 14, 2024
- Presidential Primary Tuesday, March 5, 2024- Last day to request vote by mail ballot February 27, 2024
- SAGE Center Lunch and Learn: Senior Tax Circuit Breaker Tax Relief- March 6th 11:30-1pm
- 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
- C. Town Manager Updates
 - a. Proposed articles for Spring Annual and Special Town Meeting now available on Town website
 - b. Capital articles submitted for review by Capital Improvements Committee; upcoming meeting date(s)
 - c. Middle Street Bridge, work with Newburyport regarding potential additional grant funding
 - d. EMA practice exercise/drill completed, with FEMA and local officials, on February 7th
 - e. Upcoming swatting hoaxes/bomb threat training February 14th
 - f. Correspondence sent to Representative Ramos and Senator Tarr re FY25 State budget priorities
 - g. Updates on other ongoing/active projects/initiatives
- D. Department Updates/Discussion
 - a. MVPC DPW/Stormwater updates – *Christine Wallace, PE, Projects/Programs Manager*
 - b. Town Meeting logistics – potential venue change to accommodate attendance; potential multi-night Town Meeting. Preliminary discussion to be followed by review with Town Moderator, FinCom etc. in the coming weeks. – *Jim Blatchford, Town Clerk*
 - c. Pre-Construction meeting scheduled for Church and Prospect St water main project February 13 at 10am
- E. Board/Commission/Committee Updates/Discussion (and Select Board liaison updates):
 - a. Review of Climate Change Resiliency Committee questionnaire
 - b. Select Board appointment process for Boards/Commissions/Committees
 - c. Upcoming meeting of Board of Water Commissioners (Feb. 14 at 10am) re FY25 expenses and revenues
- F. Action Items
 - a. Presentation of proposed FY25 Budget – *Angus Jennings, Town Manager*
 - b. Referral of proposed FY25 budget to Finance Committee; review of upcoming schedule/process
 - c. Consider whether to direct preparation of ARPA funding requests for one or more proposed spending articles, in lieu of proposing for funding at Town Meeting
 - d. Decide whether to seek participation in Commercial Building Pilot Program
 - e. Review of draft proposed changes to the Hunting and Animal Bylaws
 - f. Review/approve proposed Select Board policy regarding livery operations – *Jim Blatchford, Town Clerk*
 - g. Select Board meeting minutes: November 20, 2023; January 29, 2024
- G. General Discussion Items
 - a. Acknowledge receipt of draft consultant reports regarding River Road Resiliency Study; review of process/timeline for further consideration and timely provision of comments on draft reports
 - b. Whittier Regional Technical High School updates
- H. Correspondence, including:
 - a. Correspondence received re Emery Lane/Curzon Mill Road Dam inspection
- 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: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 891 9435 9611

Passcode: 740033

Join at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89194359611?pwd=ndkMRT79rOaC0Nc4tLsjbPk7JokaUz.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.

Posted Agenda on 2/8/2024 at the Town Offices and the Town's Official Website www.wnewbury.org