



**Town of West Newbury  
Board of Selectmen  
Monday, February 22, 2021 @ 5:30pm**

381 Main Street, Town Office Building

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**AGENDA**

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**Executive Session: 5:30pm by remote participation**

- ❖ 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 (*litigation; Police Union contract; 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 (*Town Manager contract*).

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

**Open Session: 7:00pm by remote participation (see 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.
- Cable Advisory Committee seeks ideas for use of PEG (Public, Education, Government) funds; meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 6pm
- Town Election Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Nomination papers available through Town Clerk. Due by March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Annual & Special Town Meetings: Saturday, May 22, 2021.
- Reminder to subscribe for emailed Town news/announcements at <https://www.wnewbury.org/subscribe>

**Regular Business**

- A. Updates regarding coronavirus pandemic / COVID-19, including planning related to vaccine clinics
- B. Request for appointment of Glenda Cancel as Reserve Police Officer – *Chief Jeffrey Durand*
- C. Review of proposed use of Wetlands Fund to supplement Conservation Commission operating budget
- D. Request to allow the Pentucket Regional School District to use a portion of its ESSER II grant allocation to lower the FY22 assessments as allowed in Governor Baker's House 1 budget language
- E. Discussion of Memorial Day Parade; review of Parade Guidelines
- F. Discussion of Facilities Rental Policy and requests for Red Cross blood drives in calendar year 2021
- G. Review of proposed/potential Town Meeting warrant articles
- H. Vote to close warrants for Annual and Special Town Meetings to be held on Saturday, May 22, 2021
- I. Review of draft Conservation Restriction for Artichoke River Woods property
- J. Discussion of potential FY22 Municipal Vulnerability Program grants – *Rick Parker*
- K. Soldiers & Sailors Building: permitting updates and design questions (*not before 8:30pm*)

**Town Manager Updates**

- L. Page School Playground: Draft RFQ and upcoming public forums, 2/24 4-5pm; and 3/1 10-11am
- M. Middle Street Bridge: permitting and budgeting
- N. Work with Merrimac on comparative wage study
- O. CARES Act reconciliation report due Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>
- P. Updates on other active projects
- Q. Follow up meeting assignments; and placing items for future agendas

**Addendum to Meeting Notice regarding Remote Participation**

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 23, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the West Newbury Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.

Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town of West Newbury website, at [www.wnewbury.org](http://www.wnewbury.org). 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: 986 7946 3848

Passcode: 927319

Join at <https://zoom.us/j/98679463848?pwd=ZIRPQ0pFcjI2SFVQRUpUZDdWam4vQT09>

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but 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, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as practicable after the meeting.