



**Town of West Newbury
Select Board
Monday, February 26, 2024 @ 5:15pm
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
www.wnewbury.org**

TOWN CLERK
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AGENDA

Executive Session: 5:15pm 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 (*review of draft Evergreen Farm Conservation Restriction, with Essex County Greenbelt*);
- ❖ 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; Dispatch Union contract*).

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.
- 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
- RSV Clinic- March 12, 2024 10am-12pm in the Annex
- 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. Route 113 corridor planning process; recent working meeting with consultant and staff
 - b. Newburyport Council Public Works & Safety Committee, mtg re Middle Street Bridge, Mon., March 4th
 - c. New Task Force regarding Whittier Tech Regional Agreement, upcoming meeting in Newburyport
 - d. Continuing work on Hazard Mitigation Plan updates
 - e. 10 staff members' completion of Leadership Management International professional development course
 - f. Meeting with MIIA re FY25 health insurance renewal and updated employee benefits
 - g. Status of review of draft River Road resiliency planning consultant reports
 - h. Updates on other ongoing/active projects/initiatives
- D. Department Updates/Discussion
 - a. AED grant awarded to Police Dept
 - b. Pre-Construction meeting for Church and Prospect St water main project held on February 22nd
- E. Board/Commission/Committee Updates/Discussion (and Select Board liaison updates):
 - a. Board of Water Commissioners' continuing work regarding water rates; rate public hearing in March
 - b. Community Preservation Committee actions taken, re proposed warrant articles, at Feb. 22nd meeting
 - c. Cultural Council grant awarded
- F. Action Items
 - a. **NOT BEFORE 7:00PM:** Cont'd review, with Finance Committee, of proposed Town Meeting warrant articles; and proposed sections of FY25 operating budget
 - b. Review / confirm method of funding for Police Cruiser replacements
 - c. Reconsider ARPA funding award for Church/Prospect water main replacements
 - d. Authorize submittal of FY25 Community Project Congressional Funding request (Middle Street Bridge)
 - e. Decide whether to seek participation in MassCEC Non-Profit Buildings Decarbonization Pilot Program
 - f. Review draft framework for potential budgeted step increases for FY25
 - g. Request for Special Event Permit: Essex County Trails Assn. "Tails for the Trails" 5K Cani-cross at Pipestave / Mill Pond, March 30th, 2024 at 8am
 - h. Select Board meeting minutes: February 6, 2024
- G. General Discussion Items
- H. Correspondence, including:
 - a. Letter from Groveland Select Board member regarding PRSD Regional Agreement
 - b. Response from NHESP regarding proposed Ash Street Traffic Management Plan
 - c. Letter from Assessing Dept. regarding FY24 valuation changes
 - d. Letters from Mass. Office of Dam Safety
 - e. FEMA letter regarding updated Flood Insurance Rate Maps
- 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: 892 8172 1732

Passcode: 988867

Join at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89281721732?pwd=xBX1Jk6kOwzq372oOPKn9SmnbKC8lk.1>

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