



**Town of West Newbury**  
**Select Board**  
**Monday, March 11, 2024 @ 5:30pm**  
381 Main Street, Town Office Building  
[www.wnewbury.org](http://www.wnewbury.org)

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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 (*review of draft Evergreen Farm Conservation Restriction; Sawmill Brook Conservation Restriction*);
- ❖ 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 (*PFAS litigation update; Police Union contract; Dispatch Union contract*);
- ❖ 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 (*legal costs year-to-date*).

The Board is likely to reconvene in Executive Session, after the conclusion of the Open Session, if needed.

**Open Session: 6:00 p.m. by in-person attendance or remote participation (instructions below)**

**Announcements**

- Nomination papers available for local office- contact the Town Clerk's Office! [townclerk@wnewbury.org](mailto:townclerk@wnewbury.org) or call or visit. Final day to obtain nomination papers: March 14, 2024
- Community Science Event: High Tide tour of River Road area, Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm
- Matinee performance of Les Misérables, Wedn., March 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, Pentucket Middle/High School. FREE for residents aged 60+, sponsored by Pentucket Arts Foundation. Show open to General Audiences on March 14-16.
- SAGE Center events: see Town website for dates and details!
- RSV Clinic- March 12, 2024 10am-12pm in the Annex

**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
  - b. Newburyport Council Public Works & Safety Committee, mtg re Middle Street Bridge, Mon., March 18<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Recent intermunicipal meeting in Newburyport regarding Whittier Tech Regional Agreement
  - d. Update on proposed extension of/updates to Harbormaster Intermunicipal Agreement with Salisbury
  - e. FY25 budget updates and review of upcoming meeting schedule
  - f. Land Management & Planning Group meeting on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>
  - g. Updates on other ongoing/active projects/initiatives
- D. Department Updates/Discussion
  - a. Police Chief & Town Manager attendance at Essex County Police Chiefs' legislative breakfast, March 6<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Update on work toward Sawmill Brook Land Management Plan (required by June 30, 2024)
- E. Board/Commission/Committee Updates/Discussion (and Select Board liaison updates):
  - a. Board of Water Commissioners' water rate public hearing, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm, Annex
  - b. River Road Resiliency Plan: receipt of draft consultant reports; project timeline and next steps
  - c. Proposed Right to Farm bylaw/Agricultural Steering Committee – update from March 8, 2024 meeting
- F. Action Items
  - a. Review of new proposed/potential warrant articles for Spring Annual and Special Town Meeting
  - b. Vote to re-open Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants; add new warrant article(s)
  - c. Vote to withdraw/remove proposed warrant article(s)
  - d. Vote to close Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants
  - e. Review/update of capital articles for review by Capital Improvements Committee
  - f. Cont'd review of draft framework for potential budgeted step increases for FY25
  - g. Request from MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife for support letter re land acquisition on Ash Street
  - h. Review of updated draft Ash Street Traffic Management Plan, reflecting NHESP response letter
  - i. Authorize submittal of FY25 Congressionally Directed Spending funding request (Middle Street Bridge)
  - j. Request for approval Special Event Permit: Solar Eclipse Viewing Celebration at Pipestave, April 8<sup>th</sup>
  - k. Select Board meeting minutes: Feb. 12, 2024; Feb. 15, 2024; Feb. 20, 2024; Feb. 26, 2024
- G. General Discussion Items
  - a. Proposed draft amendments to Hunting Bylaw, to discontinue hunting on Town property 7:15 p.m.
  - b. Proposed draft amendments to Animal Bylaw, to require dog leashing on Town property 7:30 p.m.
  - c. Letter from Comcast re Commencement of Franchise Renewal Process
- H. Correspondence, including:
  - a. Council on Aging Director letter to Parks & Rec Commission re Pickleball
  - b. Letter from ERRS regarding public hearing on retiree COLA, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am
  - c. Support letter sent to General Court re *S.2571 An Act empowering municipalities and local governments*
  - d. ChargePoint monthly report (re utilization of Electric Vehicle charging stations), January 2024
- I. Future Agenda Items / Meeting follow-up assignments

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 as follows:

**Zoom Meeting**

Phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 826 2622 4617

Passcode: 834140

Join at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82626224617?pwd=TbaCiUDBwVBJeQcJm6QMoRomEH0Yi3.1>

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