



**Town of West Newbury
Select Board
Monday, March 25, 2024 @ 5:15pm**
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
www.wnewbury.org

REC'D W. NEWBURY CLERK
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AGENDA

Executive Session: 5:15pm in 1910 Building, 381 Main Street: First Floor Hearing Room

- ❖ MGL Ch. 30A §21(a) 2: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (*establish amount for proposed warrant article re unbudgeted personnel costs; FY25 non-COLA wages*)
- ❖ MGL Ch. 30A §21(a) 3: To discuss strategy with respect to 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*);
- ❖ MGL Ch. 30A §21(a) 6: To consider the purchase 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 (*Evergreen Farm CR*);
- ❖ 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 (*Elliot Fund*).

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

- SAGE Center Ice Cream Social March 27th 12:30-1:30pm; Veterans' Breakfast April 10th 10am
- River Road Resiliency Study – public meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd from 5:30-8pm, Town Annex
- Solar Eclipse viewing event – Monday, April 8th from 2:30-4:40pm; see Library & Town website for details!
- Information session re proposed Wetlands Bylaw – Tuesday, April 9th at 6pm, First Floor Hearing Room

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. Town Manager Updates
 - a. Update on procurement process for telecom upgrade in Town Buildings
 - b. Quote received for work re Page School circulation and MDOT permitting of Page/Pipestave crosswalk
 - c. Borrowing process/timeline for Church/Prospect project; Annual Report submitted to Hilltop
 - d. Contract executed for Page School remedial masonry work/repairs
 - e. Updates on other ongoing/active projects/initiatives
- C. Department Updates/Discussion
- D. Board/Commission/Committee Updates/Discussion (and Select Board liaison updates):
 - a. Capital Improvement Committee report and recommendations
 - b. Board of Water Commissioners' public hearing regarding water rates held on March 21st at 6pm
- E. Action Items
 - a. Request for appointment of Zachary Dunham as Reserve Police Officer
 - b. Request to nominate Glenn Cogswell as additional Inspector of Animals
 - c. Request to authorize Town Manager to execute 3-year lease for Children's Castle
 - d. Review Middle Street Bridge financing and determine warrant article proposal amount; review draft IMA
 - e. Review draft Harbormaster IMA with Town of Salisbury for 2024-2027
 - f. Review /determine appropriation for testing of potential new public water site(s)
 - g. Request for release deed for two Ash Street Properties to the MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
 - h. Special Event Request: Myopia Hunt Club Fox Hunt, May 28, 2024
 - i. Special Event Request: West Newbury Riding and Driving Club, Adventure Ride June 15 & Sept 15th
 - j. Special Event Request: Alzheimer's Association Fundraiser Bike Ride, June 1, 2024
 - k. Select Board meeting minutes: February 26, 2024; March 11, 2024; March 13, 2024
 - l. **NOT BEFORE 7:00PM:** Cont'd review, with Finance Committee, of proposed Town Meeting warrant articles; and proposed sections of FY25 operating budget (see Finance Committee agenda for details)
- F. General Discussion Items
 - a. Correspondence from Sen. Tarr's office re FY25 State Budget Priorities
 - b. Plan for finalizing proposed Animal Control and Hunting Bylaw amendments
 - c. Building Decarbonization proposal for scope and services
 - d. Town Manager performance evaluation; process and timeline
 - e. Dangerous Dog Hearing Officer Training April 12th
- G. Correspondence, including:
 - a. Chargepoint monthly report
- H. Future Agenda Items / Meeting follow-up assignments

Addendum to Meeting Notice regarding Remote Participation

This meeting is being broadcast on local cable TV and recorded for rebroadcast on the local cable channels and on the internet. Meeting is also accessible by remote participation as follows:

Zoom Meeting

Phone: (646) 558-8656

Meeting ID: 860 3078 0365

Passcode: 399489

Join at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86030780365?pwd=lridCzz1sw1AK50lhUKr0YY0HD8jB2.1>

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.