



**Town of West Newbury
Board Selectmen
Monday, March 29, 2021 @ 5:30pm**
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
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AGENDA

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) 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 (*Coffin Street; Main Street*).

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.
- Virtual Arbor Day Celebration, Friday April 30th and Saturday May 1st – see Tree Committee webpage for details!
- Town-Wide Cleanup in celebration of Earth Day – Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2 – stay tuned for more details!
- Town Election Monday, May 3rd 7am-8pm. Annual & Special Town Meetings: Sat., May 22, 2021 (time TBD).
- Reminder to subscribe for emailed Town news/announcements at <https://www.wnewbury.org/subscribe>

Regular Business

- A. Request for appointment of Matthew Dixon as Reserve Police Officer
- B. Presentation of Whittier Tech FY22 budget and potential school building project – *Superintendent Maureen Lynch and Business Manager Kara Kosmes*
- C. Special Event Permit Application: Horse Trials (Sunday, July 11 and Sunday, Oct. 10) and Adventure Trail Day (Sunday, Sept. 12) – *West Newbury Riding & Driving Club*
- D. Presentation of proposed Wetlands Bylaw – *Conservation Commission*
- E. Discussion of changing designation of Board of Selectmen to Select Board and initiating process to formalize this change administratively and in law
- F. Notification of recent change to Massachusetts election law – *Mike McCarron, Town Clerk/Counsel*
- G. Proposed revisions to Tax Collections Finance Policy
- H. Discussion of potential revisions to Bereavement Leave Policy (Sec. 5.4 of Personnel Policy)
- I. Updates regarding draft Annual and Special Town Meeting warrant articles
- J. Meeting minutes: February 4, 2019; February 19; 2019, March 18, 2019; January 19, 2021; February 22, 2021; March 1, 2021.

Town Manager Updates

- K. Update on FY22 budget process and Finance Committee meeting schedule
- L. Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Building: Planning Board cont'd Site Plan Review hearing April 6th
- M. Issuance of RFQ for affordable housing consultant – responses due on/by April 12th
- N. Timeline for anticipated availability of Electric Vehicle charging stations at 1910 Building
- O. Middle Street Bridge design and permitting: cont'd ConCom review on April 5th
- P. Page School Playground – bids received and under review; update on process and timeline
- Q. Updates on other active projects
- R. 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. 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: 924 5131 8343

Passcode: 260917

Join at <https://zoom.us/j/92451318343?pwd=dDBiUIRVU1JERUFhL09abzhZdnpsZz09>

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.