



**Town of West Newbury
Select Board
Monday, April 10, 2023 @ 5:30pm**
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
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) 7: To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements (*Elliot Fund; citizen-of-the-year; advice from Town Counsel; tax title updates*).
- ❖ 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 (*FY24 non-union wages*);
- ❖ 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 (*DPW 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 (*31 Dole Place*).

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

Open Session: 7:00pm by in-person attendance or remote participation (instructions 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.
- Earth Day 2023: Town-Wide Roadside Cleanup! Saturday, April 22nd. Pick up supplies at Town Offices, Library, or Food Mart. Details on Town website. Thank you!
- Annual & Special Town Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7pm.
- Pre-Town Meeting Q&A Forum: Lunch & Learn at the SAGE Center. Thursday, April 13th from 11:30am-1pm
- Pre-Town Meeting Informational Meeting: in-person (Town Offices) and online. Thursday, April 13th at 6pm
- Town Election Monday, May 1st. Polls open 7am to 8pm.
- Recent extension of Massachusetts enabling legislation allowing virtual and "hybrid" public meetings
- Call for volunteers! Open 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. Consideration of reappointments/appointments to the Board of Fire Engineers
- B. Request for annual approval of West Newbury election workers
- C. Joint meeting with Finance Committee, Temporary Town Moderator (nominated), Town Counsel, Town Manager, Town Clerk to review draft Town Meeting Motions and logistics
- D. Request for allocation of ARPA funds for Page School HVAC replacement (cont'd from March 27th)
- E. Updates regarding ongoing and proposed pedestrian safety initiatives
- F. Recent issuance of Page School Conditions Assessment RFQ; confirmation of advisory group
- G. Consideration of proposal to join National Rural Water Association PFAS Contamination lawsuit
- H. Review of proposed revisions to Facility Rental fee schedule (cont'd from March 13th)
- I. Proposed adoption of Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 166, Sec. 32A (regarding Assistant Wiring Inspectors)
- J. Requests for authorization to submit grant applications:
 - a. Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant; incl. request for letter of support, and request for permission to place temporary informational signage as required by the grant
 - b. Car seat distribution grant application
 - c. Agreement to inclusion of town-owned properties in NEEF Pollinator Grant application to be submitted by West Newbury Wild & Native
- K. Request for permission to install signage at 8 gardens maintained by the West Newbury Garden Club
- L. Proposed adoption of Financial Policies (recommended from MassDOR Division of Local Services Municipal Best Practices grant)

Town Manager Updates

- M. Coffin Street conservation project: proposed transfer of land ownership interests to Greenbelt
- N. Recent execution of vendor contract: Solar Site Feasibility Analysis
- O. Town Planner report
- P. Memorial Day Parade planning
- Q. Updates on ongoing/active projects/initiatives
- R. Follow up meeting assignment; placing items for future agendas

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: 873 8076 3518
Passcode: 862269

Join at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87380763518?pwd=U3ZSWFFPTytLVUxOYnRBRmgvWU9vOT09>

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.