



**Town of West Newbury  
Select Board  
Thursday, April 25 2024 @ 5:30pm**  
381 Main Street, Town Office Building  
[www.wnewbury.org](http://www.wnewbury.org)

REC'D W. NEWBURY CLERK  
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**AGENDA**

**Executive Session:** 5:30pm, Town Manager's conference room, 1910 Building, 381 Main Street

- ❖ MGL Ch. 30A §21(a) 3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares (*Collective Bargaining Agreements, Police and Dispatch*);
- ❖ 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 (*Sawmill Brook property*);
- ❖ 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 (*Middle Street Bridge IMA; advice from Town Counsel; Citizen of the Year selection*)

**Open Session:** 6:00pm by in-person attendance or remote participation: First Floor Hearing Room

**Announcements**

- Annual & Special Town Meeting: Monday, April 29th at 7pm at Page School
- Annual Town Election, Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Polls open 7am-8pm. Last day to request vote-by-mail ballot April 30<sup>th</sup>
- River Road Resiliency Planning: Envisioning Higher Water Conditions Workshop May 1, 5:30-8pm at the Middle/High School Atrium
- Earth Day 2024: Town-Wide Roadside Cleanup- Thanks to all for helping keep our community clean!
- Summer Bandstand Concert Series schedule and performers

**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. Updated Capital Improvements Program reflecting all Town Meeting capital articles
  - b. ARPA status summary to date
  - c. Status of contracts with the Commonwealth for two budget earmarks, to be used to advance planning/engineering work for pedestrian safety improvements on Route 113 (at Page/Pipestave, and Town Center)
  - d. Summary of bids received in response to telecom RFP (bids to be opened on April 24<sup>th</sup>)
  - e. Updates on other ongoing/active projects/initiatives
- C. Department Updates/Discussion
  - a. Recap of working meeting held on April 24<sup>th</sup> regarding Sawmill Brook Management Plan
  - b. Town Clerk update on Dangerous Dog Hearing held Training April 12<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Town Planner Report
  - d. Recap of Q&A Town Meeting Forum hosted by the SAGE Center on April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- D. Board/Commission/Committee Updates/Discussion (and Select Board liaison updates)
  - a. Right to Farm/Agricultural Commission bylaw update
  - b. Update on Board of Assessors meeting with Equestrian Property owners
  - c. Board of Fire Engineers Questionnaire
- E. Action Items
  - a. Requests for reappointment to Board of Fire Engineers: Michael Dwyer; Ben Jennell; David Evans; Cooper Carifio; Mark Marlowe
  - b. Determine amount for Snow & Ice article (if any)
  - c. Determine amount for telecommunications article; Select Board vote on article recommendation
  - d. Select Board meeting minutes: Feb. 26, 2024; March 11, 2024; March 13, 2024; March 20, 2024; March 25, 2024
- F. General Discussion Items
  - a. **Not before 7:00pm:** Joint meeting with Finance Committee, Town Moderator, Town Counsel, Town Manager, Town Clerk to review draft Town Meeting Motions and logistics
  - b. Finance Committee vote recommendation regarding telecom upgrades warrant article
  - c. Recap of Newburyport tour/meeting regarding water infrastructure and potential pipeline project
  - d. 40R "Smart Growth Zoning" Informational Presentation / Discussion
- G. Correspondence
  - a. Whittier Regional update; FY25 approved budget received
  - b. MVMPO (Merrimack Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization) materials (incl. draft TIP)
  - c. Chargepoint monthly report

**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: 835 8266 9483

Passcode: 496043

Join at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83582669483?pwd=XxpZKORvCTKiICFJuBEQ54jsb3fbh6.1>

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.

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