



**Town of West Newbury**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Monday, August 17, 2020 @ 5:30pm**

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TOWN CLERK  
WEST NEWBURY, MA

381 Main Street, Town Office Building  
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**AGENDA**

**Executive Session: 5:30pm by remote participation**

- ❖ 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 (*Ch. 61A Right of First Refusal Notice re portion of "Grew Property" at 183 River Road*);
- ❖ 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 (*Water Department staffing; Fire Department call wages; Finance Department staffing*);
- ❖ 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 (*Archelaus Place*).

**Open Session: 7pm 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.
- Tree Committee informational session re Emerald Ash Borer, Wednesday, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM
- Deadline for proposed Articles for Special Town Meeting Warrant: Thurs., Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> at noon
- Call for volunteers: seeking members for Finance Committee, ZBA (Associate Member), etc.
- Reminder to subscribe for emailed Town news/announcements at <https://www.wnewbury.org/subscribe>

**Regular Business**

- A. Notice of scheduled installation of CPC-funded Julian D. Steele historical marker on Sept. 3, 2020
- B. Updates regarding coronavirus pandemic, including updates from Town Counsel regarding recent and proposed legislation and Executive Orders regarding COVID-19
- C. Public Hearing regarding consideration of reducing quorum requirements of Special Town Meeting anticipated for Saturday, October 17, 2020 at 10am, as allowed by recent legislation
- D. Discussion of anticipated timeline leading up to Special Town Meeting, and Town Meeting logistics (in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions)
- E. Presentation of preliminary estimate of FY21 tax rate, based on approved FY21 budget and warrant articles, and based on assumed FY21 assessed values and projected (estimated) FY21 non-tax revenues – *Angus Jennings, Town Manager and Stephanie Frontiera, Town Accountant/Business Manager*
- F. Review of known and anticipated articles for potential inclusion on the Special Town Meeting Warrant
- G. Vote to authorize member of Board of Selectmen to sign AP warrants as necessary during the Town Manager's scheduled vacation, pursuant to Sec. 9(b) of the Town Manager Act
- H. Meeting minutes: August 6, 2020; July 20, 2020.

**Town Manager Updates**

- I. Update on anticipated engineering/design/permitting contract for Middle Street Bridge
- J. Update on project scoping and anticipated vendor selection process for Page School Playground
- K. Update on work with Town Counsel, Town Planner and Planning Board re potential to establish regulations to allow use of affordable housing funds
- L. 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](http://www.wnewbury.org). For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner:

**GoToMeeting**

Phone: (571) 317-3122

Access Code: 904-058-469

Or, from computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/904058469>

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.