



Town of West Newbury
Select Board

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Monday, October 16, 2023 @ 5:30pm

381 Main Street, Town Office Building

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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*);
- ❖ 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 litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares (*review of proposed compensation structure and revisions to Collective Bargaining Agreement, proposed DPW restructure*);
- ❖ 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 (*review of proposed compensation structure, proposed DPW restructure; review of proposed compensation structure, EMA*);
- ❖ 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 (*Daniel Cena v. Town of West Newbury, Essex Superior Court CA No. 2377CV00744*).

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)

6:00pm: Convene Joint Session with Finance Committee regarding proposed STM Warrant Articles

- A. Joint meeting with Town Moderator, Finance Committee, Town Clerk, Town Counsel, Town Manager to review Fall Special Town Meeting and draft Motions

7:00pm: 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.
- Fall Special Town Meeting to take place on Monday, Oct. 23, 2023 at 7pm in the Annex
- Lunch & Learn at the SAGE Center – Q&A with Town Manager and Town Clerk regarding Special Town Meeting articles – Thursday, Oct. 19th from 11:30-1pm. Please RSVP to coa@wnewbury.org
- Public workshop re MVP/River Road project, and Route 113 corridor planning – Thursday, Nov. 9th details TBA
- Public workshop re MBTA Communities initiative – Wednesday, Nov. 15th details TBA
- Call for volunteers! FY24 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

- B. Request for appointment of Zip Corning to Cultural Council
- C. Select Board review of Committees' charge / function: Council on Aging
- D. Request for utility pole petition approval – *John Butler, National Grid*
- E. Presentation regarding Page School Conditions Assessment Study, incl. next steps – *Gienapp Architects*
- F. Consideration of updated draft MOU with Board of Water Commissioners for use of ARPA funds
- G. Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to Personnel Policy
- H. Review of previously-proposed revisions to PRSD Regional Agreement, in preparation for upcoming regional meeting among PRSD Select Boards and Finance Committees to be held on Nov. 7th
- I. Preview of upcoming meetings re proposed Whittier Tech school building project, incl. special meeting with West Newbury Select Board on Nov. 13th, and Whittier Tech public forum at Annex on Dec. 6th
- J. Notice of application for culvert grant for River Road culverts; request for authorization to accept grant, if awarded
- K. Update regarding Coffin Street culverts; discussion of whether to propose ARPA funding for engineering/permitting costs (with anticipated proposal for construction funds at Spring Town Meeting)
- L. Review employee requests for carry-over of unused FY23 vacation time until December 31, 2023
- M. Proposed new Select Board policy: criteria for use of Town Facebook, email notifications, etc. for communications and publicity
- N. Update regarding other potential new/amended Select Board and Personnel policies currently in draft form, or at earlier stages of research
- O. Select Board liaison updates regarding recent or near-term Board / Commission / Committee activities
- P. Town Manager recommendations re draft Select Board/Town Manager Goals / Priorities for FY24
- Q. Meeting minutes: Sept. 18, 2023; Sept. 27, 2023; Oct. 2, 2023

Town Manager Updates

- R. Notice of receipt of Community Compact grant for budget/capital software
- S. Planning for public workshops to be held on Nov. 9th and on Nov. 15th
- T. Bartlett Tree report re Ash Tree status/recommendations for follow-up treatments
- U. Update regarding recent removal of invasive water chestnuts at Mill Pond
- V. MassDOT comments regarding Pipestave/Page 25% design plans
- W. Update re recent Artichoke Dam meeting in Newburyport
- X. Update re MDOT installation of new overhead sign on Bridge St approaching Rocks Village Bridge
- Y. Updates on other ongoing/active projects/initiatives
- Z. 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: 825 3581 8524

Passcode: 584845

Join at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82535818524?pwd=mmqoG4O9OOP4HKFxbgzTh5ppJx5ix1.1>

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.