



**Town of West Newbury
Select Board**

Monday, November 1, 2021 @ 5:30pm

381 Main Street, Town Office Building

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AGENDA

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Executive Session: 5:30pm in the 1910 Building, 381 Main Street, First Floor Conference Room

- ❖ 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 (*staffing updates*);
- ❖ 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 (*Police Union contract; litigation – wage claim; potential PFAS litigation*);
- ❖ 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 (*Regional Vaccination Clinics MOA with Amesbury*).

The Board will 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.
- Trick or Treating: Sunday, October 31 from 5:30-7:30pm
- FY22 Tax Rate Hearing – joint Select Board meeting with Board of Assessors scheduled for November 15, 2021 at 7pm
- Call for volunteers: current opportunities at <https://www.wnewbury.org/volunteer>
- Reminder to subscribe for emailed Town news/announcements at <https://www.wnewbury.org/subscribe>

Regular Business

- A. Applications for Committee appointments:
 - a. Lark Madden – Personnel Committee
 - b. Carly Ramos – Cultural Council
- B. Consideration of proposal to remove two interpretive signs regarding Native Americans (at Indian Hill and Garden Street; and on Turkey Hill Road)
- C. Review of draft Memorandum of Agreement with Amesbury re regional COVID-19 vaccination clinics
- D. Discussion of Affordable Housing Trust: potential next steps; and call for residents interested in potential appointment to Trust
- E. Discussion of Soldiers & Sailors Building, potential next steps from recent special Select Board meeting on 10/25/21
- F. Overview of active and anticipated projects / initiatives – *Town Manager*
- G. Update on ongoing review of fields management / mowing
- H. Discussion of affordable housing policy/strategy
- I. Meeting minutes: August 9, 2021

Town Manager Updates

- J. Receipt of FY21 Audit; presentation by Auditor scheduled for November 15 Select Board meeting
- K. Town Clerk's office setting up option for online purchase/payment for vital records (birth / death / marriage certificates), burial permits, and dog licenses – coming soon
- L. Update on pending paving contract, and streets scheduled for paving in coming weeks
- M. Update on grant for Safety Audit of Page/Pipestave/Main Street intersection
- N. Update on Community Compact grant award to support study of wages/position classifications / organizational structure
- O. Follow up meeting assignments
- P. 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: 828 5197 5772

Passcode: 470831

Join at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82851975772?pwd=Uzl0NGUxemlLQU9uWUVVRMUdoSWZFUT09>

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.