



**Town of West Newbury**  
**Select Board**  
**Monday, November 20, 2023 @ 5:30pm**  
381 Main Street, Town Office Building  
[www.wnewbury.org](http://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) 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 current Collective Bargaining Agreements, Police and Dispatch*);
- ❖ MGL Ch. 30A §21(a) 3: To discuss 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 (*PFAS class action lawsuit*)
- ❖ 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 (*cemeteries on private property; potential Intermunicipal Agreement with Newburyport*);
- ❖ 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: 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.
- Justice Assistance Grant awarded to the West Newbury Police Department
- Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm on the Training Field
- SAGE Center will be hosting the Page School Musical Performance and Luncheon Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Annex
- Call for volunteers! FY24 positions on Boards/Commissions/Committees. See [www.wnewbury.org/volunteer](http://www.wnewbury.org/volunteer)
- Reminder to subscribe for emailed Town agendas/news/announcements at [www.wnewbury.org/subscribe](http://www.wnewbury.org/subscribe)

**Regular Business**

- A. Application for appointment to Cultural Council: *Ursula Smith*
- B. Application for appointment to Tree Committee and review of Committee charge: *Cynthia Coburn*
- C. Request for utility pole petition approval, 119 Middle Street: *John Butler, National Grid*
- D. FY24 Tax Classification Hearing: *Christian Kuhn, Chief Assessor*
- E. Select Board review of Committees' charge / function: Energy and Sustainability Committee
- F. Presentation of the FY23 Audit – *Tony Roselli, Roselli, Clark & Associates CPAs*
- G. FY23 OPEB Actuarial Report
- H. Request for approval of supplemental funding for Page School HVAC replacement: *Tom Banks, B2Q*
- I. ARPA funds: authorized uses to date, pending applications, anticipated/potential future uses
- J. Review of proposed scope/contract for study of sites with potential as public water source
- K. Request for authorization to pursue Massachusetts Automated External Defibrillator Equipment Program Grant – *Chief Dwyer*
- L. Consideration of draft letter and potential town-wide mailing re proposed Whittier Tech MSBA project
- M. Designation of Select Board member to PRSD Regional Agreement working group
- N. Notification of recent and anticipated requests for authorization of hunting on town-owned land
- O. Update on preparation of updated Capital Improvements Program
- P. Update on Middle Street Bridge: recent grant awards; status of project funding
- Q. Discussion concerning the electricity rate/charge for EV charging stations 1910 Building & Page School
- R. Discussion of potential new Select Board policy re posting on town boards (cont'd from 10/16/23)
- S. Discussion of pickleball
- T. Select Board liaison updates regarding recent or near-term Board / Commission / Committee activities
- U. Meeting minutes: October 30, 2023

**Town Manager Updates**

- V. Updates from recent Town Projects Fair & Forum events held on November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>
- W. Update on draft Water Distribution Study
- X. Update regarding anticipated timeline and financing for Church & Prospect water main replacements
- Y. Upcoming webinar re Congressionally funded projects
- Z. Management training starting Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> with some Department Heads/staff
- AA. 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: 899 1498 3642  
Passcode: 161228

Join at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89914983642?pwd=SZLY9R8yQHJEzodc7hLePyKxTPbG7d.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.

*Posted Agenda on 11/16/2023 at the Town Offices and the Town's Official Website [www.wnewbury.org](http://www.wnewbury.org)*