



**Town of West Newbury
Select Board**

Monday, December 4, 2023 @ 5:30pm

381 Main Street, Town Office Building

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RECORDING CLERK
2023-12-04-16:00

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 position of the public body and the chair so declares (*Dispatch Union collective bargaining agreement; DPW Highway Union collective bargaining agreement*);
- ❖ MGL Ch. 30A §21(a) 3: To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares (*PFAS class action 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 (*potential Intermunicipal Agreements with Newburyport re Middle Street Bridge, and Water*).

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.
- Page School Musical Performance & Holiday Luncheon – Thurs., Dec. 7th at 11:30am in the Annex. Free of charge, and all are welcome – but advance registration is required, 978-363-1104 or coa@wnewbury.org
- Thurs. Dec. 7th at 6:00 pm: Climate Change Resiliency Information Session, in-person (first floor hearing room) or via zoom – see Climate Change Resiliency Committee webpage for details
- Public information session (in-person and via zoom) regarding proposed Wetlands Bylaw – Wed., Dec. 6th at 6pm
- 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

- 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. Consent agenda – Request to approve the following:
 - a. Meeting minutes: Nov. 6, 2023; Nov. 13, 2023
- C. Town Manager Updates
 - a. Presentation of updated proposed Capital Improvements Program
 - b. Execution of Mutual Aid Agreement with NEMLEC (Northeast MA Law Enforcement Council)
 - c. Continuing work with Water Dept./BOWC re Water Hydraulic/Distribution Study
 - d. Ongoing/active projects/initiatives
- D. Department Updates/Discussion
 - a. Conservation: Certificate of Achievement awarded to Conservation Agent Michelle Greene by MA Association of Conservation Commissions
- E. Board/Commission/Committee Updates/Discussion (and Select Board liaison updates):
 - a. Review of Committee charge / function: Mill Pond Committee
 - b. River Road Resiliency Planning: drone field work scheduled for Wedn., Dec. 6th starting at 11am at eastern end of River Road (see Climate Change Resiliency Committee webpage for details)
 - c. Energy & Sustainability Committee: Green Communities FY23 Annual Report
- F. Action Items
 - a. Review draft outline for Water Department financial plan and consider referral to Finance Committee
 - b. Request for approval of ARPA funding to supplement prior Town Meeting appropriation for replacement of roof at Highway/Water Department garage
 - c. Review/approve Select Board FY25 budget policy direction
- G. General Discussion Items
 - a. Select Board letter sent regarding proposed Whittier Tech MSBA project
- H. Correspondence, including:
 - a. Correspondence from Comcast and Verizon regarding Cable License Agreements
- I. Future Agenda Items / Meeting follow-up assignments

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: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83919011686?pwd=ZFittFp1jeoiLMnindj56UQ4Yp6ijm.1>

Passcode: 839 1901 1686

Join at: 699844

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.