



Town of West Newbury
Select Board
Thursday, May 9, 2024 @ 5:30pm
 381 Main Street, Town Office Building
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AGENDA
(reposted 5/8/24)

Executive Session: 5:30pm, Town Manager's conference room, 1910 Building, 381 Main Street

- ❖ 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 Board (*Sawmill Brook*);
- ❖ 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 litigation position of the Board and the chair so declares (*Collective Bargaining Agreements, Police and Dispatch*);
- ❖ MGL Ch. 30A §21(a) 2: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (*personnel policy*);
- ❖ 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 (*Advice from Special Counsel; Elliot Fund; legal costs, year to date*).

Open Session: 6:30pm by in-person attendance or remote participation: First Floor Hearing Room

Announcements

- Memorial Day Parade: Monday, May 27th at 10:30am

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. Town Manager Updates
 - a. Review of active projects; status and next steps/milestones
 - b. Follow-up items resulting from actions on Town Meeting articles; prioritization
 - c. Middle Street Bridge – updates from meeting with Mayor and City Council president on May 1st
 - d. Page School Conditions Assessment – draft report circulated; timeline for review/comments, next steps
 - e. Borrowing strategy/timeline for Church/Prospect Street water main replacement project
 - f. Notice of Intent received regarding intent to sell a portion of land subject to Ch. 61A restriction, located at 23 Archelaus Place; overview of Town Procedure to consider/process request
 - g. Memorial Day Parade updates and presenters' list
- C. Department Updates/Discussion
 - a. Town Clerk update on the Annual Election held May 6th
 - b. SAGE Center Upcoming Activities
 - c. Town Planner report, May 2, 2024
 - d. Employee benefits fair held on April 24, 2024; benefits open enrollment period
- D. Board/Commission/Committee Updates/Discussion (and Select Board liaison updates)
 - a. River Road Resiliency Planning project – updates from May 1st "Planning Forward" event, review of upcoming events and project milestones – *Climate Change Resiliency Committee*
 - b. Finance policy questions (local financial policies; Free Cash v. Stabilization balances and uses); discuss potential approach/division of labor between Town staff, Finance Committee, Select Board
- E. Action Items
 - a. Reorganization of the Select Board
 - b. Request Special Event permit: West Newbury Garden Club Plant Sale, May 18th 2024 9am-12pm
 - c. Request to add names to Veterans' memorials on Training Field – *Ron Ross*
 - d. Request for authorization to submit MOD Accessibility Grant – *Sam Joslin, Building Inspector*
 - e. Request for determination of plow equipment as surplus property – *Butch Hills, Highway Superintendent*
 - f. Request to authorize hiring of DPW Highway Experienced Operator position before the start of FY25
 - g. Request to proceed with effort to add solar panels on Salt Shed roof – *Energy & Sustainability Committee*
 - h. Review/confirm public buildings for inclusion in decarbonization program
 - i. Request for endorsement of draft Harbormaster Intermunicipal Agreement with Salisbury
 - j. Schedule public information session for Newburyport Artichoke Reservoir Pipeline Project
 - k. Select Board meeting minutes: March 25, 2024; March 27, 2024; April 1, 2024; April 11, 2024
- F. General Discussion Items
 - a. Town Meeting follow-up – what went well, potential changes/improvements, lessons learned
 - b. Church/Bridge Street traffic/speeds/truck traffic – summary of prior efforts, current status
- G. Correspondence
 - a. Whittier Regional, updates including regional "task force" and potential new sub-committees
 - b. Update regarding Municipal Energy Aggregation

Addendum to Meeting Notice regarding Remote Participation

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Zoom Meeting

Phone: (646) 558 8656

Meeting ID: 862 9927 3519

Passcode: 318556

Join at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86299273519?pwd=pmompm3unaV89XFxxoYDEwZlSiAfmI.1>

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