

**Proposed amendments to Town of West Newbury Hunting By-Law  
Discussion Draft, March 2024**

Proposed Bylaw revisions included in redline below:

**XII. HUNTING BY-LAW**

HUNTING BY-LAW *[Adopted at the Annual Town Meeting, March 12, 1960, Adjourned Session, approved by the Attorney General March 25, 1960, and posted according to law November 18, 1963. Amended on April 27, 2006 at the Annual Town Meeting and posted according to law May 23, 2006.]*

SECTION 1. No person shall hunt or fire or discharge any ~~firearms-weapon~~ on any private property ~~or property owned or controlled by~~in the Town of West Newbury except with the written consent of the owner or the legal occupant thereof, and such consent shall be carried at all times by any person hunting and upon request shall be shown to any police officer, or officer of the Department of Conservation, or the property owner or his agent. ~~No person shall hunt, fire or discharge any weapon on property owned or controlled by the Town of West Newbury For purposes of this paragraph, the Board of Selectmen shall be deemed to be the owner or legal occupant of any property owned or under the control of the Town of West Newbury.~~

SECTION 2. This By-Law shall not be applied to the lawful defense of life or property or to any law enforcement officer in the defense of his duties.

SECTION 3. Any person violating any provisions of this by-law shall be punished by a fine of not more than ~~twenty-fifty~~ dollars for each ~~offense.\*offense.\*~~

*\*[Section 3 as originally adopted. The Enforcement Bylaw (see XXVIII) adopted at the fourth session of the 1995 Annual Town Meeting, approved by the Attorney General on June 28, 1995 and posted according to law July 10, 1995, established a penalty of \$50.00 for violations of the Hunting By-Law Bylaw]*

Public comments may be provided by participation in the March 11, 2024 Select Board Meeting beginning at 7:15 and/or by email to [selectboard@wnewbury.org](mailto:selectboard@wnewbury.org) prior to the meeting. The Board will provide additional opportunities for public comment regarding these proposed bylaw changes as we get closer to Town Meeting.