



Town of West Newbury
Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, April 7, 2020 @ 5:00pm
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
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Minutes of Meeting

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Open Session: 5pm by remote participation (see below)

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The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Chairman David Archibald.

Participation at the Meeting:

- ❖ Board of Selectmen: David Archibald, Glenn Kemper and Richard Parker
- ❖ Town Manager, Angus Jennings
- ❖ Town Clerk/Counsel & Procurement Officer, Michael McCarron
- ❖ Police Chief, Jeffrey Durand
- ❖ Assistant to Town Manager and Finance Department, Jennifer Walsh

Regular Business

- A. Meeting with Police Chief regarding applicability of Families First Coronavirus Response Act

Motion was made by Selectman Richard Parker that the Town exclude emergency responders as defined by the US Dept of Labor from Paid Sick Leave and Expanded Family Medical Leave under the FFCRA, seconded by Selectman Glenn Kemper.

Discussion: Chairman David Archibald stated that he agrees with the motion made by Selectman Parker adding that the Board wishes to work with employees experiencing difficulties during these unprecedented times; however, being such a small Town, this Act would create tremendous hardship on Departments when we need people the most. Selectmen Glenn Kemper further added that the Town has been working, and will continue to work, with all employees on an individual basis addressing their personal needs.

Yes 3, No 0

Further Discussion: Selectman Richard Parker asked if there were emergency child care programs in our area (authorized by the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) to care for children of families who work to maintain the health, safety and welfare of the Commonwealth). The answer was not immediately known.

Motion was made by Selectman Glenn Kemper, seconded by Selectman Richard Parker to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Yes 3, No 0

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Walsh

Approved by Board of Selectmen 3-0 on 4/13/2020