



Town of West Newbury
Board of Selectmen
Monday, May 4, 2020 @ 4:30pm
381 Main Street, Town Office Building
www.wnewbury.org
Minutes of Meeting

Open Session: 4:30pm by remote participation (see below)

Addendum to Meeting Notice regarding Remote Participation

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the West Newbury Board of Selectmen will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible.

Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town of West Newbury website, at www.wnewbury.org. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner:

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The meeting was called to order at 4:39 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
- ❖ Assistant to Town Manager and Finance Department, Jennifer Walsh

Regular Business

- A. Review of Town Meeting Articles for recommendations.

Chairman David Archibald stated that the purpose of this meeting is to review Articles not yet formally voted by the Board.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Community Preservation Act funds the sum of \$462,857.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance, to support reconstruction of and accessibility improvements to the Page School playground, in conformity with the applications submitted, or take any other action relative thereto. *By request of the Community Preservation Committee.*

Motion was made by Selectman Glenn Kemper, seconded by Selectman Richard Parker to support Special Town Meeting Article 2.

Yes 3, No 0

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$61,087 to fund the fiscal year 2020 snow and ice deficit. *By request of the DPW Director.*

Town Manager Angus Jennings explained that the actual deficit exceeds the amount posted in the warrant due to invoices that were received and paid this week, and a small expense on the current week payroll. The adjusted Snow & Ice deficit is \$64,562, leaving the following options:

1. Propose a motion on Town Meeting floor for an amount greater than stated in the posted warrant.
2. DPW transfers some of the incurred expenses to be paid from a different expense account, so as to reduce the deficit in the Snow & Ice line to the amount in the warrant.

Motion was made by Selectman Glenn Kemper, seconded by Selectman Richard Parker to support Special Town Meeting Article 4 for the posted amount of \$61,087.

Yes 3, No 0

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$14,000 to install picnic tables and benches at the Mill Pond dock area. *By request of the Town Manager*

Chairman David Archibald recognized the great work done by the Bicentennial Committee commending them for staying under budget; however, with the Town's current budgeting concerns, doesn't support this expenditure at this time. Selectmen Parker and Kemper agreed.

Motion was made by Selectman Glenn Kemper, seconded by Selectman Richard Parker to disapprove Special Town Meeting Article 6.

Yes 3, No 0

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.A.2.c. of the West Newbury Zoning Bylaw regarding accessory uses permitted in the Residence A, B, & C Districts, including the keeping of pets and animals for use of the resident premises, and professional home office and customary home occupations.

And further to amend Section 5.A.3. of the West Newbury Zoning Bylaw regarding uses permitted in the Residence A, B & C Districts with a Special Permit, which would modernize terms for old age homes and bring this section into compliance with M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 3.

And further to amend regulations for “Congregate Housing” in Sections 2 and 5.A.3.i. of the West Newbury Zoning Bylaw, which would clarify provisions and eliminate unnecessary restrictions.

And further to amend Section 5.B.1.e.i of the West Newbury Zoning Bylaw, regarding outdoor business-related storage and display as an accessory use permitted in the Business District subject to a site plan approved by the Planning Board.

And further to amend Section 5.B.2. of the West Newbury Zoning Bylaw, regarding uses permitted in the Business District upon a special permit granted by the Planning Board, which would bring this section into compliance with M.G.L. Ch. 40B, Section 3 and clarify provisions related to residential units located in the same buildings as commercial enterprises.

And further to amend Sections 2, 5.A.2.c.iii., 5.A.3.d., and 5.B.2.d. of the West Newbury Zoning Bylaw, which would consolidate and clarify terms used to describe properties having rooms for rent, and define the terms of stay for long-term and short-term rental properties.

By request of the Planning Board.

Motion was made by Selectman Glenn Kemper, seconded by Chairman David Archibald to make no recommendation on Annual Town Meeting Article 24, implementing will of the Town.

Yes 3, No 0

Motion was made by Selectman Glenn Kemper, seconded by Selectman Richard Parker to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Yes 3, No 0

Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Walsh

Approved by Board of Selectmen 2-0 on May 11, 2020