

**APPROVED**

**TOWN OF NEWBURY  
SELECT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**DATE:** March 8, 2022

**PRESENT:** **Select Board:** Chair Alicia Greco; Vice Chair JR Colby; Clerk Geof Walker;  
Mike Doyle; Gerry Heavey

**Staff:**

Tracy Blais, Town Administrator  
Julie O'Brien, Executive Administrator  
Martha Taylor, Town Planner  
John Lucey, Police Chief  
James Sarette, DPW Director

**Speakers:**

Lisa Mead, Town Counsel

**Call to Order:**

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Alicia Greco called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag

**Motion:** G. walker moved to open the meeting seconded, JR Colby and voted unanimously

**Public Comment**

Donald Jarvis, Bradford, MA, former Newbury resident, spoke regarding deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. Described his experience and being wounded while deployed. Awarded the Purple Heart May 2021. Thanked Bill DiMaio and the Board for taking the initiative to declare the town a Purple Heart community

Jack Rybicki, 37 Larkin Road, stated there is Purple Heart Day August 7<sup>th</sup>. Does not feel March 29<sup>th</sup> is appropriate for the date of celebration. Stated should not be rushed under the current circumstances. Mentioned asking Karen Tyler Veteran's Service officer, to provide her opinion regarding the date of celebration. Stated should not be about one particular war. Offered Karen the floor

Karen Tyler, Veteran's Service Officer, acknowledged Bill DiMaio spear headed the initiative. Stated she supported the initiative. Mentioned again the Purple Heart Day in August and provided suggestions for a celebration. Thanked Bill again and Board for moving forward with it

Catherine Londergan, 28 Larkin Road, mentioned the petition, reiterated does not want thru traffic on Larkin Road and feels not being heard. Nothing to gain for Newbury to open the road and it is dangerous. Stated would like a meeting to discuss

Bob Ross, 48 Central Street, discussed the Larkin Road bridge stated no one in the neighborhood has stated wants the bridge. Mentioned the petition. Does not feel adequate amount of back and forth on the matter. Discussed the documents that were signed last week. And felt Ms. Heavey was stone walled when she asked questions. Mentioned traffic study and respects persons who are willing to serve on the Board

## **Board and Committee Reports**

Report of Chair Greco:

Signed PR22-17, Julie O'Brien

Signed VW22-18, Amazon

## **Grants, Gifts & Donations**

(Chapter 44: Section 53A Grants and gifts; acceptance and expenditure)

COA Donation – Friends of the NCOA - \$10,695.00, to be used for new COA space furnishings

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to approve the donation seconded, M. Doyle and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

**Motion:** M. Doyle moved to send a thank you note to the Friends of the NCOA seconded, G. Heavey and voted unanimously

COA Donation – Joyce Duffy - \$10.00

COA Donation – Alan&Mary Fisk - \$5.00

COA Donation – Ray&Avril Merrick - \$5.00

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to approve the donation seconded, G. Walker and voted unanimously

Discussion: Chair Greco confirmed with Cindy Currier, COA Director, that thank you notes are sent for all COA donations

**Public Hearings:** None

## **New Business:**

- Approve Request for Public Property Use – Manter Field, Purple Heart Town Recognition Ceremony, William DiMaio

Discussion: Discussion ensued regarding a tabled motion back on November 23, 2021 regarding a \$400 tax abatement to Newbury Veterans who have earned the Purple Heart. Lisa Mead, Town Counsel, offered to research the topic

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to approve the Public Property request seconded, A. Greco

Discussion: Chair A. Greco asked Mr. DiMaio to speak to his Public Property Use request. Mr. DiMaio addressed the Board and provided details. Discussion ensued between the Board members and Mr. DiMaio

**Motion:** G. Heavey moved to change the date of Mr. DiMaio's Public Property Request Use form from March 29, 2022 to August 7, 2022 seconded, M. Doyle

Chair Greco explained she would pass over the motion as it is not the Boards place to change the information on the submitted Public Property Use Request form

G. Heavey challenged the ruling of the Chair seconded, M. Doyle

Discussion: Further discussion ensued

The Board took a vote regarding G. Heavey's motion to change the event date to August 7, 2022. Two votes in favor; three votes opposed, the motion does not pass

**Motion:** M. Doyle moved to table the request until the next Select Board meeting seconded, G. Heavey

Mr. DiMaio asked permission to address the Board. Stated he would continue with his process to declare Newbury a Purple Heart Town and asked to withdraw his Public Property Use request

**Motion:** A. Greco moved to pass on the Manter Field Public Property request seconded, M. Doyle and voted unanimously

- Approve Business License Renewal – Chanel St. Pierre dba Barkers Barber, 89 Hanover Street Unit 1A, Dog Grooming

**Motion:** M. Doyle moved to approve the seconded, G. Walker and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

- Review and approve Commercial Clam License applications 2022/2023 as listed and read:

ADAMS	KYLE
BENNETT	FRANK E.
BRITZ	PETER
FOLEY	KAILEY
CAMPATELLI	GUS
CASTINE	TIM

**Motion:** M. Doyle moved to approve seconded, JR Colby and voted unanimously

COLBY	BEN
COLBY	CHARLES
COLBY, JR.	CHARLES A.
COLBY	GAVIN
COLBY	LAURA
COLBY	MASON
COLBY	NICHOLAS
COLBY	ROBERT

**Motion:** M. Doyle moved to approve seconded, G. Walker, 4 voted to approve, JR Colby recused

CONLEY	NEAL
DOBSON	LEONARD
DODGE	JAY
DODGE	JOSHUA

ELWELL	DAVID
FOLEY	DOUGLAS
FOURNIER	ZACHARY
FOURNIER	ROBERT A.
HALL	EMMETT
HOYSRADT	FRED
IWANOWICZ	DAN
JANVRIN	JEFFERY
LOJEK	COLE
LOJEK	NEAL
LOJEK	ROSS
MAXON	ALEXANDER
MERROW	NOAH
MORIN	PETER
MORSE	DAVID
NIXON	CODY
NIXON	COREY
NIXON	MICHAEL T.
O'BRIEN	CASEY
PAPOULIAS	WILLIAM L.
RICHARD	SAMUEL
SHORT	JOHN W.
SHORT	WILLIAM J.
THISTLEWOOD	JOHN K. III
THISTLEWOOD	PETER A.
WELCH	JIM
WEST	ROBERT
WEST	RUSSELL
WEST	TIMOTHY
WHITE	THOMAS J.
WOOD	JACOB
WOOD	STEPHEN

**Motion:** M. Doyle moved to approve seconded, G. Walker and voted unanimously

- Review and approve Personnel Manual Policy Updates

**Motion:** M. Doyle moved to approve the updates seconded, JR Colby. Four votes in favor; one vote opposed.  
The motion passes

Discussion: Mark Gleckman spoke as the chair of Human Resource Board and provided an overview of the Personnel Policy and the updates

Mr. Gleckman answered questions from the Board

There was discussion to the changes as they relate to the Town Administrator Act

**Old Business**

Larkin Road:

- Execute Right of Entry Agreement

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to execute the Right of Entry Agreement seconded, G. Walker. Three votes in favor; Two votes opposed. The motion passes

Discussion: Lisa Mead, Town Counsel, provided details regarding the Agreement

Attorney Mead answered questions from the Board

### **Town Administrators Report:**

Discussed a concern that was brought to her attention from the March 1<sup>st</sup> Select Board meeting regarding ARPA funds for the Fire Department command vehicle

### **Correspondence**

Correspondence from MA Division of Marine Fisheries Digging Schedule 2/17 – 2/18  
Correspondence from MA Division of Marine Fisheries Digging Schedule 2/21 – 2/25  
Correspondence from MA Division of Marine Fisheries Digging Schedule 2/24 – 2/25  
Correspondence from MA Division of Marine Fisheries Digging Schedule 2/28 – 3/4  
Correspondence from MA Division of Marine Fisheries Shellfishing Closures  
Letter from Xfinity regarding changes to service  
Correspondence from the MBTA regarding Spring 2022 Service Changes

### **Meeting Updates**

M. Doyle announced the Essex County Veterans met and Newbury's portion of the budget will be \$31, 267

A.Greco recognized annual review of Karen Tyler, Veterans Agent, was filled out and submitted by Selectman Doyle

**Review of Meeting Minutes:** None

### **Warrants**

VW2218A  
PR2216  
VW2218  
RfdJan22

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to approve the signing of the warrants seconded, M. Doyle and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

### **Executive Session:**

None

### **Adjourn**

**Motion:** At 8:20 p.m. moved M. Doyle to adjourn seconded, M. Doyle. and voted unanimously

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie O'Brien  
Executive Administrator