

**TOWN OF NEWBURY
SELECT BOARD**

MINUTES

DATE: April 11, 2023

PRESENT: Select Board: Chair Alicia Greco; Vice Chair JR Colby; Clerk Dana Packer;
Geof Walker; Gerry Heavey

Staff:

Tracy Blais, Town Administrator
Julie O'Brien, Executive Administrator
Martha Taylor, Town Planner
Patty Fisher, Police Chief

Speakers: Attorney Alex Castro, Mead, Talerman and Costa
Megan Sousa, ACO Ipswich

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

Discussion: None

ACO, IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement)

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement second, G. Walker and voted unanimously

Discussion: Tracy Blais provided a background as to how we got to the point of an intermunicipal agreement, explained includes the Towns of Boxford, Rowley, Ipswich, and Newbury. Chief Fisher and Megan Sousa, currently full time ACO with Ipswich, addressed the Board and spoke to the needs of the Town and benefits of having an Intermunicipal Agreement and answered questions.

Executive Session:

A. Greco moved to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, § 21 (a)(3) to review, discuss, and consider the Board's response to the Open Meeting Law complaint against it dated April 2, 2023, filed by Jim Moran, and on file with the Town Clerk, whereas discussion of this matter in open session would have a detrimental effect on the Board's litigating position (and the Chair so declares it) and to reconvene in open session to vote to approve the same

Second: JR Colby

Roll Call Vote:

JR Colby - Yes
Geof Walker - Yes
Gerry Heavey - Yes
Dana Packer - Yes
Alicia Greco - Yes

A. Greco moved to enter into Executive Session Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, § 21(a)(7) to review for approval and release the following executive session minutes in accordance with Chapter 30A, §§ 22(f) and (g) and to reconvene in open session to vote to approve and release said minutes:

- Executive Session held on November 8, 2022. Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, § 21(a)(2) to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; specifically, the Chief of Police.
- Executive Session held on December 6, 2022. Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, § 21(a)(2) to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; specifically, the Police Chief and the Deputy Chief of Police
- Executive Session held on February 28, 2023. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A sec21(a)(2) the Board moves to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining Contract with the Department of Public Works

Second: JR Colby

Roll Call Vote:

JR Colby - Yes
Geof Walker - Yes
Gerry Heavey - Yes
Dana Packer - Yes
Alicia Greco - Yes

The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss and review then entered back into Open Session to vote

Motion: A. Greco moved to approve the response letter provided by Town Counsel

Second: JR Colby

Discussion: None

Vote:

A. Greco - Yes
JR Colby - Yes
G. Walker - Yes
G. Heavey - Opposed
D. Packer - Yes

Motion: A. Greco move to approve and release the November 8, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Second: JR Colby

Discussion: None

Vote:

A. Greco - Yes

JR Colby - Yes

G. Walker - Yes

G. Heavey - Yes

D. Packer - Yes

Motion: A. Greco moved to approve and release the December 6, 2022 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Second: JR Colby

Discussion: None

Vote:

A. Greco - Yes

JR Colby - Yes

G. Walker - Yes

G. Heavey - Yes

D. Packer - Yes

Motion: A. Greco moved to approve and release the February 28, 2023 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Second: JR Colby

Discussion: None

Vote:

A. Greco - Yes

JR Colby - Yes

G. Walker - Yes

G. Heavey - Yes

D. Packer - Yes

Board and Committee Reports

Report of Chair Greco:

Signed PR23-23, Julie O'Brien

Grants, Gifts & Donations

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

COA Donation - June Brogan - \$15.00

Motion: JR Colby moved to accept the COA donation seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted unanimously to accept the donation

COA Donation - Angus Sampson - \$10.00

Motion: JR Colby moved to accept the donation seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted unanimously to accept the donation

Public Hearings: None

New Business:

Surfrider Foundation, Plum Island Beach cleanup, April 23, 2023, Chris Borgatti

Discussion: Chris Borgatti, 1 Elm Street addressed the Board and described the Surfrider Foundation Plum Island beach cleanup project

Approve Public Property Use request, Newburyport Choral Society, banner for concert, Upper Green backstop, April 20 - May 8, 2023

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the Public Property Use request seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted unanimously to approve

Approve Business License renewal: Josette Walker, dba Josette's ADZ & Loom, 173 High Road, General Business

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the Business License renewal seconded, D. Packer

Discussion: None

Vote: A. Greco, JR Colby, D. Packer, G. Heavey voted to approve; G. Walker recused

Review and approve Commercial Clam Permit application, Leonard Dobson, 12 Old Point Road

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the Clam Permit Application seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted unanimously to approve

Approve One Day Liquor Licenses:

- BCAC, 7 Central Street, Parker Wheeler's Blues Party Reunion, April 16, 2023

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the One Day Liquor License seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted unanimously to approve

- **BCAC, 7 Central Street, Idlewild with Greenhead, April 22, 2023**

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the One Day Liquor License seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted unanimously to approve

BCAC, 7 Central Street, Liz Frame and the Kickers, April 23, 2023

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the One Day Liquor License seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted unanimously to approve

BCAC, 7 Central Street, John Fogarty Live, April 28, 2023

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the One Day Liquor License seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Vote: All voted unanimously to approve

BCAC, 7 Central Street, 3 Blocks East Live, April 29, 2023

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the One Day Liquor License seconded G. Walker

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted unanimously to approve

Approve the Recreational Committee, Central Street Recreational and Environmental Resource Area Policy Handbook(Guidelines)

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the Recreational Committee Guidelines seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: David Broll and Mark Sandt with the Recreation Committee addressed the Board, provided a history regarding the creation of the Guidelines and answered questions from the Board. Informed the Board the Guidelines document has been vetted by Town Counsel and approved by the Recreational Committee

Vote: All vote unanimously to approve

Town Administrators Report

Local Finance Commonwealth Fellowship Program

- Jessica Greaney of Rowley will be joining our Finance Team for the months of July and August
- Jessica currently attends Northern Essex Community College and will be working for the towns of Rowley and Newbury as an intern funded through the Commonwealth in partnership with community colleges across the state.

- Fellows undergo an extensive 4-week training conducted by the DLS and then transition to work based learning in the municipality
- Newbury will provide hands on training in core municipal finance concepts including; budgeting, capital planning, cash management/receivables, procurement, financial forecasting, debt management, etc.
- In addition to experiential learning, the primary goal of the fellowship is to allow potential future public servants an opportunity to discover a rewarding career in municipal government.

River Street Closure

- As determined by MassDOT and our engineers
- Currently working on a design/engineering grant proposal and expect it will take approximately a year to have a completed design and be ready to go out to bid.

Plum Island Rest Room Facility Project

- Just opened bids for the plumbing contractor and the progress continues to be made on the project
- DPW Director Sarette reports that the facility will likely be open for part of this season

Old Business

Discuss April 22, 2023 meeting location and time

A. Greco recommended, 12 Kent Way, in the second floor hearing room from 9:00 – 11 :00 a.m.

Motion: JR Colby moved to hold the April 22nd meeting at 12 Kent Way in the second floor hearing room from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted unanimously in favor of place and time

Correspondence

None

Meeting Updates

None

Review of Meeting Minutes

Draft Meeting Minutes 3.28.23

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the Meeting Minutes seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted unanimously to approve the Meeting Minutes

Warrants

PRVW22319

PRVW2318

PRVW2320
VW2320
PR2320

Motion: JR Colby moved to sign the Warrants seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted unanimously to sign

Public Comment:

None

Adjourn

Motion: At 8:37 p.m. JR Colby moved to adjourn, seconded G. Walker

Discussion: None

Vote: All voted unanimously to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Julie O'Brien
Executive Administrator