

**TOWN OF NEWBURY
SELECT BOARD**

MINUTES

DATE: June 28, 2022

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

Staff:

Tracy Blais, Town Administrator
Julie O'Brien, Executive Administrator
Martha Taylor, Town Planning Director

Speakers:

Peter Quimby – Governor's Academy
Jeff Shaw – Context Architecture
Lisa Leger – Coast to Cure

Call to Order:

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

Motion: JR Colby moved to open the meeting seconded D. Packer, and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Public Comment:

Jack Rybicki, 37 Larkin Road, spoke to the three appointments last week for ConCom. Stated Brian Colleran was not reappointed and provided a list of Brian's qualifications. Stated he found it disturbing that he was not reappointed. Hopes the Board will reappoint tonight and also as chair. Does not feel the three that were appointed at the last meeting have the qualifications equivalent to Brian's

Justin Londergan, 38 Larkin Road, conveyed his thanks, gratitude and love to all the residents who supported the petition for Special Town Meeting. Thanked the Select Board, Town Administrator and Town Clerk for excepting the petition and coordinating with them. Mentioned this is a historic moment in the Town

Board and Committee Reports:

- Report of Chair Greco

Signed PR22-25, Julie O'Brien
Signed PR22-25, Select Board

Grants, Gifts & Donations:

- Governor's Academy

Motion: JR Colby moved to accept the Governor's Academy Gift seconded G. Walker, and voted unanimously

Discussion: Peter Quimby of Governor's Academy addressed the Board regarding a donation he would like to make to the Town on the behalf of the Academy. Mentioned an event that will be held in late August at the Academy for which Select Board members will receive invitations for. \$50,000 presented to the Board. Intended for the debt service of the police station however, use is at the judgement of the Select Board

Motion: Jr Colby moved to accept the \$50, 000 donation seconded G. Walker, and voted unanimously

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Motion: A. Greco moved to accept the money as intended to put towards police station debt service seconded JR Colby and voted unanimously

- Shared Streets and Spaces program – Newbury Parker Street Trail Connection

Motion: JR Colby moved to accept the \$200,000 Grant from the Shared Streets and Spaces seconded G. Walker, and voted unanimously

Discussion: Martha Taylor Planning Director, addressed the Board regarding the portions of the trail which need to be completed and answered questions from the Board

Public Hearing: None

New Business:

- Town Hall presentation – Jeff Shaw

Discussion: Jeff Shaw addressed the Board regarding the needs for the Town Hall. Provided a presentation with sketches and renderings and spoke to the slides. Jeff addressed questions from the Board

- Request for Public Property Use, Coast to Cure NF Bike Race

Motion: JR moved to approve the request seconded G. Walker, and voted unanimously

Discussion: Lisa Leger addressed the Board regarding the Coast to Cure bike ride

Business License Renewal, Georgie E. Coulouras, Georgie Porgie's Ice Cream Factory, LLC, dba The Beachfront, 2 Northern Blvd.

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the request seconded G. Walker, and vote unanimously

Discussion: None

- Request for Public Property Use, Backstop Upper Green, Maudsley Art Center

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

- Review, approve and sign FY23 Appointments:

Cultural Council

Robin Lawson – 7/1/22 – 6/30/25

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

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Recreation Committee

David Broll – 7/1/22 -6/30/23

Celine Muldowney – 7/1/22 – 12/31/22

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the appointments seconded G. Walker, Four votes in favor, A.
Greco recused, motion passes

Discussion: Discussion ensued

- **Special Town Meeting Discussion**

Motion: JR Colby moved to hold the Special Town Meeting Thursday, July 14, 2022 at the Newbury Elementary School gymnasium at 7:00 p.m. seconded G. Walker, and voted unanimously

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Old Business:

Town Administrators Report:

Shellfish Constable

- Paul Thistlewood (3/1/15) has agreed to stay on as Newbury's Shellfish Constable
- I have been in contact with the Chairman of the Shellfish Commission and we will be working with Chief Lucey to expand the role of the Assistant Harbormasters to include Shellfish enforcement

Larkin Rd

- In meeting with and hearing from a group of Larkin Rd residents; the Select Board has taken note of the various issues that have been brought to the Town's attention, which include:
 - Speeding
 - Truck traffic
 - Safety of children walking to bus stop
 - Narrow width of roadway
- In addition to recommending a reduction in the speed limit to 25 MPH (mirroring the Georgetown portion of the roadway), the Police Chief has agreed to providing additional patrols in the area for enforcement purposes

Motion: G. Heavey moved to reduce the speed limit to 25 miles per hour on Larkin Road seconded A. Greco, and voted unanimously

- Planning Director, Martha Taylor and I have met with the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission and they have agreed to assist us with:
 - Conducting a traffic analysis which will determine the % of trucks meeting the exclusion criteria

- Based on this data, they will assist us in completing the Heavy Vehicle Exclusion application
- With respect to school bus stop safety, I have had a discussion with Superintendent Forget and he has committed to working with us to ensure student safety in setting the bus routes for the fall once Larkin Rd is reopened; including household pick up for elementary school aged children
- DPW Director James Sarette has advised that the Town owns approximately 10' beyond the paving on each side of the roadway and will be gathering cost information on widening the roadway from 16'-19' up to existing subdivision regulation widths (22').
- Developer expects to be ready for paving 7/18

Grants

- Received \$200,000 from the Shared Streets and Spaces Program for the Parker Street Trail Connection – Thank you to Martha Taylor and her project team
- Received \$20,000 for the support of the permit and license amendment work for the near shore placement of sand on Plum Island

Motion: JR Colby moved to accept the \$20,000 for the support of the permit and license amendment work for the near shore placement of sand on Plum Island seconded G. Walker, and voted unanimously

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Election Reform Bill

On June 22nd, Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law an election reform bill that permanently allows for mail-in voting and in-person early voting for elections, and pushes the voter registration deadline closer to election day

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Correspondence:

- MBTA Summer 2022 Service changes

Meeting Updates:

D. Packer, stated had not attended a Veteran's meeting as of yet however, has spoken with Karen Tyler about increasing disabilities monies

A.Greco reported attending a Fiscal policy committee meeting with the MMA. Topic regarding ARPA monies to distribute to municipalities. A. Greco asked members to reach out to legislatures to ensure monies are provided to municipalities

A.Greco spoke to the success of the first Newbury Town day

Review of Meeting Minutes

- Approve Draft Meeting Minutes 6.14.22

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the draft meeting minutes seconded G. Heavey, and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

- Approve and Release Draft Executive Session Minutes 6.14.22

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the draft executive session minutes seconded, D. Packer, four votes in favor; JR Colby recused, the motion passes

Motion: G. Walker moved to release the executive session minutes seconded D. Packer, four votes in favor; JR Colby recused, the motion passes

Warrants

VW2226
RfdMay22
VW2226A
PR2225
PRVW2225
JunRfd22

Motion: JR Colby moved to sign the warrants seconded, G. Walker and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Executive Session:

None

Adjourn

Motion: At 8:22p.m. JR Colby moved to adjourn seconded G. Walker, and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Respectfully submitted,
Julie O'Brien
Executive Administrator