

**TOWN OF NEWBURY
SELECT BOARD**

MINUTES

DATE: January 10, 2024

PRESENT: **Select Board:** Chair, Alicia Greco; Vice Chair, Bill DiMaio: Clerk, Leslie Matthews; Dana Packer

Staff:

Martha Taylor, Planning Director

Jon Temple, IT Director

Speakers:

Kathy Downey

Nicole Bloor

Call to Order:

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

Public Comment

A. Greco reads to receive oral communications from members of the public. Members of the public may address the Select Board for up to 3 minutes; longer with the permission of the Chairperson. The Select Board shall not engage in discussion on topics raised during public comment but may choose to add the topic to a future agenda. This agenda segment will be limited to 15 minutes unless extended at the discretion of the Chairperson

Kathy Downey of 54 Main Street, Byfield spoke regarding to the town use of rodenticides, specifically second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides. She explains how the bait boxes function and where they are placed outside the Newbury Town Library grounds. She has formed a group called Save Newbury Wildlife to raise awareness and seek alternative. She is asking for two warrants: 1. Non-binding resolution. 2. Home Rule, which they have partnered with Mass Audubon Society to also restrict private land as well.

Nicole Bloor of 13 River Street, Newbury, spoke on researched alternatives to control the rodent population. Including trash management, use of newer technologies such as smart boxes that track where hotspots are, and the use of Contrapest.

Discussion: With approval from Chair, A. Greco, L. Matthews asked where the bait boxes have been found. Kathy Downey responded that there were four boxes located feet away from the children's story walk at the Town Library.

B. DiMaio with approval from Chair A. Greco asks for clarification because it would be banned use of SGARS on private property and will be brought up at Annual Town Meeting but the letter states that it's not available to households but only to contractors and licensed exterminators. Asks if they are going to propose that the Town or Board Of Health has to prohibit contractors from using.

D. Packer asks how this would be enforced and how would we control what people do?

Discussion Ensued

Board and Committee Reports

Report of Chair Greco:

Grants, Gifts & Donations

COA Donation - Jeanette Isabella \$100.00
COA Donation - Alba Gouldthorpe \$10.00
COA Donation - Ray & Avril Merrick \$50.00
COA Donation - Angus & Julie Sampson \$20.00
COA Donation - Josephine Kohan \$30.00
COA Donation - Dennis & Alanna Casey \$25.00
COA Donation - R Deane Stoehr \$100.00
COA Donation - Dianna L Emerson \$50.00

Motion: L. Matthews moved to accept all COA Donation, B. DiMaio seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: Voted Unanimously

Police Department - Allan & Tracy Lamport \$250.00

Motion: B. DiMaio moved to accept Police Department Donation, L. Matthews seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: Voted Unanimously

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

New Business

Town of Newbury Business License Renewals 2024

Angie's Service Inc., at 101 Newburyport Turnpike Units 4-5. Used Car Dealer's License - Class II, to buy and sell second-hand motor vehicles.

Lisa Porter, dba: Seacoast Horse & Pet Sitting at 48 Old Rowley Road. General Business: Animal Care - Dog Boarding/Dog Daycare/Pet Sitting

James R. Motzkin, dba: Newbury Auto Sales Inc., at 60 Newburyport Turnpike. Motor Vehicle Junk License - Class III.

Mohammed Almadani, dba: Ampet Inc. At 34 High Road. General Business: Auto/Marine. Gasoline Sales, Automotive Repair, and Sale of Related Goods.

Mohammed Almadani, dba: Ampet Inc, at 34 High Road. Used Car Dealer's License - Class II. (On-Line Sales Only)

Robin Davies, dba: Parker River Dental at 3 Kent Way. General Business.

Randall Bandoian, Trustee, dba: Olde Newbury Boat CO, at 84 Newburyport Turnpike. Auto/Marine

Randall Bandoian, (Trustee) Offshore Concepts Conservation Trust, dba: U.S. #1 Auto/Marine at 84 Newburyport Turnpike. Used Car Dealer's License - Class II. To buy and sell second-hand motor vehicles.

Anthony Barbiris, dba: A&M Motors, Inc., at 4-6 Newburyport Turnpike. Used Car Dealer's License - Class II.

Alicia Catalano/Brenda Catalano, dba: Music With Alicia, at 89 Hanover Street Unit #1. General Business.

J.R. Colby & Elizabeth Knight (Common Pastures, LLC.) dba: Colby Farm at 50 Scotland Road. Retail Foods/Common Victualer. Crafts/Gifts.

Kendall Bowie, dba: Mad Martha's Island Café at 51 Northern BLVD. Common Victualer. **Hours of operation Tuesday - Sunday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Thursday - Saturday, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.*

Gregg Pugh, dba: Plum Island Beachcoma Restaurant, Inc., at 23 Plum Island BLVD. Common Victualler.

Matthew Kozazcki, dba: Tendercrop Farms, at 108 High Road. Retail Foods/Common Victualler. Crafts/Gifts.

Stephen Andreottola, dba: Steve's Service, Inc., at 52 Main Street. Auto/Marine: Auto Repair and Sale of Related Items

Dawn Deltorchio, dba: High Tail Acres at 120 High Road. Farm Products - Feeds and Related Items.

Jodi Wilkinson, dba: Wilco Marine Restorations at 84 Newburyport Turnpike. Auto/Marine.

Gary Machiros, dba: Angie's Service Inc., at 101 Newburyport Turnpike, Unit 4-5. Auto Repair.

Danvers Butchery, Cheryl Moulton, dba: Newbury Butchery, at 2 Morgan Ave. Common Victualer.

Gary Machiros, dba: Applied Automotive Technology, Inc. at 101 Newburyport Turnpike, Unit 4-5. Auto Repair.

John B. Seamans, dba: Sculpture by Beverly Seamans at 2 Newman Road. General Business.

Risa Schulman, dba: Fig Tree Family Medicine, PLLC, at 76 Newburyport Turnpike. Family Medicine.

Alana L. Matses Dunn, dba: Flippin Out Enterprises at 109 High Road. General, Coach/Consultant.

Linda M. Delande, dba: Sports & Therapeutic Massage at 65 Newburyport Turnpike. General Business - Massage Therapy.

Richard Salmonson, dba: Bridge Road Signs at 9 Graham Ave. General Business.

Pamela Doherty, dba: (The) Beach Dog Daycare at 96 Newburyport Turnpike. Animal Care.

Michelle & Peter Abren, dba: By Coco at 12 Grove Street. Mobile Coffee Trailer.

Douglas Machado, dba: Carnova LLC., at 86 Newburyport Turnpike. Used Car Dealer's License - Class II. To buy and sell second-hand motor vehicles.

Tessa Janvrin, dba: Janvrink at 65 Newburyport Turnpike. Tattoo Shop.

Motion: A. Greco moved to approve all 2024 Business License Renewals, L. Matthews seconded.

Discussion: D. Packer asked if there was significance to hours listed on license for Mad Martha's Café.
A. Greco responded that it must be tied to the license.
Discussion over three business licenses for Gary Machiros.
Discussion Ensued

Vote: Voted Unanimously

FY25 Budget Goals

Discussion: A. Greco says that the Town of Newbury won a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. This award is one of the highest awards that can be received for municipalities in the whole country.

A. Greco states some of the High Priorities and asked for any recommendations.
High Priorities:

- Maintaining the strength of education systems
- Solutions for Capital Planning Buildings
- Road Improvement Program
- Evaluate vulnerabilities as a community with respect to sea level rise
- Adhering to financial goals and objectives

Discussion Ensued

D. Packer recommends we freeze any additional increases to the operating budget until Whittier vote on January 23rd.

Discussion Ensued

A. Greco asks do we still want to continue capital planning solution for our municipal buildings or do we want to rent in perpetuity and never own?

Discussion Ensued

General consensus to continue with our 2024 goals.

Town Administrators Report

None

Old Business

Green Communities Designation Update

Martha Taylor, Planning Director gives an update that the Green Communities Application has been submitted, and that they should have a status update in the next couple of months on the decision.

IT Tech Refresh

Jon Temple, IT Director gives background on the Town's previously authorizing use of a grant for completing an install of a municipal only fiber network. HE states that it is not suitable for the towns needs any longer.

J. Temple requests a reappropriation of that \$150,000 ARPA Funds that was earmarked for that project, that \$100,000 be used for the purpose to replace multiple components of the towns infrastructure and the other

\$50,000 used as the town needs. Discusses, cybersecurity problems, Assessor's software, firewalls (hardware) and control technology.

Motion: A. Greco entertains motion to redirect \$100,000 of ARPA Funds to IT needs. B. DiMaio moves to approve the reappropriation, L. Matthews seconded.

Discussion: L. Matthews asks for clarification on control software.
A. Greco asks if the town will be safer with this equipment.

Vote: Voted Unanimously

Correspondence

Comcast- Ceasing operations of DW Deutsch+ and Z Living Channels

Discussion: None

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts - Commonwealth's Search for Lease Space

Discussion: None

Whittier Regional Vocation Technical School - District-wide Election 1.23.24

Discussion: Letter informs Building Tour January 13th 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and encourages everyone to attend.

Meeting Updates

B. DiMaio: There is no early voting for the Whittier election but there is absentee voting.

L. Matthews: Attended AD Hoc meeting for Council On Aging. COA determining site availability and have a recommendation for what they are seeking.

D. Packer: VSO Mr. Bohn believed to be available once a month to meet with any veterans regarding any issues.

Review of Meeting Minutes

Draft Meeting Minutes 12.12.23

Motion: B. DiMaio moved to approve, D. Packer seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: Voted Unanimously

Draft Meeting Minutes 12.16.23

Motion: B. DiMaio moved to approve, L. Matthews seconded.

Discussion: Wreaths Across America Ceremony.

Vote: Voted Unanimously

Warrants

Rfd Nov 23

PRVW2412

PRSWO11292

PRVW24SWO

VW2412

VW2412A

PRVW2413

PR2412

VW2413A

VW2413

Rfd Dec 20

Motion: A. Greco moved to approve all warrants. L. Matthews seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: Voted Unanimously

Executive Session

Pursuant to Open Meeting Law (Chapter 30A Section 21 (a)(3)) - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares. (Fire Union)

Motion: At 8:57 p.m. a motion was made by A. Greco to enter into Executive Session.

Second: B. DiMaio

A roll call vote was taken:

Leslie Matthews - Yes

Bill DiMaio - Yes

Dana Packer - Yes

Alicia Greco - Yes

The meeting will not reconvene at the conclusion of the executive session.

Adjourn