

**TOWN OF NEWBURY
SELECT BOARD**

MINUTES

DATE: November 8, 2022

PRESENT: **Select Board:** 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
John Lucey, Police Chief
Patty Fisher, Deputy Police Chief
Aaron Wojkowski, Police Detective
Jason DiScipio, Principal Assessor

Speakers:

Call to Order:

At 7:00 p.m. Vice Chair JR Colby called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag

Public Comment

None

Board and Committee Reports

Report of Chair Greco:

PR23-08, Select Board
PR23-08, Julie O'Brien
PR23-09, Julie O'Brien

Grants, Gifts & Donations

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

Formula Grant – COA

Motion: G. Walker moved to accept Formula Grant, seconded D. Packer and voted unanimously

Discussion: A brief description was provided as to the Formula Grant

Public Hearings: 7:15 p.m. Tax Classification

Motion: JR Colby moved to open the Public Hearing and asked for a roll call vote

G. Heavey - Yes

G. Walker - Yes

D. Packer - Yes

JR Colby - Yes

Discussion: D. Packer read the Legal ad into record. Jason DiScipio, Principal Assessor spoke to the Tax Classification and reviewed the information which was included in the Boards packets

Motion: JR Colby moved to retain the uniform Tax rate for fiscal year 2023 residential factor of 1, sign LA5 and authorize the Town Administrator to sign LA5 on DOR via the gateway system seconded, G. Walker and voted unanimously

New Business:

Declaration Surplus: Police Department

- 2012 Ford Explorer (white)

Motion: G. Walker moved to declare the 2012 Ford Explorer surplus seconded, D. Packer and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Review, approve and sign FY23 Appointment:

Jack Kelly, Zoning Board of Appeals – term end date 6/30/23

Motion: G. Walker moved to accept appointment seconded, D. Packer and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Local Historical District Study Committee:

- Lon Hachmeister
- Robin Etheridge
- Madison Vlass
- Elizabeth Paglia
- Joy Michaud

Motion: G. Walker moved to appoint all to the Local Historical District Study Committee seconded, D. Packer and voted unanimously

Discussion: Robin Etheridge spoke to the matter and answered questions

Aaron Wojkowski, Deputy Police Chief appointment

Discussion: Patty Fisher, Deputy Police Chief, spoke to the appointment. Offered an official recommendation of Aaron Wojkowski to Deputy Chief

Mr. Wojkowski to approach the Board and answered questions

Motion: G. Walker moved to move to appoint Aaron Wojkowski as Deputy Police Chief seconded, D. Packer and voted unanimously

Motion: G. Walker moved to direct the Town Administrator to enter into contract negotiations with Aaron Wojkowski seconded, D. Packer and voted unanimously

One Day Liquor License – BCAC, Tribute Band, Nov. 19, 2022

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the One Day Liquor License seconded. Packer and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

One Day Liquor License – BCAC, Tribute Band, Dec. 10, 2022

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the One Day Liquor License seconded, D. Packer and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Sign Liquor License – Wyatt's Market

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve signing of the Liquor License for 2022 seconded, D. Packer and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Town Administrators Report

FY 2022 Annual Audit is underway

Interviews

- Assistant Town Accountant Lillian Craig has accepted the Town Accountant job upon Eileen DeVeau's retirement (June 30, 2023)

CBA Negotiations have begun with the Teamsters Local 170 (Department of Public Works)

Shellfish Constable Appointment

- Chief Lucey has agreed to be our Shellfish Constable

Larkin Rd Dam Removal

- Newbury has partnered with:
 - MA Fish & Game Division of Ecological Restoration
 - MA Division of Marine Fisheries
 - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Restoration Center
 - US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Gomez & Sullivan Project Engineers
- Received a grant of \$70,000, will need the Boards vote to accept

Motion: G. Walker moved to accept the grant seconded, D. Packer and voted unanimously

- Dam to be removed because:
 - Deteriorating condition
 - Inefficient fish passage structure
 - Eliminate maintenance and repair obligations
 - Restore passage for diadromous fish species (river herring)
 - Improve water quality, aquatic habitat and natural riverine processes
- Currently in the Data Collection and Analyses Phase
- Estimated project cost \$1.5M (Newbury's share \$40,000)
- Estimated construction date Fall 2024

COA Van RFP is complete

Regional ACO Proposal

- Attended a meeting with Chief Fisher to discuss the possibility of regionalizing our ACO services with the communities of Ipswich, Rowley and Boxford with Ipswich being the host community

Old Business

None

Correspondence

National Grid announcement

Letter from Xfinity regarding programming changes

Meeting Updates

None

Review of Meeting Minutes

Draft Meeting Minutes 10.25.22

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

Discussion: None

Warrants

PR2307

PRVW2309

PRVW2308

VW2309

SeptRfd22

OctRfd22

PR2308

Motion: G. Walker moved to sign the Warrants seconded, D. Packer and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Executive Session:

Motion: At 7:35 p.m. a motion was made by D. Packer,
Pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, § 21(a)(2) to conduct contract negotiations with
nonunion personnel; specifically, the Chief of Police.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Meeting will not reconvene at the conclusion of the Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,
Julie O'Brien
Executive Administrator