

**TOWN OF NEWBURY
SELECT BOARD**

MINUTES

DATE: October 11, 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
John Lucey, Police Chief
Patty Fisher, Deputy Police Chief

Speakers:

Call to Order:

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

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

Discussion: None

Public Comment

Bill DiMaio, Orchard Street, spoke to a citizens petition he submitted to add an Article for Annual town meeting. Explained had to do with adding an additional real estate exemption to tax payers who are disabled veterans or Purple Heart recipients. Acknowledged this topic was something Select Board member Gerry Heavey had brought up previously. Spoke to the amount of Newbury residents who would qualify for the exemption. Asked to retract the Petition as the Town Administrator and Select Board Clerk, Dana Packer are currently working on this project. Proposed to provide the research and package he acquired for their use and offer his assistance.

D. Packer responded would certainly put Bill on Board and spoke to the reason why he would prefer this project to come through the Town rather than a citizen's petition.

Board and Committee Reports

Report of Chair Greco:

Signed VW23-07, Amazon
Signed VW23-08, North of Boston
Signed PR23-07, Julie O'Brien

Grants, Gifts & Donations

None

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

Public Hearings:

None

New Business:

Approve FY23 Appointments:

Courtney Boudrow – Recreation Committee 1 year term

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

Discussion: Courtney Boudrow addressed the Board

Paul Thistlewood – Shellfish License 2022

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the license seconded D. Packer and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Karen Barry – Election Worker 10-11-22 to 12-31-2022

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

Discussion: None

Sign Warrant for 2022 State Election

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

Discussion: None

Town Administrators Report

ARPA Fund Requests

Library Generator Proposal - \$80,000

- Library is a polling location for precinct 2
- Library could serve as a safe site for cooling/heating for residents
- All Covid funds must be committed to projects by Dec 31, 2024 and expended by Dec 31, 2026

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the ARPA funding request seconded, D. Packer and vote unanimously

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Tree Hearing 10/31/22 at 7pm (trimming & removal)

Newbury observing Trick or Treat on Monday, October 31st (5:30pm – 7:30pm)

Household Hazardous Waste Day

- The Board of Health is sponsoring a HHW day on Saturday, October 15th from 9am to 1pm at the Newbury Elementary School at 63 Hanover St.
- Accepting oil based paints (NO latex paints) varnishes, pesticides, pool chemicals, gasoline and other household hazardous chemicals
- Cost for Newbury residents are \$25 for up to 10 gallons/lbs or \$40 for up to 25 gallons/lbs
- Non-residents may attend from 12-1:00pm and will pay the full \$60 fee
- You may prepay/preregister at the Newbury Health Department Office located at 12 Kent Way, Mon, Wed & Thurs 12-4 and Tuesday from 12-7

COA

- Plans are underway for an open house on 10/18 from 2-6pm

Received the retirement resignation of the Chief of Police John Lucey

Discussion: Chief Lucey spoke to the Board and the residents.

JR Colby confirmed the succession plan would appear on the next Select Board Agenda

Old Business

None

Correspondence

None

Meeting Updates

G. Heavey spoke to the DCC meeting she attended along with Selectman Walker. Superintendent Forget provided the following updates:

- Currently no masks or Covid restrictions at the schools
- Working on the loses of education due to covid, MCAS scores etc.
- free kindergarten for the first time
- bus drivers and janitors, support staff needed
- Budget was discussed.
- Triton has received permission to produce Disney's Frozen

Review of Meeting Minutes

Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes 9.27.22

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the Meeting Minutes seconded G. Heavey, three votes in favor, one vote abstained, the motion passes

Discussion: None

Warrants

PR2305

PR2306

VW2307A

PRVW2307

VW2307

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

Discussion: None

Executive Session:

None

Adjourn

Motion: At 7:20 p.m. G. Walker moved to adjourn seconded G. Heavey, and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Respectfully submitted,
Julie O'Brien
Executive Administrator