

**TOWN OF NEWBURY  
SELECT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**DATE:** October 25, 2022

**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  
John Lucey, Police Chief  
Patty Fisher, Deputy Police Chief  
Doug Janvrin, Fire Chief

**Speakers:**

Michael Kennefick, Mead, Talerman & Costa  
Doug Deschenes, Finneran & Nicholson

**Call to Order:**

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

**Motion:** G. Heavey moved to open the meeting, seconded D. Packer and voted unanimously

**Discussion:** None

**Public Comment**

Mr. Williams, mentioned the aggregation of electricity for the Town. Indicated, likely have already heard about this. Stated discussed with Lenny Mira and Senator Tarr for years regarding the supply issue. Feels aggregation route a good idea. Not sure how a small Town like Newbury can handle but feels something that should be considered

Bill DiMaio, 12 Orchard St., announced the 10:00 a.m. meet the Chief's breakfast event, at the COA on October 26, 2022. Also, the Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> COA hosting a Veterans Breakfast at 10:00 a.m. spouses are welcome. Hoping Karen Tyler will assist by sending out invitations. Regardless will contact as many people as possible. Reservations should be made

**Board and Committee Reports**

**Report of Chair Greco:** None

**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 and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

COA donation, Ann Tucker - \$15.00

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to accept the COA donation seconded, G. Walker and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

COA donation, Nancy Story – \$8.00

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to accept the COA donation seconded, G. Walker and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Mass Trails Grant, Newbury Parker Street Trail Connection

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to accept the Mass Trails Grant seconded, G. Walker and voted unanimously

Discussion: Martha Taylor, Planning Director, addressed the Board and provided details and information regarding the Grant

Fire Department Grant

**Motion:** G. Heavey moved to accept the Fire Department Grant seconded, G. Walker and voted unanimously

Discussion: Chief Janvrin addressed the Board and answered questions from the Board

**Public Hearings: 7:15** Special Permit Application continuation, Marsh Meadow Lane

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

**Motion:** A. Greco moved to continue the public hearing to a date certain 11/7/22 7:00 p.m., seconded, JR Colby and voted unanimously

Discussion: Attorney Kennefick spoke to the Board would like to continue the hearing for two weeks allow time to review the amendment. Also allow residents to provide comments regarding the Amendment

Attorney Doug Deschenes applicant attorney spoke to the Board

**New Business:**

One Day Liquor License – BCAC event November 5, 2022

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

Discussion: None

Chief of Police Succession Plan

**Motion:** JR Colby move to appoint Patty Fisher as Police Chief seconded, G. Walker and voted unanimously

**Motion:** A. Greco moved to direct the Town Administrator to enter into contract negotiations with Deputy Chief Patty Fisher seconded, JR Colby and voted unanimously

**Discussion:** Chief Lucey addressed the Board, referred to his letter presented in the packet regarding a Succession Plan and entertained questions from the Board

**Motion:** G. Heavey moved to have Town Counsel research if a succession plan violates civil rights law of 1964. There was no second to the motion

Deputy Chief Fisher addressed the Board and thanked them for their support

### **Town Administrators Report**

- **FY 2022 Annual Audit is underway**
- **National Grid Fleet Advisory Services Program**  
Customized fleet assessment report that will include the cost and emissions analysis needed to help inform our decisions when considering shifting from internal combustion vehicles to electric vehicles
- **EV Benefits include:**
  - 3x more efficient in terms of fueling costs
  - Operations and maintenance costs are 20-60% lower
  - No tailpipe emissions
  - No noise pollution
- **Newbury observing Trick or Treat on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> (5:30pm – 7:30pm)**
- **Received the resignation Fish Commissioner, Peter Fotino, effective on 10/20/22**

### **Old Business**

None

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Meeting Updates**

D. Packer mentioned expects on next Annual Town Meeting warrant there will be an article that will increase disabled Veterans exemption from property taxes. Explained the Select Board will need to vote to approve before it goes before the citizens of Newbury at ATM. Also mentioned he is trying to have State increase what they give to the Town which will take State legislation.

D. Packer mentioned Municipal Building Committee an advisor. Likes the openness of the committee, feels meetings are going well. Encouraged others to attend

A.Greco fiscal policy committee, voted a guidance to give the BOD at the MMA. Mentioned Aid for rural schools There is an annual convention in January. Meeting of the finance committee (MMA) in person

### **Review of Meeting Minutes**

**Approve Select Board Meeting Minutes 10.11.22**

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

**Discussion:** None

**Warrants**

VW2308

VW2308A

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

**Discussion:**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Executive Session:**

None

**Adjourn**

**Motion:** At 8:02 p.m. JR Colby moved to adjourn, seconded, G. Walker and voted unanimously

**Discussion:** None

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie O'Brien  
Executive Administrator