

APPROVED

**TOWN OF NEWBURY
SELECT BOARD**

MINUTES

DATE: February 8, 2022

PRESENT: **Select Board:** Chair Alicia Greco; Vice Chair JR Colby; Clerk Geof Walker;
Mike Doyle; Gerry Heavey(participated remotely)

Staff:

Tracy Blais, Town Administrator
Julie O'Brien, Executive Administrator
John Lucey, Chief of Police
Martha Taylor, Planning Director

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 G. Walker

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes
Michael Doyle - Yes
Gerry Heavey - Yes
Geof Walker – Yes
JR Colby - Yes

Public Comment:

None

Board and Committee Reports:

Report of Chair Greco:

Signed PR22-15, Julie O'Brien
Signed VW22-16, Amazon
Signed VW22-16, Staples

Grants, Gifts & Donations: None

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

Public Hearings:

In accordance with Chapter 138, Section 12 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Notice is hereby given that the Newbury Select Board, acting as the Licensing Authority of the Town of Newbury, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. at Newbury Municipal Offices, 12 Kent Way, Byfield, MA, 01922, for an Application of The Plum Island Beachcoma, 23 Plum Island Blvd., Newbury, MA 01951, for an amendment to their Alcoholic Beverages Retail License: Alteration of Premises. Said alteration described as an outdoor seating request.

Motion: M. Doyle moved to open Public Hearing seconded, G. Walker

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes
Michael Doyle - Yes
Gerry Heavey - Yes
Geof Walker – Yes
JR Colby - Yes

Discussion: Cathy Hallisey 10 4th St., addressed the Board regarding the outdoor seating request

A.Greco confirmed green cards from certified mailing to abutters and tear sheet from the Daily News legal ad have been received

A.Greco read an abutters letter from Stephen and Mariann Porter, 20 Plum Island Blvd., in support of the outdoor seating request

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Motion: G. Walker moved to close Public Hearing seconded, M. Doyle

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes
Michael Doyle - Yes
Gerry Heavey - Yes
Geof Walker – Yes
JR Colby – Yes

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the request for Alteration of Premises seconded, M. Doyle

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes
Michael Doyle - Yes
Gerry Heavey - Yes

Geof Walker – Yes

JR Colby - Yes

New Business:

Town of Newbury Business License Renewals 2022:

Michael/Kate Duffield dba Newbury Kayak and Canoe, 291 High Road, General Business: Sale of kayaks, canoes and related items

Motion: Jr Colby moved to approve the Business License as read seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes

Michael Doyle - Yes

Gerry Heavey - Yes

Geof Walker – Yes

JR Colby - Yes

Narayan Patel dba BGS Variety, 6D Fruit Street, Common Victualler

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the business license as read seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes

Michael Doyle - Yes

Gerry Heavey - Yes

Geof Walker – Yes

JR Colby - Yes

Request for Public Property Use, Yukan Sports, Road Race, Sunday, June 12, 2022

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the Public Property Use request, Road Race, June 12, 2022 seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: A. Greco read an email from applicant Rich Morrell which provided details of the race

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes

Michael Doyle - Yes

Gerry Heavey - Yes

Geof Walker – Yes

JR Colby - Yes

Request for Public Property Use, Yukan Sports, 5k Road Race, April 10th, July 10th and September 11th, 2022

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the Public Property Use request seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes

Michael Doyle - Yes

Gerry Heavey - Yes

Geof Walker – Yes

JR Colby - Yes

Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment for Spring 2022 Annual Town Meeting – Wireless Communications Facilities; Planning Board Request to Submit Proposed Amendments to Planning Board for Public Hearing, in accordance with MGL Chapter 40A, Section 5

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve sending the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment to Planning Board for Public Hearing, in accordance with the MGL Chapter 40A, Section 5 seconded, M. Doyle

Discussion: M. Taylor, Planning Director, provided details and reviewed the changes to the Bylaw. Stated March 2nd as the tentative planning board hearing date

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes

Michael Doyle - Yes

Gerry Heavey - Yes

Geof Walker – Yes

JR Colby - Yes

Vote to set May 10, 2022 Town Election voting hours 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion: M. Doyle moved to approve to set the May 10, 2022 Town Election voting hours to 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes

Michael Doyle - Yes

Gerry Heavey - Yes

Geof Walker – Yes

JR Colby - Yes

Annual Town Meeting – April 26, 2022 at Newbury Elementary School

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the April 26, 2022 date for the Annual Town Meeting to be held at the Newbury Elementary School seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes
Michael Doyle - Yes
Gerry Heavey - Yes
Geof Walker – Yes
JR Colby - Yes

Old Business:

None

Town Administrator Report:

- Senator Tarr communicated that the Town of Newbury will be receiving \$15,493.66 (ice rescue gear) from the FY22 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program, which the Select Board approved at their January 25, 2022 meeting. Also, the Town will be receiving a Structural Turn out gear grant of \$40,000
- Plum Island Bathroom waiver has been granted
- **ARPA Fund Requests**
 - Issuance of the final rule will simplify the process for municipalities; in addition, it will:
 - Allow us to claim the entire \$2.1M of our Fiscal Recovery Grant award under the Revenue Loss Category (up to \$10M)
 - Allow us to use these funds for any General Government Services:
 - Construction
 - Road building
 - Maintenance
 - Health services
 - General Government Administration
 - Public safety services (including the purchase of vehicles)
 - Director of Public Health has requested \$290,375 be encumbered for PPE, Contact Tracing, Etc.

Motion: A. Greco moved to approve the Director of Public Health Request seconded, M. Doyle

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes
Michael Doyle - Yes

Gerry Heavey - Yes

Geof Walker – Yes

JR Colby - Yes

- The DPW Director is requesting \$200,000 for the completion of the Plum Island Bathroom Project

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the DPW Director request seconded, JR Colby

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes

Michael Doyle - Yes

Gerry Heavey - Yes

Geof Walker – Yes

JR Colby - Yes

- The Police Chief is requesting \$42,000 for the replacement of a 2014 Administrative Cruiser and \$30,000 for the replacement of the 2009 Ford F250 Shellfish Constable Patrol Vehicle

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the Police Chief request seconded, JR Colby

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes

Michael Doyle - Yes

Gerry Heavey - Yes

Geof Walker – Yes

JR Colby - Yes

- All Covid funds must be committed to projects by Dec 31, 2024 and expended by Dec 31, 2026

- **Governor Baker Files Budget**

- On Jan 26th, Governor Charlie Baker filed his FY23 budget
- Appropriations in the proposal total \$48.5 billion, a 2.6 percent increase from FY22
- Did not include any additional funding for Chapter 90 but remains flat as it has since 2012
- The House takes up the budget in April

- **Nearshore Placement of Sand from the Piscataqua River**

- Over 60,000 cubic yards of sand have been placed in the Newbury nearshore site to date
- The Time of Year restriction has been requested on our current permit be modified – ours currently is restricted as of 3/15/22-- to coincide with the FNP TOY permit of April 15
- This will allow for the maximum permitted volume of sand to be placed into each site (Newbury & Salisbury), continuing to provide for the beneficial use of this valuable resource.
- No more than 500,000 cu yds in both sites

Correspondence:

Letter from Xfinity regarding channel changes

Commonwealth of Mass Division of Fisheries letter dated January 28, 2022

Commonwealth of Mass Division of Fisheries letter dated January 31, 2022

Notice from Division of Marine Fisheries, January 26, 2022

MBTA Proposed Fare Changes

Meeting Updates:

G. Heavey requested a Covid update from Chief Lucey

Chief Lucey reported current numbers last reported from Mass dph, 53 new cases for period of January 13th thru February 4th. Overall in the State, new cases, about half a percent

A.Greco reported as of today the Town lifted the mask mandate

M. Doyle reported attended the webinar for Mass Municipal Law. Recommends the Board to watch

A.Greco attended DCC meeting currently going thru their budgeting process

Review of Meeting Minutes

Approve Draft Meeting Minutes, January 25, 2022

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the 1.25.22 draft meeting minutes seconded, M. Doyle

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes

Michael Doyle - Yes

Gerry Heavey - Yes

Geof Walker – Yes

JR Colby - Yes

Warrants

Motion: JR Colby moved to sign the Warrants seconded, M. Doyle

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes

Michael Doyle - Yes

Gerry Heavey - Yes

Geof Walker – Yes

JR Colby - Yes

Executive Session: None

Adjourn

Motion: At 7:41 p.m. JR Colby moved to adjourn seconded, M. Doyle

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes

Michael Doyle - Yes

Gerry Heavey - Yes

Geof Walker – Yes

JR Colby - Yes

Respectfully submitted,
Julie O'Brien
Executive Administrator