

**TOWN OF NEWBURY  
SELECT BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**DATE:** March 16, 2023

**PRESENT:** **Select Board:** Chair Alicia Greco; Vice Chair JR Colby; Clerk Dana Packer;  
Geof Walker; Gerry Heavey

**Staff:**

Tracy Blais, Town Administrator  
Martha Taylor, Town Planner  
Patty Fisher, Police Chief

**Speakers:** Dave Hill, Byfield Community Arts Center

**Call to Order:**

At 6:00 p.m. Chair Alicia Greco called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag

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

Discussion: None

**Public Comment**

None

**Board and Committee Reports**

Report of Chair Greco:

Signed PR23-17, Julie O'Brien  
Signed PR23-18, Julie O'Brien  
Signed PR23-18, Select Board

**Grants, Gifts & Donations**

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

- COA Donation - Bill and Gerry DiMaio, \$500

**Motion:** D. Packer moved to accept the donation seconded, G. Heavey

Discussion: None

Vote: Voted unanimously to accept

**Public Hearings:** None

**New Business:**

Dave Hill, new president of the Byfield Community Arts Center

Discussion: Dave Hill, the new President of the BCAC introduced himself, provided his background and answered questions from the Select Board

Business License Renewal, new owner, James Bradshaw dba Plum Island Provisions, 29 Plum Island Blvd, Common Victualler

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to approve the business license renewal seconded, D. Packer

Discussion: New owners, James and Danielle addressed the Board and provided their background

Vote: Voted unanimously to approve

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

**Motion:** G. Walker moved to approve the business license renewal seconded, D. Packer

Discussion: None

Vote: JR Colby, G. Heavey, G. Walker, D. Packer approve; A. Greco recused

Public Property Use request, Rich Morrell, Yukan Sports, Half Marathon Road Race, October 15, 2023

Public Property Use request, Rich Morrell, Yukan Sports, 5K road race, April 16, July 16, and October 1, 2023

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to approve both Public Property Use requests seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: Rich Morrell addressed the Board and provided a history of the event

Vote: Voted unanimously to approve

Public Property Use request, Michelle Abren, Byfield Coffee Company, by CoCo, Manter Fields parking area, March 15 - December 1, 2023

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

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Vote: Voted unanimously to approve

Public Property Use request, Byfield Newbury Baseball Softball League, Upper Green Field, April 15 - June 15, 2023, M-F 4:00 p.m. thru 8:00 p.m.

Public Property Use request, Byfield Newbury Baseball Softball League, Pearson Field, April 15 - September 30, 2023, M-F 8:00 a.m. thru 8:00 p.m.

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to approve the Public Property Use requests seconded, D. Packer

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Vote: Voted unanimously to approve

April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting locations and time

**The** April 15, 2023 Town Hall project meeting will be held at 12 Kent Way in the second floor hearing room time to be determined at March 28<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting. The April 22, 2023 meeting place and time will also be determined at the March 28<sup>th</sup> Select Board meeting

Override ballot Language

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to approve the override ballot language seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Vote: JR Colby, A. Greco, G. Walker, D. Packer approve; G. Heavey opposed

Warrant Approval

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to approve the Warrant seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: Discussion ensued

Vote: Jr Colby, A. Greco, G. Walker D. Packer approve; G. Heavey opposed

### **Town Administrators Report**

- Reiterated with exception of the Police Station debt service, we have completely paid off Newbury's debt to date
- Notified earmarked \$250,000 grant for the design work of the section of the Boarder to Boston board walk trail

**Motion:** JR Colby moved to accept the grant for the design of the section of the Boarder to Boston board walk trail seconded, G. Walker

Discussion: Martha Taylor, Planning Director provided information

Vote: Voted unanimously to accept

- Request from Recreation Committee \$26,000 ARPA funds for comprehensive plan for the of the Central Street playing field recreation area

**Motion:** D. Packer moved to approve the \$26,000 ARPA for the comprehensive plan seconded, JR Colby

Discussion:

G. Heavey inquired regarding the balance of the ARPA Funds. Tracy Blais responded as of right now there is approximately \$28,000 left in ARPA funds

G. Heavey inquired if the Rec Committee had money in their budget to fund this. Tracy Blais replied that money is to maintain the field areas

D. Packer inquired if this plan is for a playground

Vote: JR Colby, G. Walker, D. Packer, A. Greco approve; G. Heavey opposed

### **Old Business**

None

### **Correspondence**

None

### **Meeting Updates**

A. Greco reported she will be attending a March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting at Triton regarding Chapter 70 monies

It was reported Newbury Town Day committee will provide a presentation regarding this year's event, August 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Annual Town Meeting

D. Packer, volunteered to work with sports activities. Working with Brian Forget. Also, discussed model airplane jets activity

### **Review of Meeting Minutes**

Draft Meeting Minutes Feb.28, 2023

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

Discussion: None

Vote: Voted unanimously to approve

### **Warrants**

PR2316

VW2318

PRVW2316

PRVW2315

PRVW2317

PR2317

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

Discussion: None

Vote: Voted unanimously to sign

### **Executive Session:**

None

## **Adjourn**

**Motion:** At 7:48 p.m. JR Colby moved to adjourn, seconded G. Walker and voted unanimously

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie O'Brien  
Executive Administrator