

**TOWN OF NEWBURY
SELECT BOARD**

MINUTES

DATE: April 12, 2022

PRESENT: **Select Board:** Chair Alicia Greco; Vice Chair JR Colby; Clerk Geof Walker;
Mike Doyle;

Staff:

Tracy Blais, Town Administrator
Julie O'Brien, Executive Administrator
Martha Taylor, Town Planner
Patty Fisher, Deputy Police Chief

Speakers: Attorney Nancy McCann

Call to Order:

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

Motion: M. Doyle moved to open the meeting, seconded G. Walker and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Public Comment

Justin Londergan, 38 Larkin Road, discussed safety concerns regarding opening Larkin Road to thru traffic. Expressed the letters from Georgetown in the Select Board packet are mis informed. Stated he hoped Georgetown letters have no bearing on the Town Meeting vote. Read a letter from 9/27/21 from the Georgetown Select Board Chair. Asked Newbury to stop deferring to Georgetown and listen to its own citizens

Dave Maida, 61 Larkin Road, stated supports what Justin said. Expressed thanks to the Newbury Town Officials for meeting with him. Was disappointed in the letters from Georgetown. Stated emergency vehicles have never had access as was a 5-ton bridge

Board and Committee Reports

Report of Chairman Greco:

Signed PR22-19, Julie O'Brien

Grants, Gifts & Donations

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

- Commonwealth of Mass Grant – Newbury Fire Department - \$2,305.40, Automated External Defibrillator Equipment

Motion: G. Walker moved to accept the Defibrillator seconded M. Doyle, and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

COA Donation – Ann Tucker - \$300.00

Motion: G. Walker moved to accept the donation seconded, M. Doyle and voted unanimously

- COA Donation – Angus&Julia Sampson – \$5.00

Motion: G. Walker moved to accept donation seconded, M. Doyle and voted unanimously

- COA Donation – Eleanor Taylor – \$25.00

Motion: G. Walker moved to accept the donation seconded, M. Doyle and voted unanimously

- COA Donation - June Brogan - \$30.00

Motion: G.Walker moved to accept the donation seconded, M. Doyle and voted unanimously

- Newbury Police Department Donation – Alfred&Sandra Bellows - \$150.00

Motion: G. Walker moved to accept the Police Department donation seconded M. Doyle, and voted unanimously

Motion: A. Greco moved to send the Bellows a thank you note seconded, M. Doyle and voted unanimously

Motion: M. Doyle moved to send a thank you note to Ann Tucker seconded. G. Walker and voted unanimously

Public Hearings:

7:15 p.m. Dog Nuisance/Dangerous Hearing – Owner: James Pearson, dog Epic

Motion: G. Walker moved to continue the public hearing until May 24, 2022 pursuant to Mr. Pearson's Counsel's request seconded M. Doyle, and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

New Business:

- Request for Public Property Use – Byfield Coffee Company, Manter Field parking lot

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the request seconded M. Doyle, and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

- Business License Renewal – Leslie Mathews, Dragonfly Hill dba LDM Collectibles, 111 Main Street, Crafts, Gifts, Antiques, 2nd Hand Articles

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the renewal seconded M. Doyle and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

- Business License Renewal – Donald Walton dba Walton’s Auto Lab, 78 Hanover Street, Auto/Marine

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the renewal seconded M. Doyle and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

- Commercial Clam Permit application – Nathan Walker, 173 High Road, Newbury

Motion: JR Colby moved to approve the application seconded M. Doyle, and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

- Approve Appointment Election worker for 2022: Marguerite Flanagan, Term 4-12-2022 to 12-31-2022

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the appointment seconded M. Doyle, and voted unanimously

- Surplus Declaration DPW:
 - 2012 F250 Utility Body
 - 2011 Ford F350 one-ton dump truck
 - 1998 giant vac leaf loader
 - 2013 John Deere Z track lawn mower

Motion: G. Walker moved to declare the above DPW equipment surplus seconded M. Doyle, and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

- Police Department:
 - 2013 Ford Taurus

Motion: G. Walker moved to declare the above Police Dept. vehicle surplus seconded M. Doyle and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Town Administrators Report

ARPA fund requests

- Newbury Town Day - \$5,000

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the funding request seconded, M. Doyle and voted unanimously

- Newbury Administration & Finance - \$50,000

Motion: G. Walker moved to approve the funding request seconded, M. Doyle and voted unanimously

Municipal Small Bridge Program

- DPW Director submitted grant application for the Central Street Bridge
- Engineering costs estimated at \$177,000

COA

- Lease has been executed
- June occupancy expected

Hazardous Waste Collection Day

- Working with for MADEP, for periodic collection of hazard waste, looking to regionalize
- BOH applied for grant funding

Old Business

- Execute Amendment to Intermunicipal Agreement

Motion: JR Colby moved to sign the Amendment seconded G. Walker, three votes in favor; one vote opposed; the motion passes

Discussion: Nancy McCann Attorney for the Contractor spoke regarding the Amendment and answered questions from the Board

Correspondence

- Letter from the Commonwealth of Mass regarding Town of Newbury selected to participate in the Municipal Cybersecurity Awareness Grant program
- Letter from the Georgetown Town Administrator regarding Larkin Road
- Letter from Georgetown Fire Dept. regarding Larkin Road
- Letter Commonwealth of Mass regarding target climate goals for 2050
- Correspondence Division of Marine Fisheries dated March 20, March 22 and March 31, 2022 regarding Shellfish Digging Schedule
- Correspondence Commonwealth of Mass dated March 20, March 24 and March 25 2022 regarding Shellfishing closures

Meeting Updates

None

Review of Meeting Minutes

- Approve Draft Meeting Minutes 3.22.22

Motion: M. Doyle moved to approve the draft minutes seconded G. Walker and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Warrants

PRVW2219
VW2220
RfdFeb22
PRVW2220
PR2218

Motion: G. Walker moved to sign the Warrants seconded M. Doyle and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Executive Session:

JR Colby moved that the Select Board enter into executive session pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, § 21(a)(7) to review for release the following executive session minutes in accordance with Chapter 30A, §§ 22(f) and (g) and to reconvene in open session to vote to release said minutes:

Executive session on January 11, 2022 pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 30A, § 21 (a)(3) to review, discuss, and consider the Board's response to the Open Meeting Law complaint against it dated January 4, 2022, filed by William DiMaio, and on file with the Town Clerk, whereas discussion of this matter in open session would have had a detrimental effect on the Board's litigating position seconded, G. Walker

Roll call vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes
JR Colby – Yes
Geof Walker – Yes
Michael Doyle – Yes

The Board proceeded to enter into Executive Session to review then returned to open session to vote

Motion: JR Colby moved to release the January 11, 2022 Executive Session minutes seconded, G. Walker

Roll call vote:

Alicia Greco – Yes
JR Colby – Yes
Geof Walker – Yes
Michael Doyle – Yes

Adjourn

Motion: At 7:34 p.m. JR Colby moved to adjourn, seconded G. Walker and voted unanimously

Discussion: None

Respectfully submitted,
Julie O'Brien
Executive Administrator