

**Newport Selectboard
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2024 @ 5:30 PM**

Present:

Town Manager, Jim Ricker

Deputy Clerk, Kathleen Kemp

Selectboard: Chair Donna Berry, Vice Chair Bruce Clarke, Adam Russell, Andrew Colford via Zoom

Absent: Mark Sawyer

Guests:

Kerry Carsley, Chair Planning Board

Rick Peck, Planning Board

Maxine Pare, Planning Board

1. **Call to Order:** D. Berry called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm
 - a. **Pledge of allegiance**

2. **Public Access:** None

3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **Approval of minutes from meeting held 9-11-24:** D. Berry made a motion to approve the minutes, A. Russell so moved, B. Clarke seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

 - b. **Communications:** General Assistance Guidelines: The Board members signed the 2024 General Assistance Guidelines Update. D. Berry made a motion to approve the Guidelines update, A. Russell so moved, B. Clarke seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

 - c. **MDOT/Rte. 100 Bridge/Dysart's Meeting:** The Town Manager reminded the Board of the upcoming meeting on Thursday, 09/19/24, at 1:00 pm via Microsoft Teams. D. Berry stated that she would attend.

 - d. **Quick Claim Deed for Stanley and Annette Smith 100 acres on the Rutland Road:** The Town Manager reported that all arrearages have been paid in full. D. Berry made a motion to approve the Quick Claim Deed, A. Russell so moved, B. Clarke seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

4. **Old business**
 - a. **Paving:** A Resident driveway needs to be adjusted with paving. D. Berry made a motion to approve the paving, B. Clarke so moved, A. Russell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

 - b. **Grove Street Speed Limit:** The Board discussed changing the Grove Street speed limit to 25 mph. Subject tabled.

5. New Business

a. Authorization for Manager to sign off-premise liquor licenses in times of sensitive circumstances: D. Berry made a motion to approve the authorization, B. Clarke so moved, A. Russell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

b. Joint workshop with Newport Planning Board

Re: Houseboats: The Boards' discussed Ordinances and Moratoriums for Houseboats and Cannabis establishments.

6. Warrant: D. Berry made a motion to accept the warrant, B. Clarke so moved, A. Russell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Adjourn: D. Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, A. Russell so moved, B. Clarke seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Kemp

Kathleen Kemp, Deputy Clerk

Please be advised of the following date/time changes for upcoming Selectboard Meetings:

- There will be **no** Selectboard Meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd.
- There will be a Selectboard Meeting on Wednesday, October 9th at **6:00 pm**. Zoom availability requested by Board Member.
- There will be a Selectboard Meeting on Wednesday, October 16th at **5:30 pm**.