

**Newport Selectboard
Regular Meeting Minutes
5-8-24 @ 6:00 PM**

Present:

Town Manager, James Ricker

Deputy Clerk, Kathleen Kemp

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

Absent: Chair, Kate Rush

Guests:

Police Chief, David Wintle

Planning Board, Maxine Pare

Newport Metals, Jason Erb

1. **Call to Order:** D. Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

a. **Pledge of allegiance**

2. **Public Access:** M. Pare appreciated the gate being open. D. Berry stated that the new buoys look great.

3. **Consent Agenda**

a. **Approval of minutes from meeting held April 17, 2024:** D. Berry made a motion to approve the minutes, B. Clarke so moved, A. Colford seconded, motion carries.

b. **Communications**

1. **Electronic sign status update:** The Town Manager met with Public Works and the Electrician at the sign site to discuss pole placement. The plan is that the pole will be in by mid-May.

4. **Old Business**

a. **Newport Metals cleanup status w/ Jason Erb:** Mr. Erb cleaned up out front, will level, promised to clean out the entire yard, and gates are being built and installed as soon as the yard is clean. This should all be completed by August. Mr. Erb thanked the Board for bringing this to his attention as he did not realize the extent of the issue.

b. **Discussion regarding the 2024/25 proposed budget:** A. Colford made a motion to approve the budget with the discussed changes, B. Clarke seconded, motion carries.

1. **Signing of the 2024/25 Municipal Warrant:** The Selectboard signed the warrant.

5. **New Business**

a. **Appointment of James Ricker as Health Officer:** B. Clarke made a motion to approve the appointment, A. Russell seconded, motion carries.

b. **School Board vacancies**

1. **Angela Bobier:** Resigned from the School Board, which leaves two total vacancies for the School Board. Recommendation is that the Board can appoint. The Selectboard presently has one vacancy.

c. **2024 Paving RFP:** Is out for bids, the Board will award. For any work not completed by September 2, 2024, a penalty of \$500.00 per day will be imposed.

6. **Warrant:** D. Berry made a motion to approve the warrant, B. Clarke so moved, A. Colford seconded, motion carries.

7. **Adjourn:** D. Berry made a motion to approve the warrant, B. Clarke so moved, A. Russell seconded, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Kemp

Kathleen Kemp, Deputy Clerk

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 6:00 pm.