

Newport Selectboard  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
Via ZOOM  
11-17-2021 @6:30 PM

Present: K. Rush, B. Clarke, G. Demos, D. Berry

1. Call to Order

- a. Pledge of allegiance (waived due to format)

**Special Note:** Board members shared comments regarding the passing of fellow Board member Randy Davis and his years of service to the Town of Newport. There are no services planned at this time with a Celebration of Life sometime in the future. Manager stated he would prepare a card for the members to sign.

2. Public Access - None

3. Communications

- a. Approval of minutes from meeting held 11-3-2021

Motion on the floor to approve the minutes by G. Demos, seconded by B. Clarke, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

- b. Communications

Marijuana Application for Permit with Ordinance approval- Mr. Ricker made a revision in accordance with the suggestion D. Berry made regarding background checks. After further research, Mr. Ricker discovered that the Maine background check stops at the state line. The application now has a clause which takes any further history into account and has the applicant sign to take responsibility for it. Also, Mr. Ricker stated some have been advertising without applying and he has sent the CEO out to speak with such individuals. Motion on floor to approve Marijuana Application for Permit with Ordinance by B. Clarke, seconded by G. Demos, all in favor, unanimous, motion carries.

A laptop was purchased for the town office for \$859.00 which came out of information technology account.

Mr. Ricker asked to sign a renewal of liquor license for Pizza Hut on behalf of the board. Motion to approve on floor by B. Clarke, seconded by G. Demos, all in favor, motion carries.

4. Old Business

1. Update on Tomb –

Mr. Ricker released an agenda item showing history on the tomb and some family members. All agreed that this is an important part of Newport's history and needs to be preserved as opposed to being torn down. No motion necessary.

## 5. New Business

1. Victualer's Application c/o Subway, new owner: Stacy Merchant  
(permit signed on the boards behalf to facilitate the reopening in  
A timely matter)

Motion on floor to substantiate permit's approval by B. Clarke, seconded by D. Berry, all in favor, unanimous.

2. Off premise liquor license:

- a. Heidi Bovine c/o Millennium Weddings LLC / Bovin Development LLC  
12/1/2021 Newport Recreation obo Seabasticook Valley Chamber of  
Commerce

- b. Sara Peavey c/o Millennium Weddings LLC / Bovin Development LLC  
11/28/2021 Newport Recreation Center obo Barrows Skidgel American  
Legion Post 105

Motion on floor to approve both licenses by B. Clarke, seconded by G. Demos, all in favor, motion carries.

3. Bid Review:

- a. 38 Grove Street Demo

Clark's LLC had low bid. D. Berry questioned time frame and Mr. Ricker stated it was implied that job would be completed asap. Mr. Ricker has notified all utility services already. Motion on floor to approve to award bid to Clark's LLC by B. Clarke, seconded by G. Demos, all in favor, unanimous.

- b. Granite

Much discussion was had about the granite bids and methods of bidding. None of the bids were comparably alike, so various concepts were discussed and it was decided that despite not adhering to the bid process, Woodworth would be awarded the \$5,100 bid to remove all of the granite as long as it was in a timely manner. It was in the best interest of the town not to move the granite more than once. Motion on floor to award bid to Woodworth made by D. Berry, seconded by G. Demos, all in favor, unanimous.

4. Seabasticook Lake Watershed Plan (update proposal)

Maxine Pare was present to represent the Lake Association Committee. Maxine and Mr. Ricker gave a recap of meeting last week. A new study is needed. The board pointed out this should be a joint endeavor financially and in spirit with all parties involved. Motion on floor to approve moving forward with consulting firm by B. Clarke, seconded by G. Demos, all in favor, motion carries.

#### 6. Warrant

Motion on floor to approve warrant for \$761,594 majority being \$266,000 for RSU and \$413,000 for paving which was discussed at a previous meeting. Motion made by B. Clarke, seconded by G. Demos, all in favor, motion carries.

Additional discussion was brought forward by Mr. Ricker to propose a 4 day work week for the departments. Some concerns were voiced especially where the transfer station was concerned. Further discussion to be had with department heads to come up with a plan.

Board members also discussed the need for a special election with the manager explaining he would place on the agenda for December 1.

#### 7. Adjourn

Motion on floor to adjourn meeting by G. Demos, seconded by B. Clarke, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie M. Harris  
Town Clerk