

Newport Selectboard  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
November 3, 2021 @ 6:30PM  
Via ZOOM

Present: Chair-D. Berry, B. Clarke, G. Demos

1. Call meeting to Order

- a. Pledge of allegiance waived due to format

2. Public Access- None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from meeting held 10-20-21

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

- b. Communications

1. Grant opportunities

Mr. Ricker has 2 grant opportunities. First is the Safer Grant which involves staffing adequacy of Fire and Emergency Response in lieu of an ambulance. Second is the AFG to assist the firefighters. He will be aggressively pursuing these grants and will keep the selectboard informed of the status.

2. RFP's advertised for granite and building removal at 38 Grove Street

- a. Rolling Thunder
- b. Town Web Site

Mr. Ricker stated he has 1 building removal bid and 1 other to be submitted and is confident this will be completed in the near future.

The granite bid discussion included the tomb at the cemetery. Further research is required to confirm if any family has rights to this plot and the granite located there. All granite is to be sold by the linear foot.

3. Citizen's complaints regarding storm drains on Railroad Ave.

The storm drains have been a 6-8 year problem where the drains will not adequately release debris during rain. A storm drain contractor will be called to assess the situation and remove any existing debris. A request for bid for additional work for more permanent repairs for Spring will be made.

4. Old business

a. Review of 2021 Paving program

The board was concerned about being over budget and delayed. B. Roundy was present and provided explanation for these variables. It was decided that in future years we have more discussions with the bidders to incorporate extra work that may need to be done in the contract, including timeline and materials to avoid such overages and extensions. Ultimately, this would help the town hold the awarded company accountable to the contract.

5. New Business

a. Review of the Marijuana Establishments Ordinance application and fee structure

The Board reviewed the ordinance submitted by Mr. Ricker who gave a verbal overview of the contents providing some clarification on various questions raised by the Board such as; applicants will be vetted by the State prior to applying at the town office. Our permit fees are in line with our costs and the fee is reduced by 50% upon annual renewal.

b. Board review of condition of old tomb / repair / removal  
(This was discussed under the granite bid section)

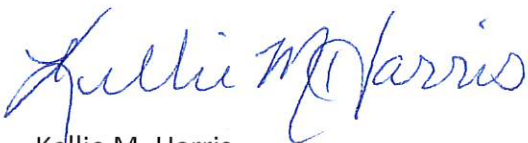
6. Warrant

Motion on floor to sign warrant by G. Demos, seconded by B. Clarke, no discussion, all in favor, motion carries.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by B. Clarke, seconded by G. Demos, no discussion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kellie M. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kellie M. Harris  
Town Clerk