

Newport Selectboard  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2021  
6:30 PM

Present: R. Davis, G. Demos, D. Berry, K. Rush

Not Present: B. Clarke

1. Call to order

2. Public Access-None

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of minutes from meeting held 2-3-21

Motion on the floor to accept minutes by D. Berry, Seconded by G. Demos, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

B. Communications

1 Endorsement of China Way Liquor License Renewal

They are still in Business. No issues on issuing the renewal of their liquor license. (manager had signed prior to the meeting)

2 Update on street lights

There are 12 remaining Street Lights. The company is still waiting on the order of the nodes from Verizon/Infinity authorization.

3 Training Session for website

Currently working on the new website, 6 personnel received training thus far. The Town Manager is still asking for photos to put on the website. The website will be shared with the board before we go live. It will be in about 3 weeks.

4 Recreation Center

Lock proposal quotes to put a card badge system into effect. The following quotes were given to the Town Manager.

. 1. Northstar Protection LLC in Hermon with a cost of \$2961.80.

2. Central Security out of Bangor with a cost of \$2725.00.

Both quotes would require either Fairpoint Internet of \$70.00 per month and Spectrum at \$175.00 Business rate. Also T-Mobile Hotspot could be used for \$50.00 a month with 100 GB. The Town Manager recommends Northstar. Discussion followed regarding internet and possibility of live streaming at least during the current attendance restrictions. Board members also asked about remote control of the lock , and if this card system would be the best choice. Manager stated he would research more and attempt to answer questions.

Rapid Beacon in Front of Cultural Center.

This would be furnished by MDOT through a competitive grant/ selection process. Motion on the floor to authorize to apply for consideration with the device being installed on Main Street by the Cultural Center. Motion by K. Rush, Seconded by D. Berry, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

6. Covid-19

There are customers that are coming into the Town Office and are refusing to wear masks. The town manager is going to meet with these customers. The transfer station customers have the attitude that they don't need to wear masks. More flyers have been prepared and posted at all work locations.

4. Old Business

a. Conveyance of Lot# 6 Industrial Park

Approved and sale is in effect. The buyers want to fly up for the closing.

b. Efficiency of Maine Portable Car Charges application

Questions need to be submitted to Efficiency of Maine over the internet. There is a lot of criteria for the car charger applications. The following criteria is needed for car chargers:

1. High speed internet at charger site.
2. Credit Card Readers
3. 220 (60 amp) wired to each charger

Other criteria also included 95% usage over a 5 year period and a 5-year contract. When asked the approx. cost manager felt comfortable with at least \$18,000 installed with ongoing internet maintenance. No further action taken.

C. Efficiency of Maine Heat Pumps

The Town Manager has received two written quotes,

A, Parker quote of \$10,406.97

B. George Phelps quote of \$9800.00

Paul from Glenview Construction is also preparing an estimate for the Carpentry part of the job.

Motion on the floor to accept George Phelps quote by K. Rush, second by D. Berry, no further discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

D. Cost Recovery Discussion/approval

The attorney to work with subcontractor Mr Hewins Wentorth and the Town. The contract will be between the Town of Newport and Cost Recovery. The selectboard/town will decide where the money will go once it is recovered. Cost Recovery has 60 towns. Once the contract is done, we can go back 6 months and try to recover from billable scenes. Kate Rush still concerned that the policy should be that the Town would not pursue personal claims against Newport residents. Manager stated he would revisit and report back to the Board.

E. Personnel Policy Updates

The following information is being added to the Personnel Policy:

Changing email address's

Earned time leave Act (effective 1-1-21)

Military Leave act sentence correction to: "prior to returning to service"

Preferred Provider changed to Northern Lights / SVH

Uniform Boots changed to \$200.00 for all full-time employees except TO and library.

Motion on the floor to add the changes by G. Demo, seconded by D. Berry, some discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

5. New Business-none

6. Warrant

Motion on the floor to accept warrant by D. Berry, seconded by K. Rush, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

7. Adjourn

Motion on the floor to adjourn by K. Rush, seconded by D. Berry, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deanna M. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'D'.

Deanna M. Thompson

Treasurer