

Newport Selectboard
Regular Meeting Agenda **Minutes**
March 3, 2021 @ 6:30 PM
Via Zoom

Members in attendance: R. Davis, D. Berry, K. Rush

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Public Access – NONE

Per Chairman Davis - New Business-Road Conditions

Maplewood residents – Erik Stitham, stated his family had been residents of the road for over 100 years. He has been a resident for about 33 years. There is much more traffic than what used to be. The road was previously rebuilt by S.W. Works, out of Brooks, about 8 years ago. There are now about 11 full time families on the road. There is also a day care that brings new traffic down the road. Public Works has brought some gravel in recently as well. Erik also thanked the town for the work done in the past few days.

Town Manager stated ideally the road could use 1-2 inches of gravel each year to maintain the crown of the road. These two sections of road total, about 5000 ft and the town has another 42,000 ft of dirt road to maintain.

Andre Cushing, resident of Maplewood, stated his current concerns regarding the status of the road as well.

Consent Agenda

a. approval of minutes from meeting held 02-17-21

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from 02/17/2021. K. Rush moved, D. Berry seconded. Voted, accepted.

b. Communications

1. Update on streetlights

Town Manager stated he has a ZOOM meeting scheduled with CMP on Thursday morning.

2. Valve replacement at the recreation center

Town Manager stated that the water valve replacement at the Recreation Center will cost \$1200. - \$1300. And this will put a hold on the new lock system for the new pressure valve to reduce the incoming pressure.

3. Town Office repairs

The grant has been filed with Efficiency Maine waiting for response. Town Manager has reached out to a carpenter to see what necessary repairs may costs to seal up areas now taken up by the old air conditioners.

4. Old Hickory funds deposited

Old Hickory Buildings have purchased the last available lot in the Industrial park and the money has been transferred.

4. Old Business

a. Web site information

Town Manager stated he has been working on the new website this week for approx. 8 hours, and the work continues.

5. Old Business

a. Recreation Center Locking system

*As discussed in Communications, the lock system will be put on hold.

b. Contract with Cost Recovery

Town Manager stated that the Fire Chief will be able to add what cost for Public Works and equipment might be needed. There will be no solicitation of funds from any Newport residents.

Motion to move forward with contract for Cost Recovery, B. Clarke moved, Kate Rush seconded. Vote – passes.

6. New business

a. Road condition discussion

Chairman Davis asked if there was any other discussion. Town Manager stated it would take approx. 1100 tons of 1 1/2" rock. In the upcoming budget season approx. 6 inches of finish gravel will be needed to properly shape and grade the road.

K. Cooper, seasonal resident on Maplewood, stated her concerns regarding a low-lying area across from her camp that floods annually.

Town Manager stated that he and Public Works Director have been out in the past to survey the situation but unfortunately there are not many options. Town Manager stated he would need to consult with DEP to assist with any other options to deter water runoff in this area.

1. Cost estimates

Town Manager state that it would be July 1 before anything could be done but it is definitely a good time to start planning. Kate Rush also mentioned that during this process input from the public can be received.

b. Quit Claim Deed approval: Robert Lombardo

Motion to approve, B. Clarke moved, K. Rush seconded. Vote – passes.

7. Warrant

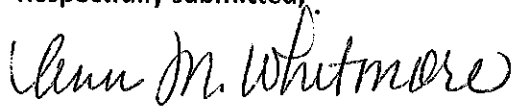
Chairman asked if there was any discussion. None.

Motion to approve warrant, Kate Rush moved, C. Demos seconded. Vote – passes.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann M. Whitmore". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Ann Whitmore

Town Clerk