

Newport Selectboard
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

Present:

Town Manager: J. Ricker

Chair: K. Rush,

D. Berry, B. Clarke, G. Demos, A. Russell

1. Call to Order

a. Pledge of allegiance

2. Public Access

-None

3. Consent Agenda

a. Communications

-Mr. Ricker took a resignation from a transfer station attendant today. An advertisement will be run in the Rolling Thunder and posted to the website for an immediate opening for Temp F/T Transfer Station Attendant.

-Schedule for Selectboard meetings in July and August will be 1 meeting each month:
July 20 and August 17.

b. Approval of minutes from meeting held 05-04-22

-Motion to approve minutes by D. Berry, seconded by G. Demos, all in favor, motion carries.

c. Budget Committee meeting of 05-05-22

-Motion to approve by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, all in favor, motion carries.

1. Delivery of new docks for boat launch

-After 2 years, State delivered docks and Public Works will put them in the water at first opportunity. Board questioned difference between new docks and old docks. Mr Ricker replied that the new docks are made of airtight plastic floatation devices and will last longer but are the exact same size as the previous docks.

2. Permission to place old docks out to bid

-Mr. Ricker would like a motion on the floor to sell the old docks individually. Motion by D. Berry and seconded by G. Demos, unanimous, motion carries.

c. Application process for paramedics, full- time and per-diem

-An ad for 2 F/T and 2-3 per diem paramedics will be placed in the next Rolling Thunder as well as on the website. D. Berry inquired as to whether we used any other employment web services such as indeed etc. Mr. Ricker stated the local response is quite good and quick and these other mediums would require payment from the town or the employee.

4. Old Business

a. Auditor(s)

-Mr. Ricker noted he has contacted at least half dozen firms with little success. To date, he has 2 proposals which he will present at the next board meeting.

-Mr. Ricker spoke with Waste Management regarding the contract to which they replied the contract would be much higher at 2 years than 5 years. Some discussion was had to think about this option and then revisiting renewing at 2 years.

5. New Business

a. Review of the 2022 Town Meeting Warrant

1. Article review

-Mr. Ricker stated all articles are standard except article 46 which ensures money to be set aside for any fuel increase and article 47 for fund to demolish building on Main St. Motion to approve Town Meeting Warrant by G. Demos, seconded by D. Berry, all in favor, motion carries.

b. RSU19 Budget Presentation

-Mr. Ricker attended the presentation that afternoon and provided copies to all Board members. A detailed discussion was had regarding all areas of the budget where Mr. Ricker explained fluctuations in amounts from past years. Budget meeting is scheduled for 5/24 at the school.

c. Public Hearing: Victualers License Victoria Cushing dba **Graze 207** lunch wagon

-Motion to approve victualers license by D. Berry, seconded by G. Demos, unanimous.

-Mr. Ricker spoke with Jim Foster who is a MDOT liaison for communities. Mr. Foster worked for MDOT for years and has extensive knowledge of the road and bridge inspections. Mr. Ricker consulted him on the Center St bridge where he stated the bridge is in good shape and just needs paint and minor maintenance but is structurally sound.

-The stage roof was started by Justin Amoroso on the Riverwalk which is good news!

-Cleanup day was a huge success and the students and community kids who donated their time were greatly appreciated. We couldn't have done it without them.

Warrant

-Motion to approve warrant D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, all in favor, motion carries.

Adjourn

-Motion to adjourn by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, unanimous, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kellie M. Mullis
Town Clerk