

Newport Selectboard
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2022, at 6:30 PM
Newport Public Safety Building

Present: Kate Rush, Donna Berry, Adam Russell, Bruce Clarke, Gus Demos

1. Call to Order

a. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Access: None

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of minutes from meeting held April 20, 2022

Motion on the floor to accept the minutes by D. Berry, seconded by A. Russell,
No Discussion, all in favor.

A motion to decrease the library budget down by \$6000 in the April 20th, 2022, minutes
By D. Berry, B. Clarke, no discussion, all in favor.

b. Communications

a. Meeting with RSU Superintendent May 17, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

Jim stated the meeting is open for managers and elected officials
To attend

b. Advertisement for auditing services (BDN)

The ad in the BDN cost \$555.00. No responses to the ad. It is not uncommon
for this to happen at this time. A lot of information on auditing on the list serve.
All towns are reaching out, but very few auditors are willing to do audits. The
town manager will go back to the original plan and call auditing firms in the
area. MMA encourages towns to reach out to each other to talk.

c. EV Charging Station(s) update

2 EV Charges to be installed taking any vehicles by Efficiency of Maine at the
Irving's Station. (10 Tesla's chargers will be installed at Hannaford supermarket).

d. Nokomis Tennis Court

Court reserve request by Nokomis on Tuesdays and Thursday starting on May
10th from 2:30 to 4 PM. Manager has reached out to the local players to let
them know.

e. Ambulance

Ambulance licensing is done with the inspection being done. The ambulance is
completely outfitted. The Town Manager will be advertising within the next
week for the staffing of the ambulance.

f. ARPA funds

Jim and the office staff have filed all report necessary reports. It took about 25 emails back and forth to complete the data to the Department of Treasury who were experiencing portal difficulties.

g. Waste Management

New contract will be increased to \$76.00 per ton when the towns current contract ends at the end of the year. There would be a 5 percent increase each year for 5 years as the contract continues. The Town of Newport has one of the lowest rates per town. The board would like to see if the contract could be lowered down to a 3-year contract term if possible. The town manager stated that there is virtually no competition at this point but he would reach out.

4. Old Business

a. 2022/2023 Budget Proposals

Jim made the adjustments. The budget has a \$258,000 increase over last year's budget. In regards to sales ratio determined by the State of Maine, Newport is taxing at 88% and State of Maine requires a minimum of 92% with failure to do so impacting revenues received from the State until we come into compliance. This will require a 5% increase in all property value in Newport. The increase in individual property value, and the increases projections for revenue sharing will place reduce mil from .0201 to .0198.

1. Road Construction and Paving reconsiderations

a. County woods rd. 250' x 23'

There is 600 ' overall but 250' is the worst section. We already used 15 ton of cold patch this year.

b. Fernald Rd 100' x 23'

This road and County Woods will require all pavement removed, minimum of 2 feet of fill beneath removed, replaced, compacted and repaved. There are also some drainage concerns that must be addressed on Fernald Rd.

Both roads have a 45-mph speed limit and are heavily traveled. The town manager recommends doing at least the footage by addressing the critical areas. This would add \$35,000 back to the paving budget. D. Berry brought up the conditions of the Blaisdell Rd. as it has some issues as well.

2. Professional Services

a. Comprehensive Plan re-write

The Town of Newport can do their own plan. We already have a computerized file to make changes to. A \$1000 increase in budget staff overtime for the keyboarding needed. In 2019 our old comp plan was

archived by the State Planning Office. Due to Covid concerns some plans were given considerations but it is not completely known whether Newport would qualify. We recently submitted the Non Point Pollution Control Grant to Me DEP who score grants giving an extra 5% for communities with current comp plans. If the plan is not updated it will greatly affect any leverage the town may have for securing future State and Federal Grants.

a. Annual victualer's license(s), Special Amusement License, Pawnbrokers License renewals.

The Municipal Officers of the Town of Newport hereby give notice in writing that there will be a public hearing held on Wednesday, May 4TH, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Building located at 21 Water Street for the consideration of the following:

GRANTING A RENEWAL VICTUALER'S LICENSE TO THE FOLLOWING:

BARROWS-SKIDGEL (AMERICAN LEGION)	NEWPORT BIG STOP
MCDONALD'S	SAWYER'S DAIRY BAR
ANGLERS RESTAURANT	NEWPORT FRESHIES
SEBASTICOOK LAKE CAMPGROUND	SUBWAY
PIZZA HUT	CHINAWAY
ELM ST FRESHIES	NEWPORT ENTERTAINMENT CENTER
CERVESAS	CHRISTIE'S CAMPGROUND
FAMILY HOUSE OF PIZZA	WOOFIE PIE BAKERY
HARVEST MOON	MOOSEHEAD TRAIL CAMPGROUND
FRESH EATS MOBILE KITCHEN	SILVERTON SPORTING RANCH BBQ
YUM BUS	BROTHERS FOOD TRUCK
DAVID'S TEXAS BBQ	TWISTED CONCESSIONS
368 NUTRITION	MINI MELTS
WHATS ON IT	THE COOL BUS

GRANTING A RENEWAL PAWNBROKERS LICENSE TO THE FOLLOWING:

THE MONEY SHOP

GRANTING A RENEWAL SPECIAL AMUSEMENT LICENSE TO THE FOLLOWING:

NEWPORT ENTERTAINMENT CENTER-Video & Parlor Games, Entertainment
MOOSEHEAD TRAIL CAMPGROUND – Video Games, Live Music & Swimming Pool
CHRISTIE'S CAMPGROUND – Video Games to be used by the Public
SEBASTICOOK LAKE CAMPGROUND – Entertainment, Live Music & Games

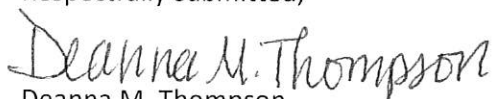
All interested parties are encouraged to attend said hearing to show just cause why these licenses

A.D.A. Notice: If you have a special need that must be met to allow you to fully participate in this meeting, please contact the Town Office at 368-4410. TDD/TTY users may call 711.

Motion on the floor to accept and renew the above licenses as written by D. Berry, seconded by G. Demos, some discussions, all in favor unanimous.

6. Public Hearing new Victualer's license: Emily Morton dba Hot Dog Lady
Motion on the floor to approve the victualer's license by D. Berry, seconded by G. Demos, all in favor, unanimous.
7. Public Hearing for Liquor license c/o American Dream Restaurants, LLC (Pizza Hut)
Motion on the floor to approve the liquor license by D. Berry, seconded by A. Russell, some discussion, all in favor, unanimous.
8. Warrant
Motion on accept the warrant by B. Clarke, seconded by G. Demos some discussion, all in favor, unanimous.
9. Budget Adjustments
 - a. Salary adjustment
Kate Rush made a recommendation to increases the managers salary By \$5,000, explaining there was no increase originally identified.
 - b. NCC (Books/Special Project/Audio Books vs. Print Books) reduced by \$1,000, and the additional reduction by \$5,000 already identified in debt service.
 - c. Electricity-effective this month it is Constellation on the bills. The CMP bill is up at the NCC. The town manager will be examining more closely before next meeting. .
 - d. the \$4,009,745 budget includes salary adjustment, paving and construction increases and the additional \$1,000 in OT for the comp plan re-write.**
Motion on the floor to approve the increases by A. Russell, seconded by G. Demos, some discussion, all in favor, unanimous, motion carried.
 - e. Dedication in the Town report to Randy Davis. Motion on the floor for the dedication by D. Berry, seconded by G. Demos, all in favor unanimous.
10. Adjourn
Motion on the floor to adjourn by B. Clark, seconded by G. Demos, all in favor at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Deanna M. Thompson
Treasurer/Tax Collector