

Newport Selectboard
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2021 at 6:30 PM
Newport Public Safety Building

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

1. Call to Order

a. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Access-none

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of minutes from meeting held 04-21-21

Motion on the floor to approve minutes by K. Rush, Seconded by D. Berry, No discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

b. Communications

1. 2021 Cleanup week

Clean up around the town will be held on Saturday, May 15th from 8am to noon. Everyone will meet at the Newport Recreation Center to start. After the cleanup food and drinks will be available to all volunteers.

2. New Hires

Two new hires at the Transfer Station and one new hire at the Newport Cultural Center. All positions that became available at the Police Department have been filled.

3. Porta Potties

The porta potties were delivered at the Recreation Center and the Ball Diamond on Grove Street.

4. Old Business

a. Marijuana moratorium update

There will be more applicants and that will require a lottery. Everything will need to be spelled out in a complete ordinance and approved by the voters. There needs to be additional zoning requirements and that will require a separate town meeting article. This can not be accomplished before the Town Meeting in June.

There needs to a few workshops done between the Planning Board and Selectboard. Once this is done a Special Town Meeting will need to be held.

b. Nominees for the Water Regulation Committee

2 Open Positions- (Scott Emery, Emilee Parker, Brian Wilson, Adam Vashon, Andre Cushing)
After some discussion, motion on the floor to appoint all the nominees above by B. Clark, seconded by D. Berry, no further discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

Current Members: Jim Ricker, Steve Berry, Maxine Pare, Steve Hartley, and Debbie Ferrell.

c. Budget summation w/ new revenue sharing projections

1. Report of the 21/22 Budget Committee

The budget is up, and approved by the Budget Committee on Tuesday night, May 4th, 2021. The ambulance proposal was discussed by the committee who also collectively thought that more information would be needed.

Article 47, Tom Breitweg is transferring over a piece of land (1/2 acre) to the town. The piece of land will have public water access for kayaks, boats, and canoes.

Article 46—Digital Mapping (this article not to exceed \$5,000).

5. New Business

a. Annual Victualer's Licenses Renewal

Blanket approval for all victualer's business licenses—Motion on the floor by G. Demos, seconded by D. Berry, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

Blanket approval for Special Amusement Licenses—Motion on the floor by K. Rush, seconded by B. Clarke, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

Blanket approval for Pawnbroker (Money Shop). Motion on the floor by D. Berry, seconded by G. Demos, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

b. Public Hearing: New Victualer's License "The Cool Bus" c/o Marci Robinson of Hartland, ME. Motion on the floor to accept license by K. Rush, seconded by B. Clarke, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

c. Liquor license renewal c/o Anglers Inc.

Motion on the floor to accept license by G. Demos, seconded by K. Rush, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

6. Warrant

Motion on the floor to accept warrant (with adjustment of \$500 for Newport Clean-up day to be added to warrant) by K. Rush, seconded by G. Demos, no further discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

7. Adjourn

Motion on the floor to adjourn meeting by K. Rush, seconded by G. Demos, all in favor, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Deanna M. Thompson
Treasurer