

Newport Selectboard  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 1, 2021  
6:30 PM  
Newport Public Safety Building

Present: D. Berry, B. Clarke, R. Davis  
Not Present: K. Rush, G. Demos

1. Call to order

- a. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Access-None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from meeting held 05-19-21

Motion on the floor to accept the minutes by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

- b. Communications

- a. Heat pumps @ T. Office

All heat pumps are in, every wall is patched and painted. The outside over the old air conditioners holes have been sided.

- b. ARPA Zoom seminar synopsis

Zoom meetings will be held on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3-5 pm. (Roughly \$320,000 will be available for different projects—1<sup>st</sup> year 150,000-2<sup>nd</sup> year \$150,000 or so.) Expending the funds could be used in minority neighborhoods and not on infrastructure.

- c. Annual Riverwalk Festival

The annual festival will be held on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 am. The parade will also be starting at 10 am. The following events and food trucks will be in attendance:

1. Ponies
2. Food Trucks
3. Old fashion Games
4. Abraham Pizza
5. Twisted Pretzel
6. Sawyers (Costain's ice cream)

- d. SBA Towers

The town was offered \$300,000 (14-15 year @ current lease payments). The tower lease is located in the Industrial Park. Manager simply wanted the board to know that the price keeps going up which does indicate the importance of the site to SBA. No action taken or requested.

4. Old Business

- a. Update/board recommendations for ambulance study group

See about getting more people interested. The focus group may need to go to other places/locations. Some other ideas would be to have zoom meetings for those that are

too far away or until to leave their location. Right now we have the following people interested on being on the focus groups:

George Phelps  
Eric Strout  
Chief Jeff Chretien  
Jim Ricker  
Maxine Pare'  
Phillip Brown

Donna Berry asked about other communities with experience dealing with ambulances and would like them to speak with the Selectboard as well. Manager stated he would try to arrange a ZOOM meeting with other communities.

b. Update on streetlights/software

Some of the lights are not functioning right. They are showing up in gray and there are some programming issues. The program is not as easy as we thought is going to be to use. The police will need to check the lights that are out.

5. New Business

a. Loader Update

Case is the only dealer that answered the Public Works Foreman via letter with an estimated price of \$159,000. The Doosan dealer later responded with a machine \$34,000 cheaper. The town manager informed the board that John Deere dealers give Municipalities big discounts, however accurate amounts will not be known until we go to bid on all of them. We need to keep in mind that if we ordered a loader, it would be several months, and a lease would require Special Town Meeting approval. After much discussion, the board requested the manager check with legal counsel on the use of special revenue funds for the first lease payment with a special Town Meeting vote to ratify this action. There were concerns that a machine ordered now would not be delivered until early fall. Manager stated he would check into the matter and report back to the board.

b. Electronic(s) recycling

There are only three vendors for recycling of light bulbs, freon, and tv/monitors. Manager is using two of them and a third vendor for freon removal.

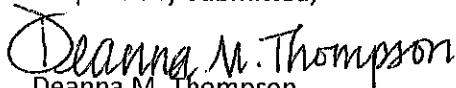
6. Warrant

Motion on the floor to sign the warrant by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, some questions, all in favor, unanimous.

7. Adjourn

Motion on the floor to adjourn at 7:15 PM by B. Clarke, seconded by D. Berry, all in favor, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Deanna M. Thompson  
Treasurer