

Newport Selectboard  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 1, 2022 @ 6:30 PM  
Newport Town Office Meeting Room

Present:

Town Manager: J. Ricker

Selectboard: 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. Approval of minutes from meeting held 05-18-22

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

- b. Communications

1. Upcoming Town Meeting

Town Meeting to be held at Public Safety Building on June 18 at 10am. Election to be held at Public Safety Building on June 14 from 8am to 8pm. Notice will be in next Rolling Thunder for both.

2. Farmers Market

Next Farmers Market to be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3pm-6pm at the Riverwalk. This will be a special market including a band, additional activities and children's reading event. After this the Farmers Markets will be held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Rec Center.

3. Stage Construction

Mr. Ricker was pleased to announce the roof is on and the lights will be installed soon. Some discussion was had regarding a dedication for Roundy's donation to the ballfields and recreation department. Mr. Ricker noted that he had already talked about engraving a rock and some other ideas.

4. Docks for bid

Old docks are still in the water, but Mr. Ricker plans to put them out to bid this week even if they're still in the water. An ad will be placed in the Rolling Thunder.

Mr. Ricker made note of some concerns brought to him regarding the boat launch and pedestrian traffic. This happens to be a State owned site and any signage must be approved. Mr. Ricker has the list of guidelines and he will speak to Chief Wintle to have officers patrol and remind patrons to move along if necessary. Manager will also follow up with Dept of Conservation to supply signage.

#### 4. Old Business

##### a. Review of audit submittals

#### **See bid tab**

Mr. Ricker will follow up with supplied references for each proposal, request samples of an audit from each, confirm length of contracts, percentage of time on site and remote and how much they will engage the Selectboard. He will have results for next meeting where board will vote on which firm to award bid.

##### b. Updates on ambulance service (Medicare, Medicaid)

All questionnaires were finished last week and Comstar is secured to do all our billing at 6% which is more than reasonable. Chief Chretien anticipates completion in a few weeks. We have received a good flow of EMT and paramedic employment applications as well.

##### c. Update on Waste Management-

Mr. Ricker reached out for more alternatives and will put on agenda for next meeting.

#### 5. New Business

##### a. Dust /Chemical concerns on RR bed

##### 1. Soil analysis requested U/M

Mr. Ricker has sent a soil sample from the railroad bed to the University of Maine to inspect the coal ash. He has also discussed with Jen Jespersen at Ecological Instincts and will get water samples to see if we haven't seen a significant improvement due to possible settling of coal ash from the railroad ATV traffic. Once tests are received Mr. Ricker will make a presentation to Lake Association representatives and the Selectboard.


#### 6. Warrant

Motion to approve warrant by D. Berry, seconded by G. Demos, all in favor, unanimous.

#### 7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by G. Demos, seconded by D. Berry. All in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kellie M. Mullis  
Town Clerk


Town of Newport  
Audit Services Bid  
June 1, 2022

Bids were received from the following:

LG&H Bangor, ME	not to exceed	\$25,000.00
RHR Smith & Co Buxton, ME		\$11,000.00
Maine Municipal Audit Svc. Mindy Cyr, CPA Levant, Me. 04456		\$ 7,000.00

Bids were opened by the Town Manager in the presence of Selectboard and recorded by the Clerk.

Before Me:

  
Kellie M. Mullis, Municipal Clerk

Attest, a true copy