

Newport Selectboard
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2021 @ 6:30 PM
Newport Public Safety Building

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

1. Call to order-by Town Manager

a. Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair (meeting will then be turned over to Chair). Electing a chair for the upcoming year. Nomination on the floor for R. Davis by K. Rush and seconded by D. Berry. No Discussion, all in favor, unanimous. Motion on the floor for a vice-chair by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clark, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

a. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Access

1. LD 32-change in the law for the body to meet remotely. Remote Access with public participation. With this it becomes a dual meeting requiring new municipal SOP.

2. LD 1312-Accessory dwelling units to become more affordable for housing. This would be contrary to home rule.

3. LD -Right to food: Will probably be a referendum vote this fall, but the legislation has Many pitfalls identified by MMA, legal ramifications including schools and jails.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of minutes from meeting held 6-1-21

Motion on the floor to approve the minutes by D. Berry, seconded by G. Demos, No Discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

b. Communications

1. Town Meeting Summary

Town Meeting went really good in 55 minutes. Suggestion for next year would be to put the article in a certain order to make the meeting go more quickly. Also, there was a suggestion to advertise the elections and Town Meeting more i.e. The Rolling Thunder and social media.

2. Street light repair

The number of lights out have been narrowed down to three. The rest have been repaired.

3. House/Business Decorating Contest

There is \$500.00 prize for charity. Papers with the rules and regulations for the contest have been distributed.

4. Old Business

a. Loader purchase

No actual purchase until TM approval, we can place item out to bid with an award /purchase date after a special TM. Board approved placing a loader to bid.

5. New Business

a. Zoom Meeting with Rick Bronson, Town manager of Lincoln

Mr. Bronson was not present, so zoom meeting was cancelled.

b. Victualer's license, Woofie Pies Bakery, Owner: Laura Barrett

Motion on the floor to approve victualers license by B. Clarke, seconded by D. Berry, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

c. Casey Lander Function on September 11th, 2021

The requested to use the Recreation Center with alcohol approval. Motion on the floor by K. Rush, seconded by B. Clarke, some discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

d. Brown tailed moth

The information about the brown tailed moth has been put out there including the website and information sheets in the town office. Infested tree and bushes that are found on Town property will be dealt with in the interest of public health.

e. 2021 Paving bid tab

Roundy paving came in with a bid of \$374,000. They will also do the basketball court at no cost by them. It will have a 3-inch base. Motion the floor to accept Roundy Paving by K. Rush, seconded by D. Berry, some discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

f. Permission to place washer/dryer to bid

This would be a sealed bid. Motion on the floor to put them out to bid by K. Rush, seconded by D. Berry, some discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

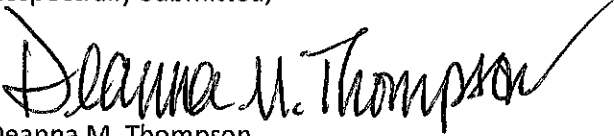
6. Warrant

Motion on the floor to accept the warrant by G. Demos, seconded by D. Berry, some discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

7. Adjourn

Motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 pm. by K. Rush, seconded by D. Berry, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deanna M. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

Deanna M. Thompson
Treasurer