

Town of Newport
Selectboard
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2023 @ 06:30PM

Present: Town Manager: James Ricker

Selectboard:

Chair: Kate Rush, Vice Chair: Donna Berry, Bruce Clarke, Adam Russell, Andrew Colford

Attendees: Debra Ricker, Maxine Pare, Robert & Janet Ellsworth

1. Call to Order

K. Rush called meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

a. Pledge of allegiance

2. Public Access

M. Pare thanked the town for opening the gate at the lake and inquired about the pedestals at the Riverwalk. Town Manager replied that they will be a story book walk for the children.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of minutes from meeting held May 17, 2023

Motion to approve minutes made by D. Berry, seconded by A. Russell, all in favor, motion carried.

b. Communications

1. Charter update for Murray Rd

Town Manager stated that Charter expected to start Murray Rd next week and should be done by the end of Summer.

2. EMDC, Maine Connect Authority

Town Manager said a presentation will be made to the Board on 7/21. There is a \$10,000 planned grant to hire a subcontractor to conduct surveys and identify where broadband is needed. The Board agreed it would be a good opportunity.

3. RFP Pierce

Town Manager has not put RFP out for truck yet and will wait until we get an eta on the new truck.

4. Newport Alumni Reunion

NAR will be using the Rec Center on August 5th for their annual reunion since Millennium is not available this year.

5. Hamlins Marine Conceptual Plan

Town Manager supplied a conceptual plan from Hamlin Marine showing their 5 year plan. It includes tearing down several old buildings, adding 2 docks, fuel and sea plane facilities.

6. 23 Town Report

Town Manager noted that the town report does not include the audit this year to cut costs and save resources but it is available to anyone upon request and is available on the website. Also, Article 53 needs to be added to the warrant which states changing the MPERS plan to 3C for firefighters, medical service and police personnel. Motion to add Article 53 to warrant made by D. Berry, seconded by A. Colford, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Police Department Safety Grant

Town Manager noted that PD received a grant for \$1509.84 where they purchased safety vests with LED lights.

8. Old Bangor Rd Parcel- Lyle Pierce

Town Manager requested that Board sign the quit claim deed for the parcel awarded to Lyle Pierce where the Board agreed and signed.

4. Old Business

a. Engineering update, Newport Rec

Town Manager will be meeting with Plymouth Engineering and Gene Crockett this week to discuss the exterior structure plan.

5. New Business

a. Review of the 2023 RFP for paving

Town Manager noted that this will be over budget due to a miscalculation in the RFP. To offset this, the Public Works Supervisor said we could take money out of the gravel budget as long as we have the reclaim product from the paving. The reclaim can be used as gravel and fill. Motion to accept Roundy's bid pending approval at Town Meeting not to exceed \$423,830 made by B. Clarke, seconded by D. Berry, all in favor, motion carried.

b. 2023 Federal Status Report for ARPA Funds

Targeted area(s) to be identified

Town Manager noted the need to identify the target areas and come back with a list by the next meeting on 7/21. Then he can file the report for \$179,000

6. Warrant

Motion to approve warrant made by D. Berry, seconded by A. Russell, all in favor motion carried.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kellie M. Mullis

Town Clerk