

Newport Selectboard
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

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 8-18-2021

Motion on the floor to approve the minutes by R. Davis, seconded by D. Berry, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

b. Communications

1. Welfare Maximum Updates

New figures for the new year October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. Motion on the floor to approve the updates by B. Clarke, seconded by D. Berry, all in favor, unanimous.

2. ARPA

Town Signed up with the state for drawdown of the money. Total amount over two years of \$345,659. We will need to set up a separate account for this money. The state will require the town to submit state and federal reports after each drawdown. Board will set up meetings with Department Heads and possible community members.

3. Liquor License renewal for Newport Entertainment

Motion on the floor to accept liquor license renewal by B. Clark, seconded by G. Demos, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

4. Old Business

a. Possible Special Town Meeting articles:

1. Marijuana Ordinance

The board will have to set fees themselves to put into the ordinance. The board will also have set the number of businesses that will be allowed.

2. Transfer/borrowing of funds, and possible lease/purchase

Public Works loader-\$135,932-Installment payments over time, using funds from the fund balance as well as a borrow from the town Cemetery Trust Account. Town meeting approval for both. Equipment to be received by the end of September / October.

3. Additional library funds for librarian

The library is now open 5 days a week. Additional funds of \$20,181 is necessary to accommodate the extra day.

Special Town Meeting to be held Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 at the Recreation Center. The Recreation Center will accommodate social distancing.

5. New Business

a. Victualers License request: "What's on it" owned and operated by Jerrylynn Perkins

Motion on the floor to approve the victualer's license by R. Davis, seconded by G. Demos, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

b. Ambulance

Unanimous decision to provide a formal presentation to the board at the meeting held September 15, 2021 @ 5:00 PM.

6. Warrant

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

7. Adjourn

Motion on the floor to adjourn meeting by R. Davis, seconded by D. Berry, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Deanna M. Thompson
Treasurer