

Newport Selectboard  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2022 @ 6:30PM  
Newport Town Office Meeting Room

Present:

James Ricker, Town Manager; Kate Rush, Selectboard Chair; Donna Berry, Vice Chair, Bruce Clarke, Adam Russell

Not Present:

Andrew Colford

1. Call to Order

a. Pledge of allegiance

2. Public Access; None

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of minutes from September 9, 2022

1. Motion on the floor to approve minutes moved by D. Berry, seconded by A. Russell, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

b. Communications

1. Drawdown status / testing

a. Town Manager updated selectboard with status of the lake now that drawdown has started. Lake continues to be tested weekly; phosphorus readings have increased weekly with recent phosphorus readings at 24-25; readings above 20 are considered bloom status. Selectboard voiced that those findings validated decision to begin drawdown.

2. RSU 19, sale of property, 182 Moosehead Trail

a. The Town Manager read a letter extended to the town from Mike Hammer, Superintendent of Schools for RSU 19, letting the Town know that RSU 19 was intending to sell 182 Moosehead Trail should we wish to purchase. Motion on the floor to acknowledge opportunity to purchase building at fair market value, however opportunity declined, moved by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, no discussion, unanimous.

3. 2 Mill Street Property

a. Town Manager updated the Selectboard that the 2 Mill Street property has officially gone through the foreclosure process and is owned by the town. The intent is to obtain the property through Quit Claim and not put it out to bid, but to have it demolished. Town Manager reached out to two area business for bids to demolish property, R. A.

Paradis & Sons and T. W. Clark. As of meeting, only R. A. Paradis bid had been submitted. Board asked Town Manager to contact Lakeside Concrete Cutting for additional bid prior to moving forward with demolition.

b. Motion on the floor for the Town to claim 2 Mill Street with Quit Claim Deed and not put the property out to bid moved by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, no additional discussion all in favor, unanimous.

#### 4. Old Business

a. Update of the personnel policy

1. The Town Manager presented proposed updates to the Personnel Policy including lateral transfer benefits, differential pay during overnight (23:00-7:00) shift for Police Department, holiday pay for full-time EMT/Paramedic staff and uniforms for EMT/paramedic staff. Some discussion and explanation occurred. Motion on the floor to accept these changes to personnel policy, with the addition of appropriate certification needed to be eligible for lateral transfer benefits, moved by D. Berry, seconded by A. Russell, all in favor, unanimous.

#### 5. New Business

a. New Victualers License:

Jeff & Karen Fanjoy dba Family House of Pizza

1. The Fanjoys were present at the meeting. They will assume ownership of the current Family House of Pizza October 1, 2022. Motion on the floor to approve Victualers License moved by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

b. RFP for Engineering for the Seabasticook Lake Watershed-based Management Plan  
(this is for the actual engineering component, not the application)

1. Motion on the floor to accept RFP for Engineering for Seabasticook Lake Watershed-based Management Plan moved by B. Clarke, seconded by D. Berry, some discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

c. General Assistance updates

1. State has sent out updates for GA eligibility, mostly increased amounts that can be given to eligible persons. Motion on the floor to accept updated table moved by D. Berry, seconded by A. Russell, all in favor, unanimous.

d. Solar Presentation: Novel Energy Solutions, LLC

1. Presentation made by Connor McCarthy with Novel Energy Solutions, LLC.

#### 6. Warrant: \$821,241.00

a. Town Manager noted that this is the largest warrant of the year due to monthly RSU 19 payment and annual County Tax payment. Motion on the floor to sign warrant moved by D. Berry, seconded by A. Russell, no further discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

7. Adjourn

a. Motion to adjourn made at 8:17, moved by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, no discussion, all in favor, unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda R. Pearl". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "A".

Amanda R. Pearl, Deputy Clerk