

Newport Selectboard & Budget Committee  
Workshop & Meeting Minutes  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 5:30 / 6:30 PM

Present:

Budget Committee: Rick Peck, George Phelps, Virginia Phelps, Barbara Brown, Phil Brown, Maxine Pare  
Selectboard: Kate Rush, Chair, Donna Berry, Adam Russell, Andrew Colford,  
Also present: Debra Ricker, Gene Crocket  
Absent: Bruce Clarke

Budget Workshop

Call to Order at 5:30pm

Budgets:

Police  
Fire  
Animal Control  
Ambulance  
General Assistance  
Support Agencies  
Recreation  
Debt Service

Budget Workshop adjourned at 6:40pm

Selectboard Meeting

1. Call to Order

K. Rush called meeting to order at 6:40pm.  
a. Pledge of allegiance

2. Public Access

None

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of minutes from meeting held March 15, 2023

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

b. Communications

Pole Permit Requests (2)

CMP- Golf Course Rd. new subdivision. Motion to approve pole permit made by D. Berry, seconded by A. Colford, all in favor, motion carried.

Citizen request- Glenn Williams, County Woods Rd. Contractor: Cippis Powerline Construction. A Pole Permit for the installation of seven poles along County woods Rd by the Corinna stream bridge was prepared for the board's signature. All other criteria has been met, such as minimum height for cross wires @ 18 feet and the setbacks from the traveled way @ 8 feet. Manager stated the private line will

open future opportunities for development as well. Motion to approve made by D. Berry, seconded by A. Colford, all in favor, motion carried.

#### 4. Old Business

##### a. ARPA Funds

The appointed Committee were in agreement that the electric signage is important. Also for the \$50,000 grant, Newport could set up a series of floating dock systems with walkways at the town owned shore lots, with at least one being handicapped accessible to allow fishing from the shore. K. Rush suggested we ask for the largest category grant to include the parking lots and fencing among other things Town Manager said he will prepare this for the next meeting on 4/19.

#### 5. New Business

- a. Pole Permit County Woods Road (Williams)- moved to Communications portion of meeting
- b. Recreation Grant Committee Presentation

Gene Crockett, Recreational Director, supplied an itemized list of items with costs to be replaced and added to the Rec Center. He proceeded to give a detailed verbal presentation of the list. D. Berry raised questions about maintaining the building and security system after completion and where might funds be coming from for that. Town Manager said the security system will be internet based to make monitoring cost efficient. Once the building is renovated, it should have less on-going maintenance, however the grounds will require more.

##### c. Selection of Recreation Engineering Proposal

2 Proposals submitted:

Plymouth Engineering: \$47,500-\$56,000 with additional \$4,500 charge for survey if necessary

Haley Ward: \$160,717

Town Manager recommends going with Plymouth Engineering according to what the proposal offers and the pricing. Motion to accept Plymouth Engineering's proposal made by D. Berry, seconded by A. Russell, all in favor, motion carried.

##### d. Revenue Account Review

Town Manager supplied a detailed list of revenue accounts to discuss with Board. He then identified major accounts that could be used to offset tax commitment. Much discussion followed regarding those accounts including where they originated and how they are funded. Board agreed to return on April 19<sup>th</sup> to finalize Budget discussions and examine revenue accounts further.

#### 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 A. Russell, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kellie M. Mullis  
Municipal Clerk