

Newport Selectboard
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Present: Town Manager: James Ricker

Selectboard: Chair: Kate Rush, Vice Chair: Donna Berry (via zoom), Bruce Clarke, Adam Russell, Andrew Colford

Attendees: Maxine Pare, Brenda Clarke, Fire Chief Jeff Chretien, Deputy Chief Jared LeBarnes, Captain Amanda Chretien (via zoom)

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm, delay due to zoom issues.

- a. Pledge of allegiance

2. Public Access

None

3. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of minutes held September 20, 2023

Motion to approve minutes made by B. Clarke, seconded by A. Colford, all in favor, motion carried.

- b. Communications

1. H&S Hydroseed completed the ballfield for the town as a donation which equals \$750.00. Town Manager wants to order a banner for the fence and rec center to recognize Shannon Hughes contribution. Board agreed.

2. Town Manager discussed abatement Agreement to remove nuisance beavers from County Woods Rd, Camp Benson Rd, and Old Bangor Rd. Town Manager said it shouldn't exceed \$1000. Board agreed to move forward.

4. Old Business

- a. Paving synopsis

Town Manager stated paving is completed except for cutting in 2 driveways. He said that from the slips he's obtained the amount will be over the initial budget of \$375,000 but under the increased number of \$403,000 he identified a few weeks ago.

- b. County ARPA bids

1. RA Paradis is working on the walking trail and has 850ft more to go which will go over budget. RA Paradis has agreed to complete the 850ft at no cost to the Town which equals \$12,000. The walking trail will now be ¾ mile. Manager would like to order banners for RA Paradis to recognize contribution. Board agreed. The Board agreed to start work on access points on Durham Bridge, County Woods and Grove St.

2. Dock RFP

Town Manager supplied Board with copies of preliminary quotes from 3 companies to supply docking for the scenic turnout. Moosehead Trail Motorsports' quote stood out due to having factory made handrails which are of great importance for a public dock. Motion to approve the proposal from

Moosehead Trail Motorsports for \$6,484.03 made by B. Clarke, seconded by A. Colford, all in favor, motion carried.

c. Sand /Salt final costs

Salt is over budget by \$1,171.00 and the sand bills have not been submitted yet..

d. Status of Public Works Truck and body

T.M. stated the truck will be delivered Tuesday morning. Should have body by end of November. Once truck is ready we can put the old truck out to bid.

e. Heat pumps, continued from 9-20-23

Town Manager did the research on 3 brands Daikin, Fujitsu and Mitsubishi per the Board's request. In summary they all are comparable. Efficiency of Maine has already approved the proposal and purchase of the Fujitsu heat pumps. In order to purchase a different brand the Town would need a separate quote and approval and it will be pushed out until next year. T.M. suggests staying with the existing proposal from Gilman Plumbing and Heating for the Fujitsu heat pumps. Motion to approve signing of existing contract made by B. Clarke, seconded by A. Russell, 4 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carried.

5. New Business

a. Review of proposals received for LED informational sign

Town Manager supplied the Board with 3 preliminary quotes. After much review and discussion, the Board agreed that more information is necessary to make a final decision. They also need to further discuss the location.

b. Fire Chiefs recommendation on equipment for new ambulance

Fire Truck update

Town Manager stated Old Town still needs to finish the P&S agreement for all parties to sign. Town will not release the check until all paperwork is signed. The price is now \$37,000 (\$2,000 more) and the Board is aware of this. Motion to revise price to \$37,000 made by B. Clarke, seconded by A. Colford, all in favor, motion carried.

Chief and Deputy Chief brought detailed costs for equipment needed to make backup ambulance fully functional. The total cost is \$52,053.39 with a suggested addition of the Lucas Device/CPR devices which costs \$19,217.95 making a grand total of \$ 71,271.34. Much discussion was had with various options on the table. Although the information was helpful, the Board agreed to delay deciding on the internal equipment.

6. Warrant

Motion to approve warrant made by A. Russell, seconded by B. Clarke.

K. Rush asked that Town Manager look into the Community Resilience Partnership which is involved in climate change activities. Several towns are already participating in the program.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by B. Clarke, seconded by A. Colford, meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Kellie M. Mullis

Town Clerk