

Newport Selectboard  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
September 20, 2023 @ 6:00 PM  
Newport Town Office Meeting Room

Present: Town Manager: James Ricker

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

Attendees: Maxine Pare

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by K. Rush at 6:00pm.

- a. Pledge of allegiance

2. Public Access

None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from meeting held September 6, 2023

K. Rush stated minutes approved unless doubted, all in favor, minutes approved.

- b. Communications

1. Storm update

There was some clean up after the storm including approximately 7 trees in the roadway. Public Works took care of everything without issue.

2. County ARPA

Town Manager stated there was a balance of \$49,950.

- a. Walking path

Town Manager has received a proposal from RA Paradis for \$34,000. He also requested a proposal from TW Clark with no response. Town Manager is waiting for response from TW Clark before making any decisions.

- b. Docking

Town Manager is still waiting on bids from Hammond Lumber and Moosehead Motorsports but has not received anything in writing. Board suggested checking with Trailside as well.

4. Old Business

- a. Paving 2023

Town Manager said Roundy's has finished all their prep work today and should start paving on Monday and he anticipates it taking no more than 3 days. D. Berry inquired to the additional delay where Town Manager said Roundy stated they were behind on a previous project in Skowhegan. He also noted the RR crossing has been replaced on the Palmer Rd and it is a great improvement.

b. Audit update

Town Manager supplied all Board members with a copy of the annual audit. He welcomed any questions be emailed to him or the auditor directly. She noted the segregation of duties is necessary but understands staffing causes a delay in that, otherwise she had no issues.

5. New Business

a. Recreation Center Heat Pumps / Efficiency of Maine

Town Manager received a proposal from Gilman Plumbing and Heating for Fujitsu heat pumps for the rec center totaling \$44,127. Efficiency Maine has awarded the town a credit of \$16,800 upon completion of installation. After some discussion the Board voted to pay the \$44,127 from the ARPA funds. A. Colford questioned warranty on Fujitsu and suggested checking into Daikin heat pumps because they have a good reputation and warranty. Board agreed to table vote until next meeting on 10/4 to allow Town Manager to gather warranty information on both manufacturers.

b. Fee Structure review

Town Manager said that the company who disposes of our tires from the Transfer Station (BDS) has raised their rates. We now need to adjust our fees for Resident and Nonresident. Town Manager proposed raising all tire prices and no longer accepting rims, equipment tires, and snowmobile tracks. Motion to approve changes made by D. Berry, seconded by A. Russell, all in favor, motion carried.

c. Liquor license renewal c/o American Dream Restaurants dba Pizza Hut

Motion to approve license made by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, all in favor, motion carried.

d. General Assistance Update 2023/2024

Maine Statute has increased maximum amounts from \$2-\$7 by category. Motion to approve increase made by D. Berry, seconded by A. Colford.

e. Public Works Truck update

The new PW truck has arrived but we are still waiting for the body and plow. The supplier has told Town Manager that they have no eta on these pieces at this time.

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 6:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kellie M. Mullis

Town Clerk