

**Newport Selectboard
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2023**

Present:

Town Manager: James Ricker

Deputy Clerk: Kathleen Kemp

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

Absent: Andrew Colford

Attendees: Maxine Pare

Guests:

Laurie Osher, EMDC

Kass and I, LLC Crazy Sumo 2

1. Call to Order

K. Rush called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

- a. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Access

None

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes held October 18, 2023

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

- b. Communications

1. Gate Closure: working with DEP on two of the shoreline violations. We will keep the Board posted as to when the gates will close.
2. Taco Bell – Grand Opening 10/31/23.
3. Fire Department Halloween served 700 kids and received \$600 in donations.
4. Th old Lunch Shack, located at the ballfield on Grove Street, was taken down.

4. Old Business

- a. Pavement billing: \$395,438.00
- b. Discussed the outcome of the two EMDC meetings regarding Get Ready Funding, \$10,000 Grant to improve capabilities in the Town Office, to include reimbursement of \$4700 available towards recently completed computer work at Town Office, Police and Fire Offices. Selectboard would like to explore other options for the remaining funds (\$5300.00).
- c. The Town Manager and Board discussed line painting and costs for consideration for the 2024 paving projects.
- d. Bangor Neon: invite to next meeting (11/15) to discuss electronic sign

5. New Business

- a. Maine Resilience Partnership, Laurie Osher of EMDC: Laurie Osher presented clarification on the Maine Resilience Partnership. Under certain criteria, the Town could receive \$50,000 and in a joint effort of two Towns, \$100,000. Laurie stated that there is also available, \$12,000 in Technical Assistance monies. She offered her services as a Technical Assistant Advisor for the Community and would work on the Grant from beginning to submission. Laurie also stated she could provide limited Technical Assistance at no additional cost if the Town decided to pursue the Grant on their own. The Board thanked Laurie for her time and information, but took no action at this time.
- b. Kass and I, LLC Crazy Sumo 2: attended meeting to request Liquor License, provided completed application for an On Premises License. A Japanese cuisine restaurant will open at the former Scotty's/Pando restaurant. K. Rush moved to approve, seconded by D. Berry, all in favor, motion approved.
- c. DA Office: The Town Manager presented two affidavits for the Board's signatures. The affidavits identified \$8100 to be returned to the Newport Police Department pursuant to several drug seizure arrests made in the last two years.
D. Berry made a motion to accept these monies. K. Rush seconded, all in favor, motion approved.
- d. The Town Manager stated that the plow trucks are ready for winter. The warrant reflects the needed repair costs.
- e. K. Rush reported that there is a streetlight out on High Street.

6. Warrant

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

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by K. Rush, seconded by A. Russell, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Kemp

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Deputy Clerk