

**Newport Selectboard
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2023**

Present:

Town Manager: James Ricker

Deputy Clerk: Kathleen Kemp

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

Attendees: Maxine Pare

Guests:

Lee White, Bangor Neon with Ed Kenny, Watchfire

1. Call to Order

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

- a. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Access

Maxine Pare – announced that the Gates are closed.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes held November 1, 2023.
Motion to approve minutes made by D. Berry, seconded by B. Clarke, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. Communications
 1. Update on Street Light replacement/placement: working with CMP as a business partner, Intelligent Lighting. Costs – TBD.
 2. Health Insurance update: up 4.25% - built into budget.
 3. Lake violations update: pictures attached of before and after violation(s) abated which took 11 hours. The Town attorney will attempt to recoup the money spent, may be able to apply a special tax.

4. Old Business

- a. Electronic sign display presentation by Bangor Neon: Lee White, Bangor Neon and Ed Kenny, Watchfire provided the Board with an electronic sign presentation. The two provided answers to the Board's questions. The Board has requested additional quotes for various sign sizes (One or two sided, 3x4, 3x5, 3x6). Bangor Neon/Watchfire to provide.
- b. Recommendations on Maine Resiliency Grant: all not inclined to continue with Laurie Osher and would like to consider other options. Jim and Kathy can work on the Grant application.
- c. Annual bonuses: Board agreed and approved.
- d. Update on truck: out to bid
- e. Fire Truck: One bid received today, more expected. Will update at next meeting.

5. New Business

- a. Off Premise Liquor Catering Permit c/o Newport Entertainment Center for 11/26/23 Night Out Shopping Event: Motion to approve made by K. Rush, seconded by A. Russell, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. Now licensed for a new Solar Array in Town.
- c. K. Rush discussed adjusted schedule. Next meeting on 12/6, cancel 12/20, and resume regular schedule in January.
- d. The Town Office will close Wednesday, 11/22 at 2:00 pm for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- e. The Town Office(s) will close Thursday, 12/7 at 1:00 pm for an employee holiday celebration.

6. Warrant

Motion to approve the warrant made by K. Rush, seconded by A. Russell, 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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