

**Newport Selectboard  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 6, 2023**

**Present:**

**Town Manager:** James Ricker

**Deputy Clerk:** Kathleen Kemp

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

**Absent:** Chair, Kate Rush

**Attendees:** Maxine Pare

**Guests:**

Lee White, Bangor Neon

Benjamin Bussiere, EMDC

Richard Painter, Community Member

Jason Erb, Newport Metals

**1. Call to Order**

D. Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

- a. Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Public Access**

D. Berry discussed the Chamber of Commerce Festival of Trees and would like to sponsor a Town of Newport Tree in 2024. D. Berry volunteered to provide a tree, Board will collectively decide upon a theme and solicit donations.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 11/15/23.  
Motion to approve minutes made by D. Berry, seconded by A. Colford, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. Communications
  - i. Reminder of On-Demand Public Hearing: Regarding the Roundabout.

**4. Old Business**

- a. **Sign Quotes:** Lee White, Bangor Neon, attended the meeting to review additional sign quotes with the Board. The Board selected the 36x84, 8mm sign for \$36,416.21. D. Berry made a motion to approve the selected sign, B. Clarke seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

**5. New Business**

- a. Presentation by Benjamin Bussiere of EMDC Re: Get Ready Proposal: It was discussed that the offer for the microphone from EMDC should be reconsidered. EMDC will buy it for us. It is valued at \$640.00 The microphone will be beneficial for Town Meetings. Mr. Bussiere has offered to provide a catered event for 100+ people to discuss \$30.00 credit/month for Internet bills and proposal for a \$10,000.00 grant on the Town's behalf.

The Town Manager and Mr. Bussiere will discuss dates to hold the event at the Public Safety Building. Mr. Bussiere has secured the Harvest Moon Deli to cater the event.

- b. Fire Truck Bid: The Town received two bids. One for \$501.00 and one \$2500. 00 . The Board selected the \$2500.00 bid from Roundy Paving. It was originally discussed that the proceeds would go to the Equipment Reserve Fund, however and after further discussion, the proceeds will go to the Fire Department Capital Fund, Account # 6000. D. Berry motion to accept the amended fund, A. Russell so moved, B. Clarke seconded, motion carried.
  - c. Appointment to the Planning Board: Maxine Pare. D. Berry motion to accept the appointment of Maxine Pare to the Planning Board, B. Clarke seconded, all in favor, motion accepted.
- 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 D. Berry, seconded by A. Russell, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen Kemp*

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Deputy Clerk

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**5. New Business**

d. Application for automobile graveyard/junkyard permit renewal c/o Jason Erb dba Newport Metals: Community Member, Richard Pointer, requested to be heard. He is a neighbor to Newport Metals and describes it as an eye sore. He stated that he is ok with approving the permit, but requests that maybe a large fence be constructed. J. Ricker stated that the application will be approved contingent upon the view from the road. Line eight on the application must indicate "NO," that the salvage cannot be seen from the road. D. Berry motioned that we should have an update during the first week of May regarding the process of cleaning up the site. B. Clarke seconded, all in favor, motion carried.