

Newport Selectboard
Regular Meeting Minutes
08-16-23 @ 6:00 PM

Present: Town Manager, James Ricker

Selectboard:

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

Attendees: Maxine Pare', Jeff Chretien, Debra Ricker

1. Call to Order

Kate 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 7-19-23

Motion to approve minutes by Donna Berry, seconded by Adam Russell, all in favor, minutes approved.

4. Communications

- a. Cemetery Expansion

R.A. Paradis was sent a check for the expansion the amount of \$8000.00. The new cemetery is all staked out and ready for road construction. Paradi bid this construction @ \$34,000. Without available funds at this time the Town Crew may begin their own construction by utilizing funds from the cemetery account.

- b. Tomb restoration

Permission was given by the board to get bids for the project. No motion is necessary at this time.

- c. Festival Update

This year's festival was the best one yet. The kids that attended had a really great time.

- d. County ARPA

Money for the docks has been set aside. They will be purchased with wheels on the bottom, so that they are easy to get around. The wheels can be easily removed for storage. The initial estimate came in around \$10,000.

- e. Infield Baseball field-Pike offered \$350.00 gift certificate for infield gravel if the Town Crew transports.

- f. Paving

Paving will start by the 28th with the weather permitting.

4. Old Business

- a. Used Ambulance review.

The current balance in the ambulance reimbursement account is around \$272,000. Fire Chief reports that the second ambulance will only be a backup if the first ambulance is down. I.e., When repairs or oil changes are done. A list of Ambulances and prices were presented to the board. (See attached). The

best one on the list was from the Old Town Fire Department. It is fully ready to go as a backup and not to be used on a regular basis. This ambulance will not be fully staffed. A heart monitor will need to be purchased for around \$35,000 and decals to put on it (Town of Newport) for an estimate of \$500.00. A motion was entertained by Bruce Clarke and second by Andrew Colford. A motion to amend to use ARPA funds by Bruce Clarke, second by Andrew Colford, all in favor, approved.

The new fire truck is in progress and should be done by September 23rd.
The town is also waiting for the new Public Works Truck as well.

5. New Business

a. Signage updates (Cemetery/Welcome to Newport sign)

Signage is needed to replace the vinyl on the signs at each end of town and at the beginning of the road at the cemetery.

b. Hud Documentation

The paperwork for Hud is very frustrating to find. The manager stated he has been networking with several other managers in the completion of the application.

c. Public Works/Police

Jim thanked Donna for introducing him to the Indeed Applications, Public works has seen over 23 applicants and the Police Department approx. 10.

6. Warrant

Donna Berry made a motion to accept, second by Bruce Clarke, no discussion, all in favor.
Warrant approved.

7. Adjourn

Motion made by Donna Berry to adjourn, seconded by Adam Russell, meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deanna Thompson
Treasurer

Used Ambulances

Autotronics. 2013 Braun Ford E450 Gas 105k miles. Salvaged title. With a Power Stretcher. \$110,000

Allegiance. 2013 Horton E450 Gas 85k miles. No equipment. \$65,000

Remanufactured Ambulance Superstore. 2013 Horton F550 70k miles. \$119,500. No equipment

Remanufactured Ambulance Superstore. 2019 Marque Ford F450 55k miles. No equipment. \$179,500

Old Town Fire Department. 2018 PL Customs. Ford E450 Gas. Includes Power Stretcher, IV Warmers, Radios. \$35,000