

Newport Selectboard
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

Present: Town Manager: James Ricker

Selectboard: Chair: Kate Rush, Vice Chair: Donna Berry, Bruce Clarke, Adam Russell, Andrew Colford (via zoom)

Attendees: Maxine Pare, Brenda Clarke,

1. Call to Order

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

- a. Pledge of allegiance

2. Public Access

None

3 Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of minutes from meeting held 10-4-23

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

- b. Communications

1. Updates new Business's

Town Manager stated that Taco Bell is slated to open 10/23 and the Car Wash and Crazy Sumo II is looking to open 12/1. Aroma Joes is anticipating 12/1 as well but most likely will be later.

2. Round-a-bout

Town Manager supplied new plans to the Board and the only difference seems to be Sawyers being labeled an historic landmark. Future meetings are to be online but no dates have been released. Bids should come out early 2024 with construction to start Mar-May 2025.

3. Pavement billing

Town Manager has not received any invoices yet but he anticipates the cost being the same as he noted at the last meeting \$395,438.

4. Cost of line painting (roadway)

Town Manager noted that some of our town roads could possibly use painted lines for safety. He has reached out to local striping companies with no responses yet. He will bring further information to next meeting.

4 Old Business

- a. Ambulance

The State announced \$31,000,000 in funds under the EMS Revitalization Act to be released. Chief Chretien is currently working on the grant which is 40% service/call volume and 60% grant based.

- b. Signage feedback
 - B. Clarke provided feedback after looking at some local signs. The size was discussed as well as a timer to shut the sign off at night. Town Manager will schedule Bangor Neon to come and do a presentation for the Board.
- c. Public Works Truck
 - Tentative completion date is 11/15/23.

5. New Business

- a. Maine Resilience Partnership
 - Town Manager will schedule Lori Osher at EMDC to come on Nov 1 meeting to explain this program to the Board and how they can assist us.
- b. Taco Bell Victualers License Approval
 - Motion to approve made by D. Berry, seconded by A. Russell, all in favor, motion carried.

6. Warrant

Motion to approve 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 B. Clarke, meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Kellie Mullis

Town Clerk