

Council Minutes
February 28, 2011

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, February 28, 2011 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building immediately following an informational hearing. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Tim Delabruere and Denis Chenette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, James Leclair, Leo Willey, Eric Grims, Trish Sears, Paul Dreher, Tom Bernier, Andy Cappello, Deb Cogan members of the Press and Public. Alderman Baraw was absent.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Aqua fest Requests with Phil White

Mr. White was not present. There may be a conflict with the Fire Departments coin drop and Mr. Whites request to close Main St. for Aqua fest activities on the same day. Mr. Chenette moved to table the request until the March 7th meeting. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Request by the North Country Friends of the VSO for Free Use of City Tent

Mr. Delabruere moved to grant the request. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Banner Request by North Country Supervisory Union

The Supervisory Union would like to put up a banner indicating the dates for kindergarten registration. Mr. Delabruere moved to allow the Supervisory Union to put up a banner on the fence at Pomerleau Park and to post the same information on the bulletin board at Gardner Park. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Approve Acceptance of Grant Award of \$14,393 for Planning for Designation of Designated Neighborhood (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to accept the grant award of \$14,393 for planning of a designated neighborhood. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Sewer/Water Allocation Request From Newport housing Limited Partnership

The request is for an additional 304 gals per day. Mr. Delabruere moved to grant the allocation request. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Creation of Certified Local Government Program (historic Preservation Commission) (attached)

Mr. Chenette moved to table until a future meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

The council signed 2011 liquor license renewals

Trish Sears requested that the designated downtown be expanded to include Gardner Park. Mr. Delabruere moved to accept the addition of Gardner Park to the designated downtown area with a scale drawing of the proposed area to be included. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette stated that 3 or 4 mail boxes on the Bluff Road have been wiped out by the city plow. Mr. Ormsbee stated that his mail box had been damaged and presented photographs as proof. Mr. Ward and Mr. Bernier will look into the matter.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson took issue with being a sister city to Coaticook Que. As far as he knew the council had never discussed it or approved it. Trish Sears stated that she wouldn't use the terminology anymore. She stated that Newport hadn't picked Coaticook they had picked us. She is hoping that the Mayor's of the two cities can meet and come to an agreement and then come to the council for approval.

Next Meeting Date

March 7, 2011

Adjournment

Mr. Wilson moved to adjourn at 8:08 P.M. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D. Johnson This 14th Day of March, 2011

R. P. [Signature] Mayor