

**Council Minutes
March 19, 2012**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, March 19, 2012 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Tim Delabruere and Denis Chenette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Phil White, Trish Sears, Jamie Leclair, Tom Bernier, Paul Dreher, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of March 5, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Election of City Council President

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint John Wilson, Council President. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously

Appointments

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint John Ward Jr., City Manager. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint John Ward Jr., Delinquent Tax Collector. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint,
Thomas Bernier, Public Works Director
J. Paul Duquette, Chief of Police
James Leclair Sr., Fire Chief
Spencer Potter, Tax Assessor
Andrew Cappello, Recreation Director
William B. Davies, City Attorney
Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint Paul Dreher, Zoning Administrator. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint John Harlamert to the Development Review Board for three years and Gerry Coulombe and Jay Gonyaw as alternates to the DRB for three years. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint James Leclair Sr., Health Officer. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint Woodman Page and Clark Curtis to the Planning Commission for three years. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Mr. Delabruere moved to appoint Tim Daley, Harbor Master. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint Sandra Chaplin, Archie Lewis and Ronald Chaffee to the Harbor Commission for two years. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Mr. Delabruere moved to appoint Steve Mayo, Deb Smith, Andre Bussiere, Heidi Santaw and Jessica Ward to the Recreation Committee. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint Paul Monette and John Ward Jr., representatives to the NVDA Board. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Paul Monette and John Ward Jr., representatives to the EDC Board. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint Frank Ormsbee, John Ward Sr. and Paul Curtis to the Cemetery Commission. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Roxana Bailey Bly, Donald Hendrich and Richard Baraw, Fence Viewers. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Mr. Delabruere moved to appoint Royce Lancaster, Animal Control Officer. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint Robert Gosselin, Tree Warden. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Richard Baraw, Weigher of Coal. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Mr. Wilson moved to appoint Richard Baraw, Inspector of Wood & Shingles. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Mr. Delabruere moved to appoint Helena Hicks, Town Service Officer. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Mr. Baraw moved to appoint Paul Dreher, Building Safety Officer. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

Request for Mayor to Attend 2012 National Main Streets Conference

Mr. Baraw moved to reimburse the Mayor in the amount of \$300 out of the council special fund for travel to the National Main Street Conference. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

Consider Water Fee for Part time Water Users

Mr. Ward stated there were six seasonal residents on Farrants St. who do not have access to water during the winter months. The water line to these residences is above ground and water is not available during the winter. Mr. Ward suggested only billing for the period May1 thru October 31. Mr. Delabruere moved to bill the part time residents on Farrants St. two quarters only. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Review Income/Expenses for FY2012

The council reviewed the current year budget status.

Consider Niles Fund Application

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the request for Niles Funds. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried.

32nd Annual Firefighters Raffle

The council purchased a ticket for the annual Firefighters Raffle.

New Business

Mr. Wilson noted pot holes on Pleasant St. Ext., speeding down Mt. Vernon St. and speeding on Prouty Dr.

Mr. Baraw noted that cars are running the red light at the foot of East Main St., filling the intersection and the guardrails on Bluff Rd. near the overpass need to be replaced.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson asked who would makeup the selection committee to hire the new Police Chief. The council determined that the City Manager, two Aldermen (Baraw & Wilson) and the Chief of Police would makeup the committee. The council would interview the final two or three applicants.

Next Meeting Date

April 2, 2012

Executive Session – Legal Matter

Mr. Delabruere moved to enter executive session for a legal matter between the City and the Village of Derby concerning water. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried.

Attested

James D. Johnson This 2nd Day of April 2012

John A. Wilson ~~Mayor~~ COUNCIL PRESIDENT