

NEWPORT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

June 20, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Clark Curtis (CC), Vice Chair Robert Currier (RC), Woodman Page (WP), Dan Ross (DR), Ruth Sproull (RS)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Zoning Administrator (ZA) Charles Elliott, Pam Ladds, Anne Page, Mayor Paul Monette, City Manager Laura Dolgin, NVDA's Karen Geraughty

7:05 p.m. Chair Clark Curtis officially called the Planning Commission meeting to order. Minutes of June 6, 2017 were reviewed. Vice Chair (VC) Bob Currier made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting. Seconded by Dan Ross. Unanimously approved.

7:07 p.m. DR made motion to table review of bylaw till end of meeting. BC seconded. Unanimous approval.

7:08 p.m. Review City Plan. Laura Dolgin and Karen Geraughty (KG) said they wanted to explain what is needed in editing the city plan in view of renewing the city's downtown designation with the state (see requirements here: <http://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/designation-programs/downtowns>).

KG made presentation explaining tax and grant benefits to private investors and the city. Aug. 7 deadline for revising the city plan. New state guidelines and manual for city plans will be forwarded to the commission by KG. New manual is at <http://accd.vermont.gov/sites/accdnew/files/documents/CD/CPR/DHCD-Planning-Manual-Module1.pdf>. RS questioned if we were still eligible to be a designated downtown since demolition of the block on Main between Central and 2nd Sts. contained several contributing properties to Newport Downtown Historic District (see the listing nomination here: http://orc.vermont.gov/Documents/NewportCity_NationalRegister_NominationForm_00000001.pdf) Mayor Monette said that there were no historically significant buildings in that block (even though the listing proves otherwise). CC said that we can edit the plan but do not have time for a complete rewrite. KG will be sending

the planning commission a marked up version of the plan for our review and to help in editing. It will include edits to the current plan suggested by WP and submitted to the committee during the meeting.

8:20 p.m. In Other Business

Invitation to meet with Derby PC on July 10 at 7 p.m at Derby Town Offices. Call to Order, Meet with Derby Planning Commission, and Adjourn will be the agenda for the meeting. Need to warn it.

DR would love to see a vision for Newport in plan with pictures and continuous updating.

BC made motion to table bylaw work for now, DR seconded. Unan. approve

8:35 p.m. Set date and agenda for next meeting

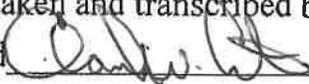
July 11, 2017 at 7 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting
3. Review Newport City Municipal Plan
5. Other business
6. Set date and agenda for next meeting
7. Adjourn

Next PC meeting will be July 11.

8:45 p.m. WP made motion to adjourn, DR seconded. All approved.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Ruth Sproull

Approved 

Date 7-11-17