

**Council Minutes
August 20, 2012**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport city council was held on Monday, August 20, 2012 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Alderman Richard Baraw, Tim Delabruere and Denis Chenette, City Manager John Ward Jr., City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Trish Sears Rod Ames, Lucille Collins, Claire Currier, Peter Currier, Diane Peel, Cindy Heaney, Joe Cornelius, Nicole Johnson, Joe Broadbent, Sue Broadbent, Pauline Dagesse, Bob LaRue, Ann Marie LaRue, Paul Dreher, Jamie LeClair, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of August 6, 2012 as printed. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Additional Request for Out of the Darkness Walk (attached)

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

Parks & Recreation Department Request for Parking Day on September 9, 2012 (attached)

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the request by the Recreation Department. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Citizens Request for Public Bulletin Board

Diane Peel gave a presentation on the importance of a Public bulletin board and requested that the city put one or two up in the downtown area. Mr. Baraw moved that the Recreation Director get together with Diane Peel and discuss the feasibility of the project. Seconded by Mr. Chenette. Trish Sears stated that RCNC was already working on the matter. The motion and second were withdrawn.

Request Support for Certificate of Public Good for Bobbin Mill Solar Installation (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to support the Certificate of Public Good for the Bobbin Mill Solar Project. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Request Approval to Apply for Bike/Ped Grant (attached)

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the request to apply for the Bike/Ped Grant. Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Request Approval to Sign Lease Documents for Two 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Sedans

Mr. Baraw moved to sign the lease documents. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Determine Committee for Police Department Union Negotiations

Mr. Baraw, Mr. Delabruere and Mr. Ward will serve on the committee.

Consider Attendance at NVDA Annual Meeting.

Mayor Monette will attend.

New Business

Several residents from Colfax St. were present to discuss the permit fees for neighborhood watch signs in the Colfax St., Park Ave. area which has been a police department approved Neighborhood Watch area for some time. It was determined that there would be no fees for signs designating a Neighborhood Watch erected on private property in a neighborhood watch area sanctioned by the Police Department.

Cindy Heaney requested better enforcement of the city's Noise Ordinance.

Mr. Wilson asked that the March of Dimes walk on Sept. 23rd be approved. Mr. Wilson moved to approve the request for the March of Dimes Walk on September 23, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Monette asked about the questions on the Tasting Center. Mr. Ward stated that the City would be willing to do some work but we want to be paid for it.

Mr. Baraw asked about setting the Tax Rate. Mr. Ward stated he felt the City has surplus enough to reduce the tax rate and we should have enough info from the auditors to set the rate at the September 10th meeting.

Mr. Chenette asked about the three Blue Book invoices. Mr. Ward stated they were all sewer department invoices.

Mr. Chenette asked that the Zoning Administrator check on the setbacks at the new credit union building to make sure it's twenty feet.

Request to name the Tennis Courts after Gary Atchinson. Mr. Moved to formally name the Prouty Beach Tennis Courts after Gary Atchinson.

Old Business

Mayor Monette asked if we have had any luck catching people letting their dog poop on Main St. Mr. Ward stated no. However he is going to order one poop receptacle and install it on Main St. to see how it works.

Mayor Monette asked about the replacement of the trash can on Main St. Mr. Ward stated that new ones are \$1,500 so Mr. Bernier is going to see if Guay's can make one for less.

Mr. Chenette stated that three of them had participated in the Annual Cribbage Tournament in Knowlton, Que. but didn't win.

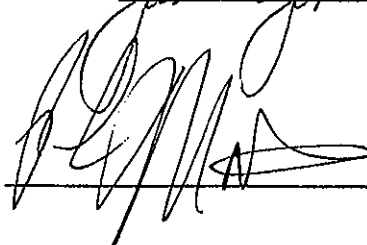
Next Meeting Date

September 10, 2012

Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:52 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  This 17th Day of Sept 2012

 Mayor