

Council Minutes

September 23, 2013

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, September 23, 2013 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, Aldermen Richard Baraw, Denis Chenette and Tim Delabruere, City Clerk James D. Johnson, Tom Bernier, Jack Roberge, Stacey Therrien, Trish Sears, Brian McNeal, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Baraw moved to approve the minutes of September 9, 2013 as printed. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Broker Agreement with Poulos Insurance for Vermont Health Connect Policies

Jack Roberge from Poulos Insurance was present. He would like to continue to be the cities broker for the Vermont health Connect. Otherwise each employee will have to choose a plan individually with the aid of a navigator. Mr. Roberge noted he knows each employee and is knowledgeable about all the plans. Broker fees are no longer paid by the insurance companies and are now included in the monthly premiums. If Mr. Roberge continues as broker he will meet with each employee before the dead line.

Consider Proposed 2014 Rates for Recreation & Parks Facilities

No fees for Tennis or Non-profits were included in the proposal. Mr. Delabruere moved to table the rates until the October 7th meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Consider bids for Directional Boring under I-191 and Clyde River for new Water Line

Mr. Delabruere moved to accept the bid from Engineering Construction Inc. for \$104,530 as recommended by the Public works Director. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Request for Community College of Vermont signs on the Causeway

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the request with location approval from the Public Works Director. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Consider Locations of NEK Byway Signs

Mr. Delabruere moved to approve the signs with location approval of the Public Works Director.
Seconded by Mr. Baraw, motion carried unanimously.

Request Sewer/Water Allocation for Deborah Perry at 1190 Coventry Road

Mr. Delabruere moved to table until the next meeting for clarification.

New Business

Mayor Monette asked Mr. Bernier to make sure the outlets on Main St. were working for the Chili fest this weekend.

Mayor Monette noted that the crossing lights at the school are not working.

Mayor Monette noted that the street sign for Meadow Lane

Mr. Delabruere noted a sign missing on either Weaver St. or Fairview St.

Ruth Sproull felt that the permit issued to Maplefields did not meet the form based code and urged the council to appeal the permit.

Brian McNeal noted that traffic crossing the Long Bridge and turning left is not yielding to traffic coming down Mt. Vernon St.

Large trucks are using Pleasant St. Ext. instead of the Truck route

Vehicles entering and exiting Clermont Terrace are bottoming out.

Old Business

Mr. Delabruere wondered who authorized the Northern Star Sign in Pomerleau Park

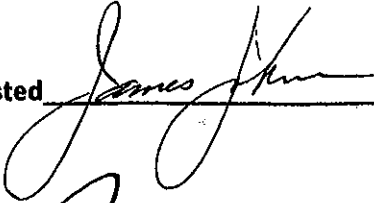
Next Meeting Date

October 7, 2013

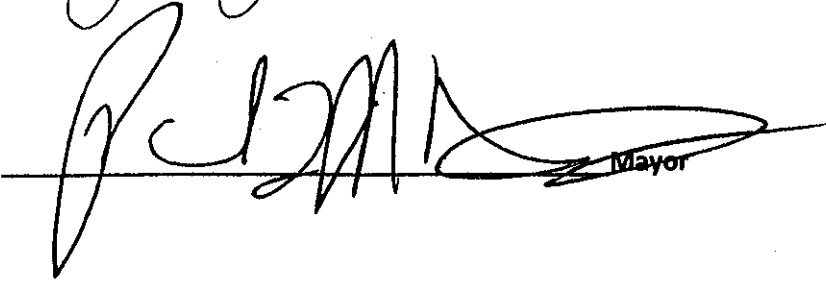
Adjournment

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Seconded by Mr. Delabruere, motion carried unanimously.

Attested



This 7th Day of October, 2013


Mayor