

## **Council Minutes**

**October 1, 2018**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, October 1, 2018 in the council room in the Newport Municipal; Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Denis Chenette, Council Members Julie Raboin, Kevin Charboneau and Daniel Ross, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Bruce James, James Nagle, Jessica Booth, Ken Mitchell-Eby, Jamie LeClair, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Raboin moved to approve the minutes of September 17, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

### **Comments by the Public**

Bruce James President of the Chamber of Commerce commented on the success of the Fall Foliage Festival.

Susan Watson, treasurer of the group trying to acquire the Northern Star stated she needed to know the docking fees for their budget. She would also like to see something that gives the income and expenses of the Centennial Celebration.

### **City Dock Issues**

Ken Mitchell-Eby addressed the council on issues at the City Dock. His main concerns were the Lease agreement, Safety, Customer Service. After a lengthy discussion on these issues.

Mr. Chenette moved to form a committee made up of a member of the city council, mooring and slip holder, a Harbor Commission member, a Yacht Club member, the Recreation Director and Harbor Master to meet and figure out the lease agreement before the December 3<sup>rd</sup> council meeting and do away with the October deadline for deposits for next season. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Mr. Charboneau to represent the city council. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried.

**Executive Session for Personnel**

None

**New Business**

Mayor Monette asked the council's opinion on a proposed Assisted/Senior Housing Project proposed at Lakemont. The council was in favor of the Planning Commission moving ahead with the proposal.

Ms. Raboin asked about the waived fees in each depts. budget. Mayor Monette explained that funds are moved from council special projects to waived event fees in each dept. as a tracking tool.

**Old Business**

Mr. Johnson noted that tax bills would be going out this week.

Mayor Monette asked if the council wanted the Casella expansion presentation on a future agenda, so they can decide if they are in favor of the plan or not.

Mayor Monette noted that the second chef at the Thai Restaurant had gotten his visa.

Ms. Dolgin noted the Household Hazardous Waste Day is October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Dolgin noted that on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6 PM to 8 PM at the North Country Career Center there will be a meeting to finalize the Waterfront and Downtown Master Plan.

**Next Meeting Date**

October 15, 2018

**Adjournment**

Mr. Chenette moved to adjourn at 8:38 PM. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James D. Johnson this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2018

  
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Mayor