

Council Minutes

February 11, 2019

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, February 11, 2019 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Denis Chenette, Council Members Julie Raboin, Kevin Charboneau, Daniel Ross, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Chief Jamie LeClair, Chief Seth DiSanto, Tom Bernier, Jessica Booth, Robert Gosselin, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2019. Seconded by Ms. Raboin.

Discussion: Mr. Charboneau noted that he was not in attendance at the February 4th meeting.

Motion carried.

Comments by the Public

Ann Chiarello commented that she had a bag of material that contained PFOA and PFA. She wondered what to do with it.

Events Requests and requests for Waived Fees (attached)

Tom and Robin Coulter requested that the fees be waived for the Ryan Coulter Memorial Pond Hockey Tournament. The tournament raises fund for scholarship awards given to graduating high school seniors.

Ms. Raboin moved to waive the fees in the amount of \$245 for the Ryan Coulter Memorial Pond Hockey Tournament. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Larry Krzysko and Michelle Brouchu requested that the fees be waived for the Old Stone House Historical Society's Collectors Fair in Newport on February 24, 2019. The event will be held in the Municipal Building.

Mr. Chenette moved to waive the fees for the Collectors Fair in the amount of \$161. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Dana Lesperance requested that the fees for the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Parade on July 27, 2019.

Ms. Raboin moved to waive the fees for the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association in the amount of \$425. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

Vero Rancourt and Andrea Spates Carbine requested that the City donate \$1,000 in support of the 2019 Wednesday's on the Waterfront Concert Series.

Ms. Raboin moved to donate \$1,000 to Wednesday's on the Waterfront Concert Series out of the current budget. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

Annual State Highway Mileage Certification

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve the 2019 State Highway Certification. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

None

Old Business

Liquor license application for M&J LLC.: Mr. Chenette moved to table the application until it is filled out properly where necessary and with references. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ross recommended that the council look at Legislative bill #54 regarding Marijuana.

Ms. Dolgin stated that the next tax sale will be either April 16th or 23rd, 2019

Ann Chiarello requested that the council consider holding the Informational meeting on February 25th instead of March 4th.

Next Meeting Date

March 4, 2019

Executive Session for Personnel 1 VSA 313(d)(a)(3)

Mr. Ross moved to enter executive session for the appointment or evaluation of a public officer or employee. Seconded by Mr. Chenette, motion carried unanimously.

In open Session Mr. Chenette moved to approve the job description for a City Landscaper. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Chenette moved to appoint Robert Gosselin as City Landscaper. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session for Personnel 1 VSA 313(d)(a)(3)

Mr. Chenette moved to enter executive session for employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee (City Manager). Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

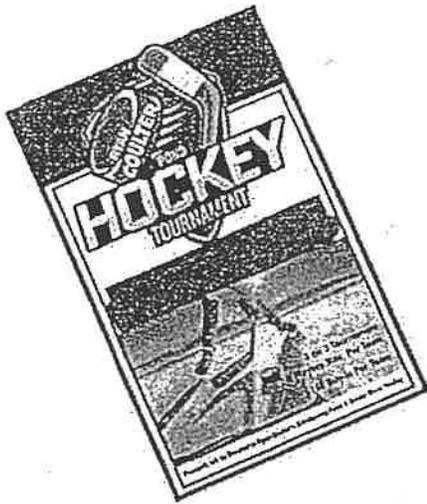
No action.

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Attested:  This 21st Day of March 2019


Mayor



February 7, 2019

Dear members of City Council;

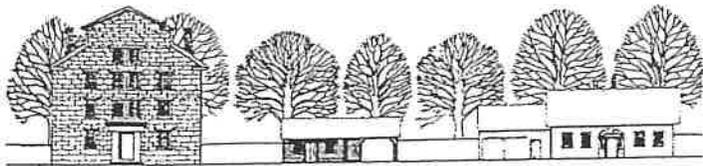
We are requesting that ~~\$245~~ fees for our Scholarship fund raising event be waived. This is the third annual Ryan Coulter Memorial Pond Hockey Tournament which raises money for scholarship awards given to graduating high school students. All proceeds go directly to this fund and last year we made a contribution to Border Minor Hockey and awarded two \$1000 scholarships. We would like to make this an annual event in Newport with the possibility of making the Newport Rec Departments skating facility a beneficiary in some way.

I look forward to meeting with you on Monday to answer all questions and concerns you might have with this event.

Sincerely

Thomas Coulter

THE OLD STONE HOUSE MUSEUM



The people's history museum of Orleans County
ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
109 Old Stone House Rd. Brownington, VT 05860
802-754-2022 www.oldstonehousemuseum.org

February 6, 2019

Newport City Council
222 Main Street
Newport VT 05855

Dear Newport City Council,

We are requesting you to consider waiving the fee of \$161 for us to hold the Historical Society's Collectors Fair event in Newport, February 24, 2019.

This event has grown over the years in Orleans. It is both exciting and provides a positive experience. Thank you for the opportunity to hold this event in Newport.

We have also received donations from other local businesses, such as Pick & Shovel, E.M. Brown Hardware and Parkview Garage in order to help off-set our costs.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request. I can be reached by phone if questions should arise. My cell number is 802-323-8072.

Sincerely,

Larry #
Michelle

Larry Krzysko
Michelle Brochu,
Volunteers

To: Jessica Booth

From: Dana Lesperance

Date: February 4, 2019

Subject: Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA) Regionals

The CVMA is a non-profit veteran's organization that is focused on raising money for and assisting veterans. CVMA Region 3 is planning our 2019 regional meeting in Newport, Vt July 25, 26, 27, and 28, 2019. Every year each region within the CVMA holds an annual regional meeting. States within the region take turns hosting the meeting and showing off their state. As Vermont began planning our 2019 regionals the planning committee decided to host the event in the Northeast Kingdom. We knew this would provide our membership with a great chance ride through and visit places that truly show off Vermont's rural charm. The main location for this event is the Newport American Legion.

Overall during this event members will be out riding and enjoying the area. Saturday morning July 27th will be the regional meeting at 9:00am at the American Legion. After the meeting, at approximately 10:15 we are proposing that we ride as one group from the American Legion in Newport up to the Derby Community Church using: Freeman St, to Bluff Road, to Union St., to East Main St. up to the Derby Community Church (4.8 miles) as our route. If we are able to ride this route as one group without stopping it should only take about 20 minutes. We understand that this would take City and law enforcement approval and are willing to attend to what ever may be requested of us.

As a veteran's organization we think this event on Saturday morning would be a great opportunity to support veterans in the Northeast Kingdom. If approved, we would promote this parade of motorcycles as a chance for the community to come out and show their support for our country's veterans. After our ceremony at the Derby Veterans Memorial Park there will be a luncheon open to the public at the Derby Community Church with live music provided by the CVMA. Our ceremony in Derby and the luncheon will be about honoring the service and sacrifice of all veterans.

I greatly appreciate the City of Newport considering our proposal and looking forward to meeting with the City Council.

Dana Lesperance, Planning Committee Chair
CVMA Life Member
Retired USMC & Vermont Air National Guard
dana.lesperance@comcast.net
802-673-9180



Dear Mayor Paul Monette, Newport City Council, City Manager Laura Dolgin, and Parks and Rec Dept. Director Jessica Booth:

WOW 2019 Concert Series:

We are coming to you again this year to ask for your support and approval for our 3rd annual Wednesdays on the Waterfront.

We also want to thank the council for your support and participation in the events that happened for the last two years. As many of you will probably agree, WOW continues to be a great success.

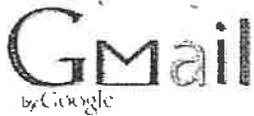
-This year we are slated to once again have another successful WOW series

- 6 night concert series beginning on July 3rd ending August 7th
- Two 1.25 hour sets of music
- Due to the success of our last two years, we will also be having two security guards and multiple portopotties on site
- We have also secured the use of The Catamount Arts Stage, sound, lights, staff, and Music and Industry Interns from Lyndon State College again this year

As some of you witnessed last year, the use of the stage allows us to produce a more professional event and alleviates any sound issues. It also helps us better provide for the needs of existing bands and allows us to attract bigger names to this event. We have already secured three of the six bands and have been in conversation with a few potential acts for the other available spots.

We are hoping that you will consider a monetary donation of \$1000.00 to support our 3rd annual Wednesdays on the Waterfront. This will help defray our costs but also ensure we can keep this a FREE event for everyone who wants to attend. As you know, WOW has been popular in the whole Northeast Kingdom community; residents and visitors alike.

Thanks for your consideration! We look forward to speaking to you.



Jessica Booth <jbooth@newportrecreation.org>

Application for WOW

Jessica Booth <jbooth@newportrecreation.org>
To: Vero Rancourt <lebelvedere11@hotmail.com>

Tue, Feb 5, 2019 at 12:43 PM

Hi Vero!

Question ~ did you guys have a sponsorship from Coventry Town last year? I seem to remember Amanda Carleson mentioning that they had set aside \$500 for WOW. I think you're likely to be asked at the Council Meeting if you're asking other towns for support. If you didn't receive the \$500 from Coventry last year, would you consider asking \$500 from us and picking up the \$500 from Coventry? A portion of our events policy requests the amount of request diminishes over time, and I think this is a good way to help you guys meet that criteria and be proactive on that question from the Council.

Talk to you soon!

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Recreation Office: (802)334-6345



Jessica Booth <jbooth@newportrecreation.org>

Application for WOW

Andrea Carbine <wednesdaysonthewaterfront@gmail.com>
To: Jessica Booth <jbooth@newportrecreation.org>
Cc: Vero Rancourt <lebelvedere11@hotmail.com>, Andrea Spates <andreaspates@gmail.com>

Thu, Feb 7, 2019 at 1:32 PM

Hi Jess-

I just spoke with Vero. She said you should already have the letter as she gave it to you with the original packet. If it is in regards to changing the request for the amount of money we are asking for we are not going to do that. I'm in class for the rest of the afternoon but will be around by 300 if you have questions.

We too have heard rumblings about the green space and are anxious to hear how that turns out.

My number is 617-921-9936. If you have further questions.

See you Monday,
Andrea

Sent from my iPhone

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