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Newport City Council Meeting
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 10, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Council Room

****Public Hearing #1 on the Newport City Municipal Plan Draft****

City Council: Paul Monette, Mayor
Julie Raboin, President
Kevin Charboneau
Dan Ross
Melissa Pettersson

Laura Dolgin, City Manager
James D. Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer

1. Call the Regular Council Meeting to Order
2. Approve the Minutes of the February 3, 2020
3. Comments by Members of the Public
4. Recreation Committee Update on Fundraising for Gardner Park, Jenn Smith & Jaime Comtois
5. Executive Session 1 VSA 313 (a)(1)
6. Executive Session, 1 VSA 313 (3)(a)(3)
7. New Business
8. Old Business
9. Set next meeting: Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting, Informational Meeting, and Public Hearing #2 on the Town Plan: March 2, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.
10. Adjourn

Newport City Council Meeting Participation Guidelines

Newport City Council meetings are for the purpose of allowing Council members to conduct City business. Distinct from public hearings or town meetings, City Council meetings are held in public, but are not meetings of the public. City Council meetings are the only time the City Council members have to discuss, deliberate

and decide upon City matters. In an effort to conduct an orderly and efficient meetings, the Mayor kindly requests your cooperation and compliance with the following guidelines per the policy adopted on December 21, 2015 and ratified on January 23, 2017, and adopted again on April 1, 2019:

1. Please be respectful of each other, Council members, city staff, and the public.
2. Please raise your hand to be recognized by the Mayor. Once recognized, please state your name and address or affiliation.
3. Please address only the Mayor and not members of the public, staff, or presenters.
4. Please abide by any time limits. Time limits will be used to insure everyone is heard and that there is sufficient time for the Council to complete their agenda within a reasonable timeframe.
5. The Mayor will make a reasonable effort to allow everyone to speak once before speakers address the Council a second time per the limits adopted on January 23, 2017.
6. Once public comment has been heard, discussion will be limited to the City Council members.
7. Please do not interrupt or mock other speakers or otherwise exhibit disruptive behavior during the City Council meeting.
8. Please do not repeat the points made by others, except to indicate agreement or disagreement with other views.
9. Please use the hallway for side conversation. It is difficult to hear speaker remarks when side conversations are occurring in the Council Chamber.
10. Presentations to the Council are not open to public comment. However, per the policy adopted on December 21, 2015, matters on the agenda requiring a vote are open to public comment immediately prior to the Council vote.
11. Individuals who do not abide by these procedures will be asked to leave the Council Chamber.

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Council Minutes

February 3, 2020

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, February 3, 2020 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Julie Raboin, Council Members Melissa Pettersson, Kevin Charboneau, Daniel Ross, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Program Administrator Rebecca Therrien, Police Chief Seth DiSanto, Fire Chief John Harlamert, PW Director Tom Bernier, Bill Prue, Peter Storrings and 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 January 20, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

Anne Chiarello commented on diversity training.

Carl King Jr. questioned the January 27th meeting.

Amy LeClair read a statement regarding the former Fire Chief Jamie LeClair.

Parking Ordinance Amendmente Bayview St.

Mr. Ross moved to amend Ordinance #94, prohibiting parking on the Easterly side of Bayview St. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Certificate of Highway Mileage

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve the Certificate of Highway Mileage. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Coin Drops 2020 (attached)

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve seven-coin drop requests for 2020. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Parades 2020 (attached)

Ms. Raboin moved to waive all fees for the Vermont All-State Music Festival Parade. Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried. Ross, Raboin and Charboneau in favor, Pettersson against.

Mr. Charboneau moved to approve the Memorial Day and Light Up the Night Parades. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Appoint Health Officer

Ms. Pettersson moved to appoint John Harlamert, Health officer. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

Chief Harlamert handed out invitations to the Fire Departments Annual Meeting on February 15, 2020.

Appoint Assistant Fire Chiefs

Ms. Raboin moved to appoint Kevin LaCoss and James LeClair Jr., as Assistant Fire Chiefs. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Accept Resignation of Planning Commission Member

Ms. Pettersson moved to accept Robert Currier's resignation from the Planning Commission. Seconded by Ms. Raboin, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

The council approved a liquor license for the Jimmy Kwik Store

Mayor Monette noted that the Annual Report has been sent to the printer and it is now online.

Old Business

The council signed loan documents for the new police cruiser.

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Next Meeting Date

February 10, 2020

Adjourn

Ms. Petterson moved to adjourn at 7:10 PM. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Attested _____ This _____ Day of February 2020

Mayor

Proposed

COIN DROPS - 2020

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Auxiliary	May 23rd (Sat.)	8AM – 2PM
Newport Parks & Recreation Department	June 6th (Sat.)	8AM – 2PM
Newport Fire Department	July 11th (Sat.)	7.8 AM – 2PM
American Legion Post #21	August 15th (Sat.)	8AM – 2PM
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. Post #798	Sept. 12 th (Sat.)	8AM – 2PM
Newport Recreation Committee	October 10th (Sat.)	7.8 AM – 2PM
Disabled American Veterans (DAV)	November 7 th (Sat.)	7.8 AM – 2PM

PROPOSED PARADES 2020

Organization:

Date

Time

Vermont All-State Music Festival Parade
Contact: Bill Prue

Wednesday, May 6

6:00PM

Newport Parks & Rec/American Legion Memorial Parade
Contact: Jess Booth/James Johnson

Monday, May 25

10:00AM

Newport Derby Light Up The Night Parade
Contact: Bob & Ann Kelley

Saturday, December 5

6:00PM



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January 29, 2020

Dear Valued Customer:

CHITTENDEN REGIONAL OFFICE
MONTPELIER, VERMONT

We have received notice from Chittenden Solid Waste District that the recycling tip fee at their recycling facility in Williston will be increasing \$15.00 per ton effective March 2, 2020. This increase is due to the continued decline in markets for recycling commodities, resulting in insufficient revenue to offset the cost to operate and manage the MRF Program. Please see attached letter from CSWD.

Effective March 2, 2020 your tip fee for your roll off recycling loads will be increased **\$15.00 per ton**.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support and business. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at **802-778-9260**.

Sincerely,

Pierre R. Lachaussie
Market Area Controller



Chittenden Solid Waste District

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January 16, 2020

RE: Recycling Tip Fee Increase at the CSWD MRF

Dear Haulers and Recyclers:

On March 2, 2020, CSWD will be raising the tip fee at the District's Material Recovery Facility (MRF).

- The new tip fee will be \$80.00/ton for all incoming recyclables.

The increase is due to the continued decline in the markets for recycling commodities, resulting in insufficient revenue to offset the costs to operate and manage the MRF program. The market value of mixed paper has continued to decline to a historic low. Since November 2019, we have gone from paying \$30/ton to market paper, to now paying \$65/ton. Domestic paper processing capacity has not become available as quickly as hoped. International import restrictions, U.S. tariffs, and skyrocketing freight costs and driver shortages have all negatively impacted revenue from recyclables.

CSWD strives to keep the MRF costs as low as possible while ensuring that the equipment is maintained as needed so that we can provide a reliable service to accept and process the region's recyclables. At \$80/ton, this tip fee remains significantly lower than other single-stream MRFs in the region. For example, as of the date of this letter, the Rutland MRF is charging \$110/ton, the Albany, NY MRF is charging \$120/ton, and the MRF in Portland, ME is charging \$145/ton.

For more perspective, we have estimated that on average, Chittenden County households generate roughly 590 pounds of "blue-bin" recyclables annually—just over ¼ of a ton. This means that, at \$80/ton, on average the tip fee impact on each Chittenden County household amounts to \$23.60/year. In other words, the \$15 increase from the current tip fee of \$65 amounts to a per-household increase of \$4.43 per year.

We are providing ample time to notify your customers. It is our goal to set a rate that will remain stable and to provide you with enough time to adjust your services if necessary. We will keep you informed of any significant changes in the future.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Reeves". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Reeves

Executive Director