

## **Council Minutes**

**February 10, 2020**

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, February 10, 2020 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, City Council President Julie Raboin, Council Members Melissa Pettersson, Kevin Charboneau and Daniel Ross, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Police Chief Seth DiSanto, Zoning Administrator Charles Elliott, Fire Chief John Harlamert, PW Director Tom Bernier, Recreation Director Jessica Booth, Recreation Committee Chair Jenn Smith, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Pettersson moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

### **Comments by the Public**

Tom Evans commented on the Annual Report.

Pam Ladds thanked Julie Raboin for her time on the City council.

Anne Chiarello commented on the term dangerous precedent.

### **Recreation Committee Update on Gardner Park Funding**

Jenn Smith and Jess Booth showed a short video clip on what Gardner park will look like when it's done. Jenn Smith noted that the Recreation committee had committed to raise \$24,000 for the project and they have currently raised \$14,000. They have secured 75% of the funding needed for the project and expect to begin construction in the spring.

### **Executive Session 1 VSA 313 (a) (1)**

Mr. Ross moved to enter executive session and that for the board's specific finding that premature general public knowledge of the subject of the executive session tonight would clearly place the Board and/or persons involved at a substantial disadvantage. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ross moved to authorize legal council to resolve the appeal at the value discussed in executive session and prepare and file necessary documents. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

### **Executive Session 1 VSA 313 (a) (1)**

Ms. Raboin moved to enter executive session for personnel and contracts. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

No action.

### **New Business**

Ms. Pettersson moved to amend the proposed Municipal Plan as presented at the Public Hearing. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ross moved to approve the Special Events Permit for a wine tasting at the Eastside Restaurant on February 29<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

The council signed a 2020 Liquor License for Maplefields.

Mayor Monette thanked the Recreation Dept. for the successful Father/Daughter Dances and thanked the Fire Dept. for a quick response to what turned out to be a false alarm at his residence.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Next Meeting Dates**

Public Info Hearing on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and Annual Meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

**Adjourn**

Ms. Petterson moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James Johnson This 20th Day of March 2020

  
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Mayor