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222 Main Street
Newport, Vermont 05855
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Newport City Council Meeting

Regular Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 21, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

REMOTE MEETING

**The Municipal Building is Closed as part of the Stay Home/Stay Safe Measures
In Order to Participate Remotely:**

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cityofnewportremote**

City Council: Paul Monette, Mayor
Dan Ross, Council President
Kevin Charboneau
Melissa Pettersson
John Wilson

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

1. Call the Regular Council Meeting to Order
2. Approve Minutes of September 14, 2020
3. Comments by Members of the Public
4. Fire Department Floor Update & Vote; Fire Chief John Harlamert
5. Discussion about City Wide Implementation of Water Meters, Possible Vote
6. New Business
7. Old Business
8. Set next meeting: next Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting: October 5, 2020 @ 6:30pm
9. Adjourn

Non-confidential Materials Pertaining to this Agenda are Available for Viewing & Download on the City's Website at <https://www.newportvermont.org/> Commencing at 9:00 a.m., the Morning of the Meeting.

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 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, April 1, 2019, and again on March 16, 2020.

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 ensure 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 March 16, 2020.
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.

Council Minutes
September 14, 2020

DRAFT

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held remotely on Monday, September 14, 2020. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Dan Ross, Council Members Melissa Pettersson, Kevin Charboneau and John Wilson, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Fire Chief John Harlamert, Recreation Director Jessica Booth, Rebecca Therrien, Eric Voegtlin and members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ross moved to approve the minutes of August 17, 2020 with corrections. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

None

VLCT Delegate Appointment

Mr. Charboneau moved to appoint Mayor Paul Monette, delegate to VLCT. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Set 2020-2021 Tax Rates (attached)

Ms. Pettersson moved to set the 2020-2021 Tax Rates as presented. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Rates & Fees

Ms. Pettersson moved to approve the recreation rates and fees excluding Prouty Beach and the City Dock. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously. Prouty Beach and The City dock rates will be on the agenda October 5th.

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New Business

Mr. Ross thanked Ms. Dolgin for her work since the last meeting.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson thanked the fire Dept for putting up the Flag on Patriot's Day. Mayor Monette acknowledged the fire on Pleasant St. this past weekend.

Executive Session

Ms. Pettersson moved to enter executive session to discuss the appointment or evaluation of a public officer or employee, 1 VSA 313(a)(3). Seconded by Mr. Ross, motion carried unanimously.

In open session Mr. Ross moved to appoint Eric Voegtlin as Zoning Administrator and Building Safety Officer effective September 16, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

September 21, 2020

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 7:25 PM. Seconded by Ms. Pettersson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested _____ This _____ Day of _____ 2020

Mayor

To: Mayor
City Council
City Manager

September 1, 2020

From: City Clerk/Treasurer

The 2020-2021 tax Rates are based on a Grand List of \$319,234,460, a Budget of \$4,079, 816, Appropriations of \$167,200 and Voted Exemptions of \$50,221.

	2019-2020		2020-2021
	Resident		Resident
Municipal	1.2372	Municipal	1.2780
Appropriations	.0555	Appropriations	.0524
Voted Exempt	.0113	Voted Exempt	.0157
Education	1.3992	Education	1.5209
Total	2.7032	total	2.8670

	Non-Resident		Non-Resident
Municipal	1.2372	Municipal	1.2780
Appropriations	.0555	Appropriations	.0524
Voted Exempt	.0113	Voted Exempt	.0157
Education	1.6384	Education	1.6822
Total	2.9424	total	3.0283

Note: The 2019-2020 rates were based on a Grand List of \$319,997,660, a budget of \$3,958,859, Appropriations of \$177,668 and Exemptions of \$36,207.

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To: Newport City Council
From: John Monette, Planning Commission Chair
Re: Zoning Applicant Interview Recommendation

Date: September 9, 2020

Erik E. Veogtlin interviewed on September 9, 2020, in front of DRB Chair John Harlamert, City Council President Dan Ross, City Mayor Paul Monette, City Manager Laura Dolgin, and myself.

Based upon the interview, it is our unanimous recommendation that the city council appoint Mr. Veogtlin as zoning administrator effective immediately.

Thank you.