

Newport City Planning Commission Minutes

Tuesday March 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Commission Members: John Monette
Amanda Chaput
Denis Chenette
Chris Vachon
Vacant

Zoning Administrator: Erik Voegtlin

Members Present: Chris Vachon
John Monette
Amanda Chaput
Denis Chenette

Others Present: Paul Monette
Erik Voegtlin
Woodman Page

Absent Members:

1. **Call to order:** 7:00 made by John Monette Chair
2. **Approve the minutes of the planning commission meeting held on February 16, 2021:** 07:01 motion made by Chris Vachon and seconded by Denis Chenette.
3. **City Plan Development:** John Monette emailed out a log of section for members to look at for notes and possible approval. Discussion of education piece of vision, Chris Vachon remarked that it is currently 6 pages and to take it down to 4 pages due to repeating itself in the older draft. Suggestion brought up instead of including all the mission statements from other schools, to put in links to the school to slim down the vision. Jessica Booth the recreation director submitted a draft of a vision for the commission to look at and possibly change and add to it. Lake Memphremagog draft at this point nothing has changed. Snack bar is working with Newport Maritime group for a lease agreement. At this point in the vision, it is outdated, and Denis Chenette volunteered to rework the section of the Gateway center. Discussion in adding the ROAM app to the vision which is the new check in process at the city docks for Canadian visitors.
4. **Downtown Transportation Fund Grant**

- **Vote to endorse application:**

Discussion of grant that could replace the lighting for downtown main street and it was approved by the city council the night before. The lights poles have not been replaced since 1994. This grant is specifically for replacing the poles and not the lights. Motion made by Chris Vachon seconded by Denis Chenette.

5. **Old business:** Commission authorized zoning administrator to make a change to last meetings minutes to add a second that was made by Denis Chenette.
6. **New business:** None
7. **Set draft agenda for next regularly scheduled meeting:** Set next meeting for March 16th at 7:00pm. Continued work on planning and development.
8. **Adjourn:** 7:48p John Monette chair called for a motion to adjourn, made by Chris Vachon and seconded by Denis Chenette.

Approved: , chair 3/15/22