

Council Minutes

June 7, 2021

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held in the Newport Municipal Building on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 6:30 PM. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Melissa Pettersson, Council Members John Wilson, Chris Vachon, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Rebecca Therrien Program Administrator, Erik Voegtlin Zoning Administrator, Pam Ladds, and Ann Chiarello. Council Member Kevin Charboneau participated by phone.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Mayor Monette noted that this is the first in person meeting of the City Council since March 2020.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Pettersson moved to approve the minutes of May 17, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

None

New Business

Mayor Monette noted he received a letter from Jill Brewer and Adam Nyborg thanking the council for all they do to make Newport such a wonderful and special place.

Mayor Monette noted that the Rec. Dept. Admin was over budget.

Mr. Wilson brought up the Paving on Central St.

Ms. Dolgin noted the Community Summit on June 16th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Ms. Dolgin noted the next Hazardous Waste Day, July 17th from 7:00 to 11:30 AM.

Ms. Pettersson moved to approve a Vendor Permit for Green Mountain Farm to School. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson thanked the Police Dept. for their good work on Friday, June 4th.

Mr. Wilson thanked the American Legion Post #21 for hosting the Memorial Day Service.

The council discussed Vendor Permits but took no action.

Next Meeting Date

June 21, 2021

Adjournment

Mr. Vachon moved to adjourn at 6:44 PM. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James Johnson this 21st day of June 2021.

[Signature] Mayor

June 3, 2021

Dear Laura and Newport City Council,

Last year we purchased a property in Newport. Right now we are using the property for weekends and vacations and hope to retire full time to Newport in the future.

For more than a decade we searched for an ideal vacation/retirement location to purchase a property. We had a rather long list of what we wanted in a vacation/retirement community and had been looking all over New England, from Cape Cod and the Islands to Rhode Island to southern New Hampshire to Maine. When we happened to visit Newport we knew very quickly that this was the only place that could "check all of our boxes" in a way nowhere else in New England had been able to do.

I am involved in local town government in our current primary residence in Franconia New Hampshire. We are always trying to figure out what draws people to our town and community and how we can channel the town's resources to support that and keep our town and community vibrant, strong, and appealing to both visitors and residents. In that vein, I thought it might be helpful to pass along to you what we love about Newport and what it was that made us choose to purchase a property in this wonderful community.

- **Lake Memphremagog** - I know, a no brainer. The beauty of the lake is just astounding.
- **Beebe Spur Trail** - We absolutely love the rail trail. It is so beautiful and allows us to bike safely and easily with our kids.
- **Newport Recreation Path** - One of the items on our list was the ability to walk or bike safely to town and the recreation path helps us to do that. We are so excited about the Bluffside Farm connector trail as well!
- **Bluffside Farm/Vermont Land Trust** - The public walking and ski trails on the beautiful farm are wonderful and we use them daily.
- **Memphremagog Ski Touring Foundation** - We love MSTF's ski and mountain biking trails!
- **Goodrich Memorial Library** - a wonderful library in a beautiful building.
- **Eagle Point Wildlife Management Area**
- **Farmer's Market and Food Truck Rally** at Gardner Park.
- **Newport Recreation/Prouty Beach** - we have signed our kids up for different rec programs and we love biking to Prouty Beach to use the lovely tennis courts, playground, and playing fields.

Thank you so much for all that you do to make Newport such a wonderful and special place. We feel so lucky to be a part of this community and look forward to getting to know even more things to love about it!

Sincerely,
Jill Brewer & Adam Nyborg
461 Pine Street