

# Newport City Planning Commission Minutes

**Tuesday September 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM**

Commission Members: John Monette  
Vacant  
Carole O'Connell  
Denis Chenette  
Amanda Chaput

Zoning Administrator: Erik Voegtlin

Members Present: John Monette  
Denis Chenette  
Amanda Chaput  
Carole O'Connell

Others Present: Erik Voegtlin  
Mark Kane SE Group  
Laura Dolgin  
Alison Low NVDA

Absent Members:

1. **Call to order:** 7:00 Call to Order made by John Monette
2. **Approve the minutes of the planning commission meeting held on August 17, 2021:** Motion Made by Amanda Chaput and seconded by Carole O'Connell
3. **City plan development:** Mark Kane discussed with the commission about top items to be included in the municipal plan. Noted that public engagement has been helpful and learned a lot from the community of what they wanted and or needed. All work involved has created a framework for the vision and for the objectives and actions. Noted that they final projection is about 80-90% complete and should be ready for the planning commission to vote on soon. SE group noted that they are open to suggestions and welcome more collaboration. Laura Dolgin added that all grant work would be done by herself and her office and SE group. Alison Low answered a question about a due date she noted that this would be more of a rolling edit that could continue right until the end of the project finalization. Mark Kane noted about having the top 5 for the municipal plan #1 being housing. #2 being the downtown broadband plan. #3 vibrancy summit. #4 development and #5 zoning bylaws. Alison Low recommended looking into St. Johnsbury for some guidance with some of the

housing issues because of some successes that they have had in the past. Plan as of now is to look at some of the big questions and issues in the city and make them the priorities for the vision and the municipal plan. Mark Kane also noted to make sure that the top priorities are items that the city is able to accomplish in the next 5 years. Having the public involved in the discussion is ideal and necessary for these items to be addressed. Next meeting a discussion of the draft will be conducted.

4. **Old Business:** None
5. **New Business:** None
6. **Set draft agenda for next regularly scheduled meeting:** Set next meeting for September 21, 2021.
7. **Adjourn:** Motion made by Denis Chenette and seconded by Carole O' Connell.

Approved 3/1/22 