

NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 18, 2021

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, October 18, 2021, in the Council Room in the Newport City Municipal Building. Present were: Mayor Paul Monette, Council President Melissa Pettersson, Council Members Kevin Charboneau, John Wilson, and Christopher Vachon, City Manager Laura Dolgin, Assistant City Clerk/Treasurer Stacey Therrien, Public Works Director Thomas Bernier, Fire Chief John Harlamert, and members of the press and public.

Mayor Monette called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vachon moved to approve the minutes of October 4, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

None.

Summer Youth Employment Program Presentation, Neil Morrissette, VIBIR

Mr. Morrissette presented plaques of appreciation to Robert Gosselin, City Landscaper and Erik Voegtlin, Zoning Administrator/Harbormaster for participating in the youth employment program.

Planning Commission Appointee

Motion was made by Ms. Pettersson to accept the nomination recommended by the Planning Commission to appoint Mr. Kevin Mead to fill the present vacant position. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Committee Appointment

Motion was made by Ms. Pettersson to accept the nomination recommended by the Recreation Committee to appoint Ms. Kelli Rhodes to fill the present vacant position. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

None.

Old Business

Laura Dolgin reminded the audience about the Pumpkin Palooza scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2021, in Pomerleau Park.

Next Meeting

November 1, 2021 At 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 6:45 pm. Seconded by Ms. Petterson, motion carried unanimously.

Attested James Johnson This 1ST Day of November ~~October~~ 2021.

[Signature] Mayor

MEMO

To: Laura Dolgin, City Manager
Paul Monette, Mayor
Newport City Council

From: Jenn Smith, Newport Recreation Committee Chair

Date: October 4, 2021

Re: Recreation Committee Appointment

Brownington resident Kelli Rhodes has shown an interest in filling one of our board's vacant seats. Kelli submitted a letter of interest in April, and has attended meetings to meet members, learn about the committee's work and volunteer already. She is ready to step-in and give back to the community she grew up in. We recommend Kelli Rhodes for appointment to a vacant seat, with her term expiring in March 2023 for annual re-appointment at that time.

Enclosure: Letter of Interest from Kelli Rhodes

04/15/2021

Dear Newport Recreation Director,

I am writing to you interested in becoming a member. My name is Kelli Rhodes. Currently I am a resident of Brownington, Vermont but was previously a long time resident of Newport. I am an active mother of two young children, who have enjoyed many of your events. I am heavily involved in a nonprofit called Safe Infant Sleep, which works to bring awareness, education, and supplies all over the world. This nonprofit has given me a large amount of social media and fundraising experience. In addition, I walk and fundraise yearly for the Alzheimer's Association. Professionally, I work for Northern Counties Health Care as a Community Resources Coordinator in Island Pond and Orleans, Vermont. I help community members and patients access resources for a wide range of issues. I also work for United Christian Academy (Newport, Vermont) as the Art Instructor and Yearbook Editor, where I have gained a lot of experience in planning events and digital media. I have previously been employed at North Country Hospital and Northeast Kingdom Human Services, with lots of professional contacts acquired at each. My degrees are in Animal Science and Psychology. I love giving back to my community and am looking to further this within my hometown.

Sincerely,

Kelli Rhodes



Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>

.Re: Memo recommendation for new member

1 message

Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
To: John Monette <john.monette@newportvermont.org>
Cc: Erik Voegtlin <erik.voegtlin@newportvermont.org>

Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 8:37 AM

Perfect! Exactly what I was looking for. I'll print this email for the council.

Thank you.

LD

On Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 8:35 AM John Monette <john.monette@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Laura,

This will confirm that the Planning Commission unanimously voted at its last meeting to recommend that the City Council appoint Kevin Mead to fill the position on the Planning Commission that has been vacant for the last several months.

John Monette

On Thu, Oct 14, 2021 at 7:08 AM Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Hi Erik and John

May I please have a letter or memo recommendation for Kevin Mead? I am putting the council agenda together and need it by 9:00 am tomorrow.

Thank you.

LD

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Laura Dolgin, City Manager
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Thank You.

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