

Council Minutes

May 16, 2022

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, May 16, 2022, in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Paul Monette, Council President John Wilson, council members Melissa Pettersson, Kevin Charboneau, and Christopher Vachon, City Manager Laura Dolgin, City Clerk/Treasurer James D. Johnson, Fire Chief John Harlamert, Recreation Director Michael Brown, Public Works Director Tom Bernier, Police Chief Travis Bingham, Stacey Therrien, Becky Therrien, Robyn Churchill, Robert Harnish, Alvin Wakefield, members of the Press and Public.

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the minutes of May 2, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public

None

Statement of Equity and racial Justice Presentation

Robert Harnish and Alvin Wakefield gave a presentation on a Vermont Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiative (Declaration of Inclusion)

Water and Sewer Rates

Anne Chiarello and Jennifer Bjurling had questions about the proposed water/sewer rates and the budget. Ms. Pettersson moved to table the question until next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried unanimously

Sewer/Water allocations for Willey St. (attached)

Mr. Wilson moved to approve both allocations. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Vendor Permits, Mr. Charboneau moved to approve Vendor Permits for Vermont Olde Tyme Kettle Corn and Sweet Snow Concession. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Ms. Dolgin noted the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on May 30th.

The Zoning Bylaw Modernization Grant Kickoff is scheduled for May 31, 2022, at 6:00 at the Gateway. The Planning commission is hosting this as a special meeting. All are invited to attend.

The Community Summit is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 6:00. Fourteen organizations are presenting.

Next Meeting Date

June 6, 2022, immediately following the second Public Hearing on the Capital Investment Program at 6:30 PM.

Executive Session to Discuss the Employment or Evaluation of a Public Officer, 1 VSA 313) (3) (a) (3)

Ms. Petterson recused herself to eliminate any perceived conflict.

Mr. Charboneau moved to enter executive session at 7:57 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, motion carried.

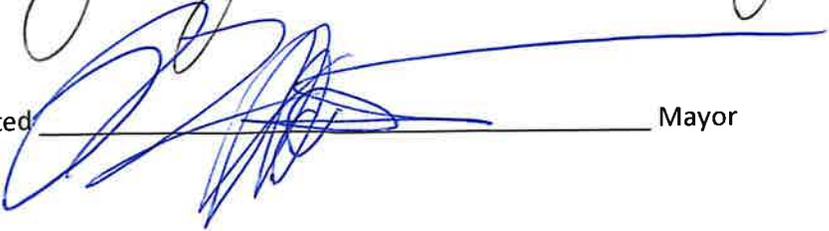
In open session at 8:58 PM, Mr. Charboneau moved to approve a 7% cost of living increase for non-union employees effective immediately. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried.

Mr. Vachon, Mr. Charboneau and Mr. Monette voted in favor; Mr. Wilson abstained.

Adjournment

Mr. Vachon moved to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously.

Attested  this 6th day of June 2022

Attested  Mayor

DECLARATION OF INCLUSION

GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT SIGNS INCLUSION WEEK PROCLAMATION

47 Towns Representing 35% of Vermont's Population Have Adopted the Declaration of Inclusion

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Montpelier, VT (May 10, 2022) –

On Friday, May 6th, Governor Phil Scott signed a proclamation declaring the second week of May “Inclusion Week” in Vermont. The proclamation reaffirms Vermont’s commitment to eliminating hatred and bigotry in all systems and institutions to improve outcomes for all Vermonters and build more multicultural and socially cohesive communities.

Inclusion Week is a byproduct of the Declaration of Inclusion initiative, an ongoing statewide diversity, equity, and inclusion effort to reinforce welcoming and belonging for all people in all Vermont communities. A number of virtual and in-person events are taking place this week to celebrate Inclusion Week and raise awareness of the Declaration of Inclusion.

“This initiative is intended to reinforce equity and to encourage inclusion and justice in Vermont communities, as well as position Vermont as a welcoming state eager and prepared to accept new people, of all identities and backgrounds, to live and work here,” stated Declaration of Inclusion leader Al Wakefield. “Driven by a vision for long-term growth and economic viability, these efforts are vital to facing Vermont’s compounding demographic crisis, as well as continuing the state’s legacy of addressing injustices.”

The goal of the Declaration of Inclusion is to have each Vermont municipality adopt and implement the declaration. To date, 47 towns and cities have adopted the Declaration of Inclusion.

About the Declaration of Inclusion:

The Declaration of Inclusion is a grassroots effort led by Robert Harnish, Al Wakefield, and Norman Cohen, who organize out of the Rutland area.

Additional Resources:

[Website: Declaration of Inclusion](#)

[List: Supporting Towns and Cities \(As Of 5.9.22\)](#)

[Webinar: Declaration of Inclusion, Background and Resources for Vermonters](#)

TOWNS ADOPTED DOI AS OF MAY 9, 2022

	<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>RANK</u>
FRANKLIN	1,453	116
SOUTH HERO	1,712	102
MILTON	10,882	8
MORETOWN	1,863	93
MIDDLEBURY	8,661	13
BRANDON	3,775	43
PITTSFORD	2,813	61
WEST RUTLAND	2,358	73
PAWLET	1,235	141
RANDOLPH	4,669	31
PITTSFIELD	351	245
VILLAGE OF WOODSTOCK	1,245	138
TOWN OF WOODSTOCK	2,936	58
TINMOUTH	584	219
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS	806	189
RUTLAND CITY	15,398	5
SHREWSBURY	1,154	149
MENDON	1,082	157
RUTLAND TOWN	4,068	39
BRISTOL	3,869	40
BENNINGTON	15,097	6
MANCHESTER	4,253	37
RICHMOND	4,145	38
WARREN	1,649	109
WINDSOR	3,392	50
PROCTOR	1,704	103
HINESBURG	4,541	33
SPRINGFIELD	8,989	12
WATERBURY	1,841	94
HARTFORD	9643	11
HARDWICK	2889	59
FAIRFAX	4692	30
MT TABOR	251	258
CHITTENDEN	1389	127
WAITSFIELD	1740	100
SHELBURNE	7717	16
FAIR HAVEN	2585	73
BURLINGTON	42,545	1
MORRISTOWN	5451	25
NEWFANE	1691	104
BARRE CITY	8646	14

STOWE	4426
WALLINGFORD	2117
PUTNEY	2700
DORSET	1675
WINOOSKI	7242
BAKERSFIELD	1086

TOTAL: 47 ADOPTED

POPULATION: 225,010

VT POPULATION --2020 CENSUS 643,077

PERCENTAGE $225,010/643,077 = .3498\%$

ORGANIZATIONS ADOPTED

LAMOILLE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
NORTHWEST REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

CITY OF NEWPORT

PRELIMINARY WASTEWATER ALLOCATION APPLICATION

Application No. P22-003
Date Received: 4/28/2022
Signature: Thom J. Beane

Application Fee: \$30 Residential
\$100 Non-Residential
Reserve Capacity Fee: \$0.12 per gallon
Final Allocation Fee: \$0.24 per gallon

To the City of Newport, Vermont:

The undersigned, being the Owner of the property located
at Bluff Rd Parcel ID # 106006.001
(Number) (Street)

does hereby request a permit for sewer use to serve
the Commercial Building
(Residence, apt., commercial bldg., industrial facility, etc.)
at said location. Sewer use is for (check the appropriate boxes)

- Renewal of an existing permit.
- Expansion of an existing connection.
- A new connection.
- A reserve capacity flow allocation.
- Other. _____

1. Residential:

- a. Number of living units by types:
Single Family Homes: _____
Mobile Homes: _____
Apartments: _____
Townhouse/Condominiums: _____
- b. Estimate of Flow:
Use the Vermont Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Rule, effective
1 January 05, Table 1, Design Flow: _____ gallons per day

2. Non-Residential:

- a. Description of Connection's Flow.
Type: Domestic
Number of Units: 1
- b. Estimate of Flow:
Use the Vermont Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Rule, effective
1 January 05, Table 1, Design Flow: 100 gallons per day

3. Will the strength of the wastewater be typical domestic wastewater?
X Yes _____ No

4. Failure of the applicant to meet the requirements of the Sewer Ordinance and this permit, will result in permit revocation.

5. The applicant may not transfer, by any means, this allocation approval to any other person.
6. Submit the application fee with this application. Make the check out to "City of Newport."
7. Submit the allocation fee with this application by separate check. Check will be returned if application is denied.

8. Applicant Information:

Date: 4/15/22 Applicant: City of Newport Phil Laramie
 Name: Laramie Water Resources LLC
 Address: 222 Main Street 198 Indian Point St
Newport Vt, 05855
 Signature: [Signature]
 Daytime Phone No.: 802 535 6606
 Daytime Fax No.: _____

9. Is this a Preliminary or Final Application? Refer to the Newport Sewer Ordinance for the details of the reserve capacity allocation request.

Preliminary
 Final

If this is a final application then ensure the submittals identified in the Sewer Ordinance are included in this application.

Connections which generate a flow over 1000 gpd or have waste strength above residential use must be certified by a Vermont registered engineer.

To be completed by the City:

A. PRELIMINARY COMMITMENT OF RESERVE CAPACITY

1. Your request for permission to use the Newport public sewage system has been received and considered.
2. Preliminary Commitment of Reserve Capacity for sewer system use is granted. You must comply with all provisions of the City's "Sewer Use Ordinance."
3. The committed reserve capacity allocated for you is _____ gallons per day.
4. This preliminary commitment will expire ONE YEAR from the preliminary approval date below.
5. Review for Final Approval will not proceed until your letter request, including required documents, for Final Approval is received.

Preliminary Approval:

Date: 6/16/22

City of Newport
 City Council

[Signature]

Expiration Date: _____

CITY OF NEWPORT
APPLICATION FOR WATER ALLOCATION/TURN-ON

W22-003

OWNER/APPLICANT: Laramie Water Resources LLC Permit # 21047

ADDRESS: 198 Indian Point St
Newport, VT 05855

ADDRESS WHERE ALLOCATION IS BEING REQUESTED:
Not Assigned off Bluff + Willey St

FEE: RESIDENCE - \$30.00
COMMERCIAL - \$30.00
INDUSTRIAL - \$60.00
EXISTING - \$15.00

Allocation GPD 100
City Tax Map # _____
Parcel ID # 106006.001

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- 1) All costs for connecting to the City water system shall be borne by the owner/applicant.
- 2) All plumbing shall be done in accordance with all applicable national, state and/or local codes.
- 3) Water lines two (2) inches or less in diameter installed within the City's R.O.W shall be K type copper.
- 4) Water lines greater than two (2) inches in diameter shall be ductile iron.
- 5) The owner/applicant shall install a radio read water meter which shall be purchased from the City and paid for by owner/applicant.
- 6) The owner/applicant shall install a backflow prevention/cross connection device that shall be purchased from the City and paid for by owner/applicant.
- 7) An application for water service connection shall be filed with the City when a new service needs to be installed.
- 8) The City must be notified 48 hours in advance of a water turn On/Off to activate system. **No person other than a City employee shall operate a City-owned water shut off valve. The water turn on will not take place unless all conditions have been addressed.**

Special Conditions: _____

Judy Gramie
Owner/applicant Signature

4/15/22
Date

Approval: The City of Newport has sufficient uncommitted reserve hydraulic capacity to serve the above proposed project.

[Signature]
Authorized Signature

05/16/2022
Date