

City of Newport
Developmental Review Board Minutes
April 26, 2023

Members Present: Chair John Harlamert, Agathe Colburn and alternate Dan Pickering

Members Absent: Jay Gonyaw

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney, DRB candidate Denis Chenette, Mayor Beth Barnes and KingdomGo representative John Gobeil

- **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair Harlamert at 6:41 p.m.
- **Agenda Sequence Adjustment:** Chair Harlamert requested that the DRB members in attendance approve an adjustment to the order of agenda items. This request was due to the fact that the scheduled KingdomGo Corp. representative was not present at the hearing. All DRB members consented to the adjustment.
- **Approval of Minutes:** A language inconsistency was identified in the draft minutes, and a correction was made to the official minutes by Chair Harlamert. Agathe Colburn then made a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2023, Dan Pickering seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Agenda Item:**
 1. **Developmental Review Board candidate Interview:**

Chair Harlamert introduced Denis Chenette as a well-known and experienced candidate for appointment as an alternate member to the Newport City Developmental Review Board. Chair Harlamert opened the discussion with an inquiry into the possibility of Mr. Chenette being willing to apply as a permanent member versus an alternate. Mr. Chenette conveyed that at this time he would be pleased to accept an appointment as an alternate member, if approved, and that he may be open to revisiting the request for permanent membership at a future date. A short discussion regarding the benefits of having a highly qualified individual such as Mr. Chenette become a resource for the DRB ensued between board members. Agathe Colburn then made a motion to accept Denis Chenette as an alternate member of the DRB and suggested that his candidacy be moved on to the Newport City Council for final approval with the recommendation of the Developmental Review Board. Dan Pickering seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.
 2. **DRB Rules of Procedure Annual Review**

The written Rules of Procedure were reviewed by board members. Dan Pickering made a motion to accept them as written, Agathe Colburn seconded the motion and the motion passed in a unanimous vote.
 3. **Election of Officers**

Chair Harlamert suggested that the existing DRB Officer Roster consisting of John Harlamert Chair, Agathe Colburn Vice-Chair and Jay Gonyaw Secretary be reappointed. Following a short discussion Dan Pickering made a motion to reappoint current officers as suggested, Agathe Colburn seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

4. **Annual Review Kingdom Go Corp./ Pine Hill Sand and Gravel operation**

John Gobeil representative of Pine Hill Sand and Gravel reported to the board that gravel extraction operations remained consistent with previous years. Board members confirmed that the required bond was in place and upon renewal would be forward to the Newport City Clerk's Office. The report made by Mr. Gobeil was met with approval by all DRB members present.

- **Old Business:** No old business was discussed.
- **New Business:** There was no new business introduced.
- **Draft Agenda:** The Newport City Developmental Review Board does not have an upcoming Hearing scheduled at this time.
- **Adjourn:** Agathe Colburn made a motion to adjourn, Dan Pickering seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2023.

_____ Chair, Newport City Developmental Review Board