

City of Newport
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2024

Members Present: Vice Chair Denis Chenette, Carole O' Connell and Gina Cirelli

Members Absent: Kevin Mead and Chair John Monette

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Chenette at 6:37 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Carole O' Connell made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2024, Gina Cirelli seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Bylaw Modernization project:**
 - A) The Planning Commission Members reopened evaluation of sections within the Draft Unified Regulations that had previously been marked for additional attention. The following areas were evaluated and amended:
 - 1) Short Term Rental Ordinance
 - 2) Subdivision Infrastructure requirements and fire hydrant ownership issue's.
 - 3) Dimensional Nonconformity
 - 4) Dimensional Definitions
 - 5) Members reviewed a list of Newport City Ordinance's that have been identified by the Planning Commission that will require adjustment to ensure consistency between overlapping regulatory guidance.
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:**
 - 1) Carole O' Connell provided the commission resource materials related to "POD" development occurring in Burlington, Vt.
 - 2) Vice Chair Chenette initiated a short discussion on Planning Commission reimbursement.
- **Agenda:** The next scheduled Planning Commission Meeting with be held on March 5, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Newport City Council Room. The agenda will be similar to tonight's meeting.
- **Adjourn:** Gina Cirelli made a motion to adjourn, Carole O' Connell seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of March 2024

Chair, Newport City Planning Commission