

City of Newport
Historic Preservation Meeting Draft Minutes
December 19, 2023

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

Members Absent: Kevin Mead

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney, Bevin Barber Campbell

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Monette at 6:35 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Carole O' Connell made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2023, Gina Cirelli seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Roll and Responsibility:** Denis Chenette reported results from his extensive search into Newport City Records designed to ascertain a broader understanding of the role and responsibility of the Historic Preservation Committee. His findings indicated that the committee's formation was originally related to the establishment of an historic district primarily for the purpose of meeting necessary prerequisites required to qualify for many state and federal grants. The role of the committee relating to the preservation of historic sites was not clearly defined. The committee agreed that this issue will be pursued once the Bylaw Modernization Project has been completed.
- The Committee members reviewed the proposed 2024 meeting dates offered by Frank Cheney. Denis Chenette made a motion to approve the 2024 Historic Preservation Meeting schedule as presented, Gina Cirelli seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:** None
- **Agenda:** The next regularly scheduled Historic Preservation Committee Meeting will be held on March 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Newport City Council Room. The Agenda will be similar to tonight's meeting.
- **Adjourn:** Denis Chenette made a motion to adjourn, Gina Cirelli seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:52p.m.

Approved this 19 day of March, 2024.

Chair, Newport City Historic Preservation Committee