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City of Newport
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
April 2, 2024

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

Members Absent: Kevin Mead

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Monette at 6:35 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Denis Chenette made a motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2024, Gina Cirelli seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Chair Monette** requested and received member consent to adjust the sequence of the publicly posted agenda to address unfinished old business associated with the yearly review of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure.
- **Old Business:** Following a review of the amended version of the Newport City Planning Commission Rules of Procedure Denis Chenette made a motion to accept the amended rules as written, Carole O' Connell seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.
- **New Business:** Jay Walsh provided the commission with an overview of information he had garnered while attending a recent New Hampshire Home Ownership Conference. Detailed information regarding the importance of community engagement and public acceptance of emerging options to address the housing crisis existing in the region was of particular interest to Planning Commission members.
- **Bylaw Modernization project:**
 - A) Frank Cheney reported that the State of Vermont had granted an extension of the Bylaw Modernization Grant End date to 6/30/2024.
 - B) 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 marked for amendment:
 - 1) Accessory Structures
 - 2) Expansion of Use
 - 3) Height Requirements
 - 4) Road Agreements
 - 5) Zoning District Map Review
- **Agenda:** The next scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held on May 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Newport City Council Room. The agenda will be like tonight's meeting.
- **Adjourn:** Carole O' Connell made a motion to adjourn, Jay Walsh seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2024.

Chair, Newport City Planning Commission