

Council Minutes

May 5, 2025

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on Monday, May 5, 2025 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Rick Ufford-Chase, Council President Kevin Charboneau, Council Members John Monette, Andrew Touchette, Carter Finegan, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Tom Bernier, Frank Cheney, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor Ufford-Chase called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

Consent Agenda

Mr. Monette moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried.

Preliminary Wastewater Allocation and Application for Water Allocation/Turn-on, turtle Pier/Nancy Cook.

Mr. Touchette moved to approve the Preliminary Wastewater Allocation and application for Water Allocation/turn-on. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

Review Special Permit Request from Marquel Webster for Labor Day Weekend Event (attached)

Mr. Webster gave a presentation on his request to hold a music festival with local and national artists on August 30, 31 and Sept. 1st. He estimates around 3,500 people would attend. The council had questions on containment, security and parking. Mr. Charboneau moved to deny the request as written based on Dept. Head advice. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

Proposed Task Force re Housing Insecurity, Public Encampment, and Community Safety (attached)

Ms. Finegan moved to form a Task force on Housing Insecurity, Public Encampment, and Public Safety. Seconded by Mr. Monette, motion carried.

Request to Add Grants Administrator Frank Cheney and Mayor Ufford-Chase as Authorized Representatives for Water Infrastructure Financing Programs (attached)

Ms. Finegan moved to add Mr. Cheney and the Mayor as authorized representatives. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried.

Annual Finance Plan – town highways (attached)

Mr. Charboneau moved to pass the Town Highways Annual finance Plan. Seconded by Mr. Monette, motion carried.

Certificate of Compliance – Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory (attached)

Mr. Touchette moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance – Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

Discussion Regarding Scheduling Key topics for Council; consideration

The council discussed key topics they would like to bring up at future council meetings. Ms. Finegan will compile a list and distribute it to the council.

Opportunities for Council Members to Represent the City

May 14th, Northern Forest Center, Mr. Charboneau and Mayor Ufford-Chase.

May 26th, Memorial Day Parade Mayor and Mr. Touchette

May 30th, Stanstead Arts Gala, Carter and Felicia May 31st, Ground Breaking Living Water Hospice, Carter

June 23rd, Pride Parade, council invited

Public Comment

None

New Business

None

Old Business

Bike Parade Saturday 10 am to 1 pm at the hospital.

Good comments on the Playground Project.

Vote for council seat tomorrow May 6th

Next Meeting Date

Ms. Finegan moved to set the next meeting for May 19, 2025

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Seconded by Mr. Monette, motion carried.

Attested _____ This _____ Day of _____ 2025

_____ Mayor