

City of Newport
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
April 15, 2025

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney,

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Cirelli at 6:35 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Carole O' Connell made a motion to approve the minutes of April 1, 2025, Jay Walsh seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Commission Membership/Election of Officers:** The Planning Commission opened a discussion to consider the election of its officers and new membership recruitment efforts for the upcoming year. Denis Chenette made a motion to appoint Gina Cirelli as Interim Chair and Carole O' Connell as Interim Vice-Chair until such time that the vacant seat on the commission may be filled, Jay Walsh seconded the motion and the motion was passed.
- **FEMA Flood Maps.** Frank Cheney reported the details of relevant information garnered from the recent FEMA Base Flood Elevation Webinar he attended. At the next regular scheduled meeting the commission will begin to outline the City of Newport's official "comments" regarding the proposed standards.
- **Bylaw Modernization-** Frank Cheney reported to members that the city attorney's office has notified Mayor Ufford- Chase that the legal review of the draft regulations will be delayed until the end June 2023. The logistical and scheduling challenges of the approval process and time constraints were discussed.
- **Old Business:** Denis Chenette updated the commission on the status rethe formation of a TIFF District in Newport.
- **New Business:** None
- **Agenda:** The next scheduled Planning Commission Meeting with be held on May 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Newport City Council Room The agenda will be like tonight's meeting.
- **Adjourn:** Denis Chenette made a motion to adjourn, Carole O' Conell seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Approved this 6 day of May, 2024.

Gina A. Cirelli, VICE Chair, Newport City Planning Commission