

**City of Newport**  
**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**May 6, 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 6:40 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Carole O' Connell made a motion to approve the minutes of April 15, 2025, Denis Chenette seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **FEMA Flood Maps.** Frank Cheney reported that FEMA was experiencing technical difficulties, and the city has yet to be able to access the proposed work maps. The commission did review relevant information regarding historic water levels on Lake Memphremagog.
- **Bylaw Modernization-** Frank Cheney reported to members that the Newport City Council has tentatively scheduled public hearings for presentation of the proposed bylaws in July 2025.
- **Old Business:** Frank Cheney reported that the city was currently advertising vacant board positions and applications would be accepted until May 23, 2023
- **New Business:** The commission discussion extensively the merits of amending the bylaws to allow for retail cannabis sale in the City of Newport, no action taken
- **Agenda:** The next scheduled Planning Commission Meeting with be held on May 20, 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, Denis Chenette seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Approved this 20 day of MAY, 2025,

Carole O' Connell <sup>VICE</sup>  
Chair, Newport City Planning Commission