

# City of Newport

## Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

~~May 20, 2025~~

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**Members' Present:** Denis Chenette, Carole O'Connell, Gina Cirelli and Jay Walsh

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney, Kyle Dwyer and Liam Abbate

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Cirelli at 6:35 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Denis Chenette made a motion to approve the minutes of May 20, 2025, Carole O'Connell seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Presentation/Use Maps:** Liam Abbate and Kyle Dwyer from NVDA provided a detailed presentation relating to the recently updated State of Vermont Development Regulations resulting from the passage Act 181. Specific information that was highlighted included proposed Orleans County land use maps, regulatory guidance and neighborhood designations. The presentation was followed by a lengthy question and answer period after which it was decided that another meeting would be required to explore the implications of the new legislation to Newport of the
- **Bylaw Modernization-** The Planning Commission continued analysis of proposed land use maps identifying numerous areas that may require adjustments.
- **Old Business:** Frank Cheney reported that two candidates had applied for the vacant commission seat and that interviews would be scheduled for the next meeting.
- **New Business:** None
- **Agenda:** The next scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held on June 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Newport City Council Room. The agenda will include PC membership interviews and Act 181 consideration.
- **Adjourn:** Denis Chenette made a motion to adjourn, Carole O'Connell seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2025.

Carole O'Connell

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Chair, Newport City Planning Commission