

City of Newport
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2025

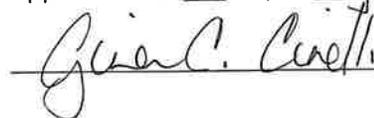
Members' Present: Gina Cirelli, Denis Chenette, Carole O'Connell, and Jay Walsh

Members Absent:

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Cirelli at 6:35 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Jay Walsh made a motion to approve the minutes of July 15, 2025, Denis Chenette seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Bylaw Modernization-**
 - 1) Update from Frank Cheney on the progress of the Newport City attorney's legal review of the Draft Unified Regulations.
 - 2) River Corridor regulations were reviewed, and a rough draft was outlined. The regulations will be placed on the next agenda to complete work on details and language.
- **Old Business:** Discussion regarding the Newport City Councils decision to not accept the Planning Commission's recent recommendation of Paul Monette's appointment and their new guidance on the selection process for candidates for the commission's vacancy
- **New Business:** None
- **Agenda:** The next scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held on August 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the Newport City Council Room. The agenda will include the Bylaw Modernization Project Update and River Corridor Regulation development.
- **Adjourn:** Denis Chenette made a motion to adjourn, Carole O'Connell seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Approved this 19 day of August, 2025.

 _____ Chair, Newport City Planning Commission