

## Special Council Minutes

May 11, 2026

A duly warned special council meeting was held on Monday, May 11, 2026 in the council room in the Newport Municipal Building. Present were Mayor Rick Ufford-Chase, Council President Carter Finegan, council members John Monette, Andrew Touchette, Sharon Pare', City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnson, Financial and Office Administrator Kari Schulze, PW Director Tom Bernier, members of the Press and Public.

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

### **Additions/Deletions**

None

### **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Proposal to Purchase a Vector Truck**

The council discussed with Mr. Bernier the possible purchase of a 2025 Vector Truck in the amount of \$628,400 delivered. The council also discussed the projected cash flow through July 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure there would be enough cash to make the purchase.

Ann Chiarello commented on the City charters section 30.

Laurie Grimm commented on the opportunity to make the purchase. The council discussed the life expectancy of the new truck and the cost of maintaining the old truck if the new one was not purchased.

Mr. Touchette moved to approve and authorize the purchase of a 2025 Western Star Vector Truck in the amount of \$628,400 per the quote from C. N. Wood, Inc. Seconded by Ms. Finegan, motion carried.

### **Executive Session as per 1 V.S.A. sec. 313(a)(3) to Take Action Regarding a Summer Hire for Public works**

Mr. Monette moved to enter executive session regarding a summer hire for public works and invite Mr. Bernier into the session. Seconded by Ms. Carter, motion carried.

Mr. Monette moved to come out of executive session. Seconded by Ms. Pare' motion carried.

No action

Mr. Monette moved that the Public Works Directors recommendation regarding the three summer hires be approved and authorize the PW Director to hire the summer help. Seconded by Ms. Carter, motion carried.

**New Business**

None

**Old Business**


None


**Set Next Meeting Date**

Ms. Finegan moved to set the next meeting for May 18, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Touchette, motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Finegan moved to adjourn at 6:59 pm. Seconded by Mr. Monette, motion carried.

Attested  This 18<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2026

 Mayor