

City of Newport
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2026

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

Members Absent: Jay Walsh

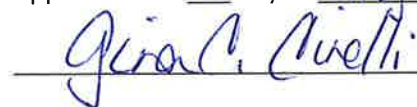
Others Present: Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney, Agathe Colburn and Dave Laforce

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Cirelli at 6:35 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Carole O' Connell made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2026, Denis Chenette seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Agenda revisions and deletions:** Chair Cirelli announce that there was a request to add an agenda item to the meeting to discuss parking regulations applicable to the Main Street "Opportunity Block" the item was added as item 1.
- **Main Street Parking Regulation Discussion:** Denis Chenette made a motion to enter executive session to discuss parking requirements for a proposed Main Street Development and invited Agathe Colburn and Dave Laforce to join the meeting, Carole O' Connell seconded the motion and the commission moved into closed session at 6:40 p.m.

The commission returned to its public session at 7:30 p.m. Chair Cirelli conveyed that no official action on the closed discussion would be taken.

- **Bylaw Modernization**
 - 1) Membership conducted a detailed discussion on general parking requirements.
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:** None
- **Agenda:** The next scheduled Planning Commission Meeting with be held on May 5, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. The agenda will include continued work on Bylaw Modernization.
- **Adjourn:** Denis Chenette made a motion to adjourn Carole Oconnell seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Approved this 5 day of May, 2026.



Chair, Newport City Planning Commission