

**TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Board of Selectmen Minutes of October 18, 2021 6:30 pm**  
**Regular Business Meeting**  
**Municipal Building, 15 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH 03773**  
**Remote Access: Zoom.com - Meeting ID: 884 0136 5024 Passcode: 466795**  
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**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** *BOS Room:* Jeffrey Kessler, Chairman; Keith Sayer, Herbert Tellor, Jr.; Barry Connell

**SELECTMAN ABSENT:** John Hooper II, Vice Chairman

**STAFF PRESENT:** *BOS Room:* Hunter Rieseberg, Town Manager; Brent Wilmot, Police Chief; Sargent Stephen (Alex) Lee

**COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT:** *BOS Room:* Elliot Lee, Griffin Lee, Christine Hilliard, Ashley Hinton, Bert Spaulding, Sr.

**NCTV:** John Lunn, Executive Director NCTV

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Kessler called the meeting of the BOS to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CEREMONIAL SWEARING IN:** Police Chief Brent Wilmot addressed the Selectboard and stated he was in attendance for the swearing in of Sargent Stephen (Alex) Lee. Police Chief Wilmot told the Board of Lee's exemplary background experience and educational qualifications. Sargent Lee is currently working as the Detective Sargent in Newport; he heads the investigative part of the Newport PD. Town Manager Rieseberg addressed Stephen Lee and read aloud a prepared statement appointing him as Sargent in the Newport Police Department. After Town Manager Rieseberg swore in Sargent Lee, Lee's daughter Miss Elliot Lee came forward and pinned on his badge. The Selectboard congratulated Sargent Lee.

**AGENDA REVIEW:** remove Action Item for consideration: Montessori School Waiver of Opera House fees (Kessler)

**MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S):** On a motion by Selectman Connell, seconded by Selectman Tellor; *the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2021 BOS meeting as presented. The motion passed 4-0-0.*

On a motion by Selectman Tellor, seconded by Selectman Sayer; *the Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021 BOS meeting with the following amendment: Page two, under Updated Community Center Costs line two; change October 27 to Monday, October 25. The motion passed 4-0-0.*

**CONSENT AGENDA:** On a motion by Selectman Connell, seconded by Selectman Tellor; *the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda of the October 18, 2021 BOS meeting as presented. The motion passed 4-0-0.*

**OPEN FORUM:** none

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Selectman Sayer had nothing to share at this time.

Selectman Tellor had nothing to share at this time.

Selectman Connell had nothing to share at this time.

Chairman Kessler had nothing to share at this time.

Town Manager Rieseberg had nothing to share at this time.

**INFORMATIONAL:** Updated Community Center Costs - Chairman Kessler said there will be a meeting of interested individuals on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the BOS Room to discuss whether to go forward with a Community Center Bond in 2022 or to wait due to a conflict with the School Renovation Bond vote. Chairman Kessler urged interested individuals to attend. Mr. John Lunn, Executive Director NCTV, informed the Board that the October 25, 2021 meeting would be recorded live for the public.

Continuation of Discussion of Annual Goals (for full discussion, go to: [www.nctv-nh.org](http://www.nctv-nh.org) )

The Board members, Town Manager Rieseberg and the public present reviewed and discussed the High, Medium and low Priority projects in the Planning and Zoning, Finance, Airport, Administrative and Economic Development Departments.

Town Manager Rieseberg will speak to Superintendent Minnihan about voting at the schools.

Chairman Kessler stated that High Priority Projects for the next BOS meeting agenda will be:

- 1) Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- 2) Master Plan discussion: second meeting in November (November 15, 2021)
- 3) Update Zoning Regulations
- 4) Solar Array Documents (to sign)

**ACTION ITEMS:** none

**APPOINTMENTS:** none

On a motion by Selectman Connell, seconded by Selectman Tellor, *the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Maura Stetson, Scribe

**The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for November 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

Approved on: November 1, 2021