

TOWN OF NEWPORT, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Board of Selectmen - Minutes for Meeting of - August 16, 2021 6:30 pm
Regular Business Meeting - Municipal Building, 15 Sunapee Street, Newport, NH 03773
Remote Access: Zoom.com - Meeting ID: 883 0571 6697 Passcode: 051200
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SELECTMEN PRESENT: *BOS Room:* John Hooper, II, Vice Chairman; Keith Sayer, Herbert Tellor, Jr.

SELECTMEN ABSENT: Jeffrey Kessler, Chairman; Barry Connell

STAFF PRESENT: *BOS Room:* Christine Benner, Economic Development Coordinator

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: *BOS Room:* Bert Spaulding, Sr.; Ed Karr, Kate Luppold, Director Library Arts Center (LAC)

NCTV: John Lunn, Executive Director NCTV

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chairman Hooper called the meeting of the BOS to order at 6:31 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA REVIEW: agenda was accepted as presented

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S): July 19, 2021 - On a motion by Selectman Tellor, seconded by Selectman Sayer; *the Board voted to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 BOS meeting as presented. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

CONSENT AGENDA: On a motion by Selectman Tellor, seconded by Selectman Sayer; *the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda of the August 16, 2021 BOS meeting as presented. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

OPEN FORUM: Mr. Bert Spaulding, Sr. addressed the Board members concerning the Newport School Board. He informed them that the Ethics Discussion is on the agenda for the Thursday, August 16, 2021 meeting. It begins at 5 pm.

Mr. Ed Karr addressed the Board members and asked that the Newport Department Heads and Board members listen to the local residents when making reports for Administrative Reviews to the Planning and Zoning Boards. Many of the Department Heads who give input are from out of town and don't experience the day to day impact of life in various neighborhoods. Mr. Spaulding, Sr. explained the roles of the Planning and Zoning Board members and stated the guidelines they have to follow. Mr. Karr thanked the BOS for their time.

COMMUNICATIONS: Selectman Tellor had nothing to share at this time.

Selectman Sayer had nothing to share at this time.

Acting Chairman Hooper had a request of Board members. Using the August 2, 2021 cancelled meeting as an example, he believed if a quorum was available, the BOS should hold their scheduled meetings; the public might have business to come before the Board. Ms. Benner had nothing to share at this time.

INFORMATIONAL: Stimulus Funding/Grant Update - Ms. Benner addressed the Board and gave an update on the local fiscal recovery funds and grants awarded to Newport.

1. AARP Community Challenge Grant-\$3,560 awarded

Newport was awarded \$3,560 for new trail signs, kiosks and branding of Newport's recreational assets

2. Private grant: Pet Safe Bark for your Park (potential \$25,000)
Media outlets have been contacted to assist in spreading the word. Vote often until August 31 to show Community support and secure the funding (Go to: www.barkforyourpark.com). Future plans are to create a community garden next to the proposed dog park.
3. Northern Borders Regional Commission-\$600,000 awarded
Newport was awarded \$600,000 which they will use to increase the scope of work (1400+ feet of water lines) on the Unity Road Water Line Project (Warrant Article 6 approved in May 2021).

Ms. Benner informed the Board she has been in contact with state officials. They are aware of Newport's infrastructure needs; Newport is "on their radar". The Board members thanked Ms. Benner for her work for the Town of Newport.

ACTION ITEMS: Kate Luppold, Director Library Arts Center (LAC)-Waiver of Fees for Use of Town Common for the Apple Pie Crafts Fair - Mrs. Luppold addressed the Board and requested a waiver of fees for the use of the Town Common for the 47th Apple Pie Crafts Fair. She gave the history of the Town waiving the fee for the LAC. There was a brief discussion on the fair, items of concern (logistics of unloading and vender parking) and the requirement of a LAC representative to annually attend a BOS meeting to request the waiver. On a motion by Selectman Tellor, seconded by Selectman Sayer; *the Board voted to waive the rental fees for the LAC's Apple Pie Crafts Fair on the Common on August 28, 2021. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

Ms. Luppold then asked the Board members if the LAC Banners previously hung on Main Street could replace the American flags that are now up. She said that the LAC had spent considerable money to have banners made and would like to see them used again. The Board members present did not know the details or protocol of the American flags down Main Street. They asked Ms. Christine Benner to contact Town Manager Rieseberg with Mrs. Luppold's request.

Approve Appointment of Deputy Treasurer- Guenter Hubert in Accordance with RSA 41:29-a - After a brief discussion on the role and appointment procedure for the Deputy Treasurer position, on a motion by Selectman Tellor, seconded by Selectman Sayer; *the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Guenter Hubert as Deputy Treasurer in accordance with RSA 41:29-a. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

APPOINTMENTS: none

On a motion by Selectman Sayer, seconded by Selectman Tellor; *the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Maura Stetson, Scribe

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

Approved on: August 30, 2021