

## Newport City

### Development Review Board

### Minutes of Public Hearing on September 18, 2019

CONTINUATION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE NEWPORT CITY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 TOOK PLACE ON SEPTDEMBER 18, 2019, AT 7:00 p.m. IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

Those present;

Mwmbers of the Board, Chairman John Harlamert, Dan Pickering, Denise Bowen

Members absent, Agathe Colburn, and Jay Gonyaw

Others present: Charles Elliott, Zoning Administrator, Nate Nadeau, Jessica Booth, Tom Bernier and Pam Ladds

1. Call hearing to order.

The Chairman called the Hearing to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Approve the minutes of the September 11, 2019 public hearing.

Minutes of September 11, 2019 were not available.

**3. Consider application No. 19043 By Newport City to construct a 0.25-mile, multi-use path to connect the planned Bluffside Trail System (Vermont Land Trust) and the existing Newport Bike Path. This segment will be routed through Prouty Beach and Campground. A paved path 10 feet wide and 1495 feet long is planned between the Broadview Entrance to Prouty Beach and Scott Cove**

#### **-Review the proposal**

The application was read, and the proposal reviewed at the September 4, 2019 Hearing (minutes of 9/4/2019 are attached). Therefore, the DRB went directly to the Site Plan review.

#### **-Site Plan review of the project**

The Chairman read the Bylaw requirements for Site Plan Review. The Site Plan and all supporting data were reviewed and determined that they met all Bylaw requirements. A discussion about bank slopes, stability of sand around path during flooding, and storm water drainage took place. Questions were answered by those present. John made a motion to grant Site Plan approval. Dan seconded and the three members present voted unanimously to approve the Site Plan. A copy of the Site Plan Review is attached.

### **-Flood Plan Review**

The flood plain standards (Bylaw Section 433-B Special Flood Hazard Area) were reviewed. The letter (email) from Sacha Pealer, Flood Plain Manager with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation was discussed. It was determined that the Site Plain proposal complied with the Bylaw standards and the recommendations of Sacha Pealer.

Conditional Use Review was then performed. A motion to approve Conditional Use was made by John Harlamert, seconded by Dan Pickering and was approved unanimously by all three members present. AA copy of the Conditional Use Review is attached.

### **-Local Act 250 Review**

**Local Act 250 review is for Act 250, Schedule B, Criteria 6,7 and 10.**

#### **Criteria 6, Impact on Educational Services**

A letter from John Castle, Superintendent of schools was received stating that there will be no impact on the school system.

#### **Criteria 7, Impact on Municipal Services**

Letters from the Police, Fire, Public Works, and Ambulance Directors were received all indicating that the new recreational path will have no impact on services provided.

#### **Criteria 10, Conforms to City and Regional Plans.**

Both the City Plan and the Regional Plan have specific plans promoting recreational and tourist attractions within the city and region. See copy of Schedule B attached.

Aa motion by Dan to approve the Local Act 250 Criteria was seconded by Denise and was approved unanimously by the three members present.

Chairman Harlamert signed all four documents, the Permit, Site Plan Review, Conditional Use Review and the Local Act 250 review.

3. Other business

There was no other business.

4. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Denise, seconded by Dan was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned a 7:46 pm.

Minutes approved by:



: Date

1-8-2020

Chairman of the Development Review Board