

Council Minutes

August 7, 2023

A duly warned meeting of the Newport City Council was held on August 7, 2023, in the Gateway Center immediately following the welcoming and ceremonial swearing in of the new Mayor. Present were Mayor Linda Joy Sullivan, Council President John Wilson, Interim City Manager Karen Geraghty, City Clerk/Treasurer James Johnosn, Council Members Kevin Charboneau, Chris Vachon, and Clark Curtis, Police chief Travis Bingham, Fire chief John Harlamert, Public works Director Tom Bernier, Recreation Director Mike Brown, Zoning Admin. Francis Cheney III, Asst Clerk/Treasure Stacey Therrien, Programs Director Rebecca Therrien, members of the Press and Public.

Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Additions, Deletions, or Changes to the Agenda

The new tax rates will be brought up under new business.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Vachon moved to approve the minutes of July 24, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion was carried unanimously.

Comments by the Public.

Amy Gillespie commented on questions she asked on July 15th that were not answered and commented on the Overdose Awareness on August 2nd.

Jennifer Bjurling asked that the mayor conduct a Forensic Audit of the Sewer and Water Fund.

Water/Wastewater Allocation (attached)

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the water allocation for 119 Clermont Terrace. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Vachon moved to approve the sewer allocation for 119 Clermont Terrace. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, the motion carried unanimously.

DRB Nomination Presentation

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the nomination of Patrick Hurley to the Development Review Board. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, the motion was carried unanimously.

Update on new Fire truck

Chief Harlamert updated the council on the new Fire Truck. Mr. Harlamert stated there are some engineering problems with the truck to the extent that the city could not except the truck. Negotiations are ongoing to settle the issues.

Resolution Designating Authorized Official for NBRC Award NBRC19GVT10 Causeway Improvements (attached)

Mr. Vachon moved to authorize the Interim City Manager (Karen Gerahty) as the authorized official to sign all NBRC documents. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Johnson presented the 2023-24 Tax Rates.

Mr. Vachon Thanked the Fire Dept. for the great event the past weekend.

Mr. Curtis brought up questions about Spruce St. and the Reservoir Cover.

Old Business

Mr. Wilson commented on Purple Heart Day

Next Meeting Dates

August 15, 2023, to interview City Manager candidates and a regular council meeting on August 21, 2023

Adjournment

Mr. Charboneau moved to adjourn at 7:30 PM. Seconded by Mr. Vachon, motion carried unanimously.

Attested *James Johnson* this 11th day of ~~August~~ ^{September} 2023

Linda J. Sulliv Mayor

CITY OF NEWPORT

PRELIMINARY WASTEWATER ALLOCATION APPLICATION

Application No. P23-002
Date Received: 9/2/23
Signature: Theresa Brown

Application Fee: \$30 Residential
\$100 Non-Residential
Reserve Capacity Fee: \$0.12 per gallon
Final Allocation Fee: \$0.24 per gallon

To the City of Newport, Vermont:

The undersigned, being the Owner of the property located
at 119 Clermont Terrace Parcel ID # 330
(Number) (Street)
does hereby request a permit for sewer use to serve
the proposed 26-unit apartment building
(Residence, apt., commercial bldg., industrial facility, etc.)
at said location. Sewer use is for (check the appropriate boxes)

- Renewal of an existing permit.
- Expansion of an existing connection.
- A new connection.
- A reserve capacity flow allocation.
- Other.

1. Residential:

- a. Number of living units by types:
Single Family Homes: _____
Mobile Homes: _____
Apartments: 26
Townhouse/Condominiums: _____
- b. Estimate of Flow:
Use the Vermont Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Rule, effective
1 January 05, Table 1, Design Flow: 4,340 gallons per day

2. Non-Residential:

- a. Description of Connection's Flow.
Type: _____
Number of Units: _____
- b. Estimate of Flow:
Use the Vermont Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Rule, effective
1 January 05, Table 1, Design Flow: _____ gallons per day

3. Will the strength of the wastewater be typical domestic wastewater?
X Yes _____ No

4. Failure of the applicant to meet the requirements of the Sewer Ordinance and this permit, will result in permit revocation.

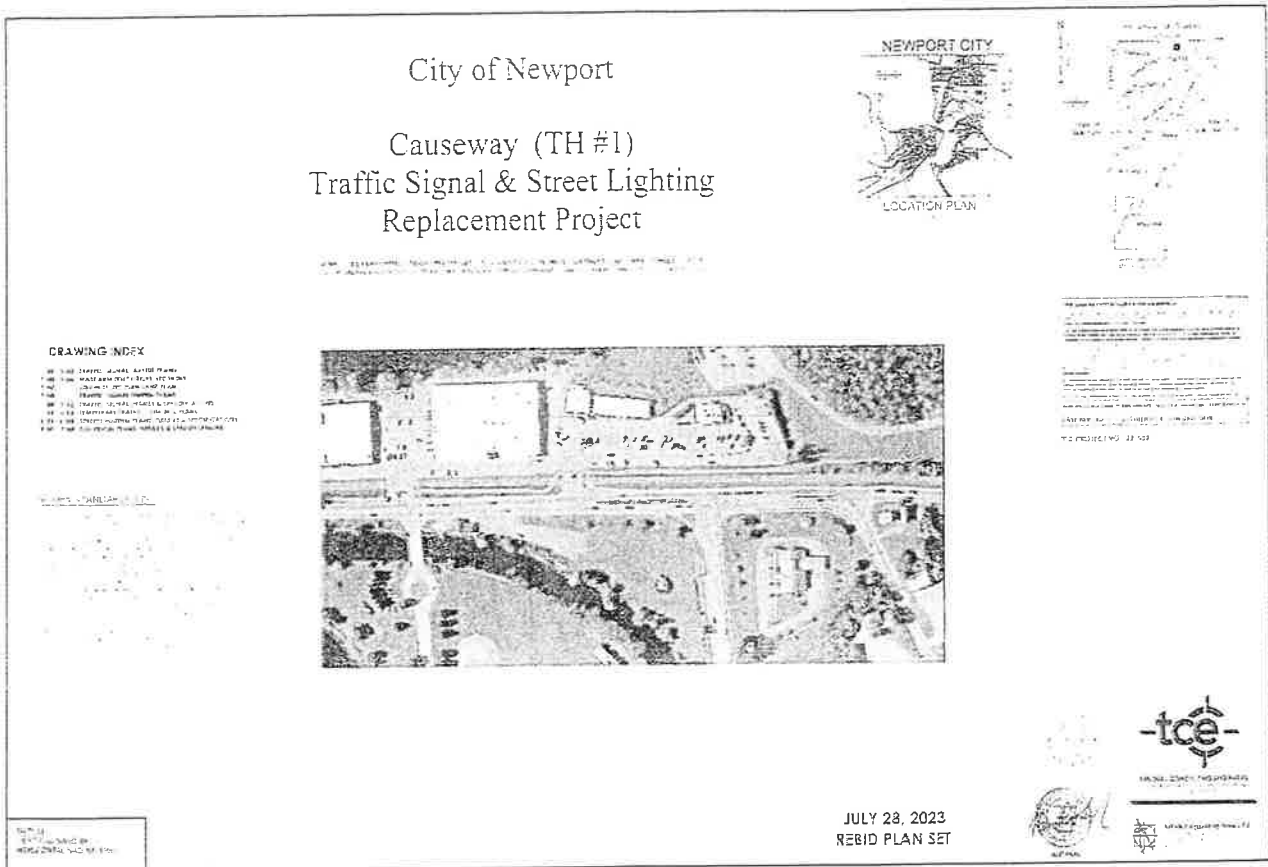
4. This preliminary commitment will expire ONE YEAR from the preliminary approval date below.
5. Review for Final Approval will not proceed until your letter request, including required documents, for Final Approval is received.

Preliminary Approval:

City of Newport
City Council _____

Date: _____

Expiration Date: _____



PROJECT: Causeway Intersection Improvements

GOAL: improved intersection alignment, updated traffic signals, updating lighting, and installation of underground conduit to enhance traffic signal integration.

FUNDING:

- Total Project Cost estimate: \$874,072
- Northern Border Regional Commission Grant (NBRC19GVT10): \$250,000
(for project administration, construction, engineering, other professional services)
- NBRC19GVT10 match amount: direct cash commitment from the City Capital Improvement Program \$504,435;
- USDA Community Facility Disaster Grant awarded June 9, 2021 \$119,637

TIMELINE:

- NBRC Grant (NBRC19GVT10) Agreement issued on September 1, 2019.
- Initial project period of performance was October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2022
- A Notice to Proceed was issued by NBRC for this project on June 25, 2020.

Project was delayed due to COVID

- NBRC19GVT10 Grant Agreement extended the period of project performance until September 30, 2023; amending Scope of Work and project budget.
- NBRC approved a second Amendment on May 26, 2023 extending the period of project performance from September 30, 2023 until September 30, 2024.

City Manager..... (802) 334-5136
 City Clerk/Treasurer 334-2112
 Public Works/Parks 334-2124
 Zoning Adm./ Assessor 334-6992
 Recreation 334-6345
 Fax..... 334-5632



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RESOLUTION

A Resolution designating Karen Geraghty, Interim City Manager, as the Authorized Official to sign all Northern Border Regional Commission investment documents for the NBRC19GVT10 Grant Award to the City of Newport, VT in the amount of \$250,000.

Resolved by the City Council of the Newport, VT as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Newport, VT has been awarded a Northern Borders Regional Commission grant (NBRC19GVT10) in the amount of \$250,000 for the Causeway Intersection Project;

NOW THEREFORE, the Interim City Manager, Karen Geraghty is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City of Newport, VT, to be the Authorized Official to apply for, accept, and expend grant funds from the Northern Borders Regional Commission. As authorized official, Interim City Manager Karen Geraghty is granted permission to sign all NBRC investment documents that bind the City of Newport

Approved this 7th day of August, 2023.

 Linda Joy Sullivan, Mayor

 John Wilson, Council President

 Kevin Charboneau

 Chris Vachon

 Clark Curtis