

**City of Newport**  
**Planning Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**August 15, 2023**

**Members Present:** Chair John Monette, Denis Chenette, Carole O' Connell and Gina Cirelli

**Members Absent:** Kevin Mead

**Others Present:** Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney

- **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Chair Monette at 6:30p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Denis Chenette made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2023, Gina Cirelli seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Bylaw Modernization project:** The planning Commission reopened work on Chapter 1 General Regulations. Sections 1000 -1100 (18) were reviewed with multiple adjustments to proposed language and parameters being made.
- **Old Business:** Frank Cheney confirmed details of the August 17, 2023, community outreach effort scheduled with the local chapter of the Vermont Real estate Association. Frank Cheney, Chair Monette, and Brandy Saxton will be in attendance.
- **New Business:** 1) Gina Cirelli provided the commission with an overview of planning guidelines and technical resource materials designed to assist members in the drafting of light pollution standards as part of the bylaw modernization project. 2) Historical housing cost data was added to the commissions resource library by Carole O' Connell.
- **Agenda:** The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting with be held on September 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Newport City Council Room. The Agenda will be similar to tonight's meeting.
- **Adjourn:** Denis Chenette made a motion to adjourn, Carole O' Connell seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Approved this 5th day of Sept, 2023.

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Chair, Newport City Planning Commission

