

City of Newport
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
September 19, 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:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Monette at 7:45 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Denis Chenette made a motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2023, Carole O' Connell seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Bylaw Modernization project:** Frank Cheney Zoning Administrator provided the Planning Commission with an overview of recent development activity and real estate trends in Newport. Which included:
 - Property sales data and trends
 - State of Vermont ratios comparing recent property sale prices to Newport City appraised property values (CLA)
 - Housing availability/zoning inquiries
 - Demand

Commission members expressed concern about the availability of affordable housing options in the future if the current market trends continue. They also examined extensively the options the commission may have at their disposal to address these concerns during the bylaw modernization process.

- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:** None
- **Agenda:** The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held on October 3, 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 9:00 p.m.

Approved this ___ day of _____, 2023.

_____ Chair, Newport City Planning Commission