

City of Newport
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
October 3, 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 6:34 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Denis Chenette made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 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 relevant timelines associated with The Bylaw Modernization Project and challenges facing the Planning Commission in this regard going forward. The commission members approved of the following adjustments.
 - Extension of the original Bylaw Modernization Grant completion date to 4/30/2023
 - Extension of original contract with Place Sense Consulting to run through 4/30/2023
 - Tentative plans for additional Planning Commission Meeting over the next few months
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:** Carole O' Connell presented the commission members with recent media articles outlining the efforts of many Vermont towns as they struggle with the increasing challenges of addressing the inadequate levels of available "middle/workforce housing" in their communities.
- **Agenda:** The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held on October 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Newport City Council Room. The Agenda will be similar to tonight's meeting.
- **Adjourn:** Carole O' Connell made a motion to adjourn, Gina Cirelli seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved this 17th day of Oct, 2023.

Chair, Newport City Planning Commission

