

City of Newport
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2024

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

Members Absent: Kevin Mead

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney,

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Monette at 6:35 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Denis Chenette made a motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2024, Gina Cirelli seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Bylaw Modernization-**
 1. Discussion regarding the status of the municipal planning grant closure process.
 2. Bylaw Modernization Project approval timeline discussion, the commissions consensus is that the goal of a fall 2024 approval by the Newport City Council continues to be a reasonable expectation.
 3. Completed review of zoning boundary delineations and proposed map adjustments.
 4. Discussion on main street building height, previously adjusted dimensional requirements were confirmed.
- **Old Business:** Denis Chenette verified that the previously approved Planning Commission Rules of Procedure had consequently been signed and recorded properly.
- **New Business:**
 1. Jay Walsh reported his recent attendance of the VLCT sponsored Spring Planning and Development Forum and provided the commission with pertinent information garnered from the event.
 2. Ginna Cirelli initiated a lengthy discussion of specific light trespass standards in the draft bylaws.
- **Agenda:** The next scheduled Planning Commission Meeting will be held on June 18, 2024, immediately following the regularly scheduled meeting of the Newport Historic Preservation Committee. in the Newport City Council Room. The agenda will be like tonight's meeting.
- **Adjourn:** Carole O' Connell made a motion to adjourn, Jay Walsh seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved this 18 day of June, 2024.

Chair, Newport City Planning Commission

City of Newport
Historic Preservation Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2024

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

Members Absent: Kevin Mead

Others Present: Zoning Administrator Frank Cheney

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Monette at 6:38 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Denis Chenette made a motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2023, Carole O' Connell seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with Jay Walsh abstaining.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Election of officers:** In consideration of the hereby agreed upon protocol which assigns officers of the Historic Preservation Committee consistent with those of the Newport City Planning Commission, the election of officers was deferred to the Newport City Planning Commission.
- **Role and Responsibility:** Denis Chenette concluded his report of findings regarding the role and responsibility of the Historic Preservation Committee by identifying those properties in Newport which are listed as having historical significance.
- **Old Business:** None
- **New Business:** None
- **Agenda:** The next regularly scheduled Historic Preservation Committee Meeting will be held on June 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Newport City Council Room. The agenda will be like tonight's meeting.
- **Adjourn:** Carole O' Connell made a motion to adjourn, Gina Cirelli seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:50p.m.

Approved this 18 day of Jan, 2024.

Chair, Newport City Historic Preservation Committee