

City of Newport
Historic Preservation Meeting Minutes
September 17, 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 6:37 p.m.
- **Approval of Minutes:** Carole O' Connell made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2024, Denis Chenette seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
- **Public Comment:** none
- **Agenda Item:** none
- **Old Business:** none
- **New Business:**
 - 1) Gina Cirelli and Carole O' Connell presented a status report on the results of their recent efforts to establish a closer working relationship between the Newport Historical Society and the Newport Historic Preservation Committee. Gina and Carole recently met with Historical Society organizer Rick Ufford Chase to open discussions on where possible collaborative efforts would be beneficial. The upcoming revision of the Newport City Downtown Master Plan was identified as an opportunity to affect future planning and consideration of historical preservation issues in our community.
 - 2) Gina Cirelli requested that the committee recommend that the historical marker that was removed from the parklet area adjacent to the Newport City Municipal Offices be replaced. Following some discussion Carole O' Connell made a motion to recommend replacement of the marker, Gina Cirelli seconded, and the motion was passed.
- **Agenda:** The next regularly scheduled Historic Preservation Committee Meeting will be held on December 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Newport City Council Room. The agenda will be like tonight's meeting.
- **Adjourn:** Denis Chenette made a motion to adjourn, Jay Walsh seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:08p.m.

Approved this 17 day of December, 2024.

Chair, Newport City Historic Preservation Committee