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**NEWPORT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES,  
AUGUST 20, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ruth Sproull (RS), Chair Robert Currier (RC), Woodman Page (WP), Colleen Moore-Ortiz (CMO), John Monette (JM)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Zoning Administrator Charles Elliott (ZA), Pam Ladds, Anne Page

**7:00 p.m.** Chair Bob Currier officially called the Planning Commission meeting to order. Minutes of Aug. 6 were reviewed. CMO made motion to approve minutes. WP seconded. Unanimous approval.

**7:02 p.m.** City Council approved planning grant application and now the planning commission had to review. \$2200 city match in funding. JM made motion to approve the grant application, seconded by CMO. Unanimous approval.

**7:15 p.m.** City Plan edits follow:

Pg. 3. Replaces 5th paragraph: “An anticipated addition to the waterfront is resurrection of the Northern Star, now Memphremagog Community Maritime, an organization with plans to offer cruises, educational programs, and a platform for ecological research concerning Lake Memphremagog. This is a collaboration of Memphremagog Watershed Assoc, Memphremagog Conservation Inc. and UVM.”

Pg. 4, 1st paragraph: Change “relief” to “delight”. “God’s Country” to “Nature”

Pg. 4, 2nd paragraph: no changes

Pg. 4, 3rd paragraph replacement: “Continuing down Main Street across the railroad tracks and bearing left onto the causeway, we follow the eastern lakeshore where we see the boardwalk and bike path extend from the Gateway Center at the city dock, past the East Side Restaurant to Prouty Beach, through the Bluffside Farm connecting to the Beebe Rail Spur to Canada.”

Pg. 4, 4th paragraph: no changes

Pg. 5, 1st paragraph, 1st sentence replacement: “Newport City is located in the most pristine and unspoiled area of Vermont.”

Pg. 5, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph replacement: “Since its beginning in July, 2007, the Newport City Renaissance Corporation (now Newport Downtown Development

Corporation) has the mission to address Newport's assets and leverage them to positively impact Newport's economic and community development with vigor."

Pg. 5, 5th paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence changes: "...Lake Memphremagog and regional ski areas including Jay Peak Resort, Burke Mountain, Craftsbury Outdoor Center and Owl's Head."

Pg. 5, last paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence changes to: "As the county seat, Newport City hosts the majority of government jobs."

Pg. 6, 3rd paragraph, 1st sentence date changes: "...March 2, 2015." Delete the second sentence.

Pg. 6, 5th paragraph: Delete first sentence. Second sentence, delete "It" and replace with: "Newport City provides a leadership role..."

Pg. 6, 6th paragraph, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet changes to.: Proximity to area ski resorts

Pg. 6, last line changes to: "City Hall has been renovated and upgraded."

Pg. 7, **Industrial**, delete first bullet item: "Numia...jobs."

2<sup>nd</sup> bullet item: Newport Furniture Parts is now "Built by Newport"

Delete 4<sup>th</sup> bullet item: "AnCBio....years."

Add bullet item: "The former Bogner property remains empty with hopes that it will soon be occupied by a manufacturing facility."

Pg. 8, 1st bullet, delete entirely and replace with: "The airport now has a completed 5,000 foot runway with parallel taxiway and a new snow removal equipment building with water and sewer hookups. Work continues on a Weather Reporting System that will allow charter flights, commercial flights and any instrument flights to land at the facility on a routine basis."

Pg. 8, 3rd bullet under **Main Street**: delete butcher shop

Pg. 8 **Downtown Business District**: delete entire section

Pg. 9 **Residential**, third bullet is replaced by: "Renovation of the former Orleans County Memorial Hospital has been adaptively reused to include 25 rental units of medium to high-end income housing.:

Pg. 10 **Recreational**: delete bullet re Northern Star

Pg. 12 **Policies**, #2 change first part of sentence: "Support good quality and affordable housing being available..."

Pg. 12 #9 changes to: "Support high-quality, affordable child care."

Pg. 13 **Development Direction Analysis**, #3, 3rd paragraph, sentence starting with "Industrial facilities" changes to: "Manufacturing facilities...as they produce products that..."

Pg. 13, last paragraph, delete second sentence and replace with “Revision Military has significantly expanded their offerings in helmets and eyewear.”.

Pg. 13 last paragraph. Delete last sentence starting with “Permits...”

Pg. 14, delete second paragraph

Pg. 15, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph: delete from “While each version...” to the end of that section

Pg. 16, **Recommendations**, #2: sentence ends at “Lakemont Street.”

Pg. 16, #7: delete 2nd sentence of this section.

Pg. 17 #13: Change Newport City Renaissance Corp and NCRC to Newport Downtown Development Corporation

**8:25 p.m.** Other business. None.

**Set date and agenda for next PC meeting**

Sept. 3, 2019 at 7 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of the August 6, 2019 meeting
3. Alison Low re planning grant
4. City Plan development
5. Other business
6. Set date and agenda for next meeting
7. Adjourn

**8:28 p.m.** WP made motion to adjourn, CMO seconded. Unanimously approved.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Ruth Sproull

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_