

NEWPORT CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 10, 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

7:05 p.m. Chair Bob Currier officially called the Planning Commission meeting to order. Minutes of Aug. 20 were reviewed. Changes noted of Pg. 3, take “anticipated” out and add “the” before “resurrection”. CMO made motion to approve minutes with the changes noted. JM seconded. Unanimous approval.

7:10 p.m. Alison Low will be here in two weeks.

7:15 p.m. Pg. 17 #13 Change NCRC to Newport Downtown Development Corporation. #14 change NCRC to Downtown Development Corporation.

Pg. 30, prg. 3, delete 3rd line to the end of paragraph and add: “Updates and renovations to the Waterfront Plaza facade have been completed and the walking path from the Gateway Center at the city dock is continued in a gravel path behind the plaza, connecting to the bike path and the Bluffside Farm. The owners of East Side Restaurant will be adding more docks and the plaza has added docks to attract more boaters to the area.”

Pg. 30, prg. 4: “Northern Star Cruise Ship” changes to “Memphremagog Community Maritime” throughout.

Pg. 30, prg. 5, 3rd sentence: “Northern Star Cruise Ship team” changes to “Newport Natural Foods.”

Pg. 32, 5th prg., 2nd sentence: “...Caspian Lake and Highland Center for the Arts in Greensboro...”

Pg. 33, 3rd. prg. remove CVS Pharmacy. 3rd sentence: “Projects recently completed are Dunkin Donuts...”

Pg. 34, 2nd prg., 3rd sentence changes to: “The airport has recently expanded one of the runways by 1000 feet.” Last two sentences change to: “The new construction will likely include hangars and other businesses. And, with the airport’s designated status as a Foreign Trade Zone, it will greatly enhance the facility’s capabilities (see Appendix K: Transportation.)”

Pg. 36: See Colleen's submission. Remove Holland under Elementary Schools. Add Morgan to North Country Junior High School list.

Pg. 40: Northern Vermont Colleges changes to Northern Vermont colleges and universities. 2nd and 3rd prg. Become: "Lyndon State College (in Lyndonville off Interstate 91 just north of St. Johnsbury and a 30 minute drive from Newport) has merged with Johnson State College (in Johnson, Vermont near the intersection of Rts. 100C and 15, about 45 minutes from Newport) to become Northern Vermont University."

Pg. 44, prg. 8: Remove Orleans Family Medicine. Last sentence of last prg.: Fletcher Allen is changed to University of Vermont Medical Center.

Pg. 46: Add another service along with BAART. Remove entire prg. about "HealthWorks"

Pg. 47, last prg., 2nd sentence: "Cornucopia...is located in Derby."

Pg. 48, prg. 2, 2nd sentence: change "Derby" to "Vermont". Under "Vermont State Police" delete last sentence of first paragraph.

Pg. 49, Ambulance: add Island Pond, Morgan and Derby to first sentence.

Pg. 50, add this paragraph to be third to last paragraph: "The U.S. General Services Administration awarded a \$23 million construction upgrade to the Derby Line Port of Entry and this new structure has replaced the outdated facility. The more modernized, structurally-sound land port will help commerce and trade flow efficiently through the border."

Pg. 52, 1st prg: Newport State Airport becomes "NEK International Airport" in all cases in this section and in Air Travel.

Pg. 53, 3rd prg. , 7th line, "FAA approved and funded a 1000-ft. runway extension along with a parallel taxi lane in 2015. Construction has been completed." Delete this sentence: "There is also a private...operations at the airport." 4th prg., 1st sentence "...acquired by Lakeview Aviation". Delete last sentence of this prg.

Pg. 54, 2nd prg: delete last 3 sentences. 3rd prg.: eliminate sentence "The operation could begin...Foreign Investor Program." 4th prg., 1st sentence: "Newport's development of its downtown will bring people to Newport." Delete 2nd to last sentence.

Pg. 55, 1st prg., replace 2nd sentence with this: "...train. Lodging accommodations would ensure transportation to and from the loading and staging area. In the spring, visitors would return to Newport and after a night's stay, would drive back to their summer residences."

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

Set date and agenda for next PC meeting

Sept. 24, 2019 at 7 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of the Sept. 10, 2019 meeting
3. Alison Low-planning grant update
4. City Plan development
5. Other business
6. Set date and agenda for next meeting
7. Adjourn

8:35 p.m. CMO made motion to adjourn, JM seconded. Unanimously approved.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Ruth Sproull

Approved _____ Date _____