

From: "Laura Dolgin (via Google Docs)" <drive-shares-dm-noreply@google.com>
Sent: Thu, 09 Mar 2023 22:11:06 +0000
To: "beth.barnes@newportvermont.org" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Document shared with you: "CITY COUNCIL & MAYOR Website Message"

Laura Dolgin shared a document



Laura Dolgin (laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org) has invited you to **edit** the following document:

Hi Beth

Please review this current mayor's message for your edits. Once you have drafted your message, we can figure out placement later.

Thanks.

 CITY COUNCIL & MAYOR Website Message

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MB PRA3942

From: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Tue, 14 Mar 2023 15:04:21 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Contacting Dept Heads?

Hi Beth

I understand your confusion and appreciate the question.

I understand you are eager to meet the department heads and I'm pleased about that. I hope you will give me the benefit of the doubt when it comes to meeting them since I am responsible for supervision and daily operations. The orientation on Thursday will do just this and I hope you will cooperate with my strategy.

As we explained last week, we have a chain of command. Council members do not generally meet with the staff without going through me. The reality is that a visit to a department head from the mayor is different from a normal citizen or taxpayer because (and this might come as a surprise and this is not intended to offend) it runs the risk of the perception of micromanaging, making special deals, or even intimidating the department head. I do not believe this is your intention. I do not want to put you or my staff in this predicament which is why I am being protective.

I want you to meet the department heads to learn more about what they are working on which is precisely what Thursday is for. I do not want this to be a stumbling block for our work together, and am asking for your patience and understanding to allow this process to be carried out. Please take comfort in knowing that this is an established and organized process and timeline that allows everyone to get what they are ultimately seeking.

I will ask you to cancel the meeting with Frank for these reasons since he will be present on Thursday.

Thank you.

Laura Dolgin, City Manager
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Thank You.

On Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 10:01 AM Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org> wrote:
Thx Laura. Frank and I are scheduled for coffee tomorrow, I'm looking forward to it.

MB PRA3943

Try as I may, I couldn't find anything in the city charter or elsewhere that prohibits a city tax payer/resident/mayor from contacting those who work for the city. In fact, I've done it multiple times during my ten years here without asking permission of the city manager. Is this a protocol for all city residents, having to call you first, again I haven't found this anywhere in all my reading of documents and imagine it would be so distracting considering what's on your full plate already.

If I have missed this somewhere please be kind enough to send it, all part of my learning curve. Thank you

See you later today at 3:45.

On Mar 14, 2023, at 8:53 AM, Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Hi Beth

Just a reminder, you and Clark are meeting with the department heads on Thursday beginning at 3:30. Mike Brown and Frank Cheney are both expecting you on Thursday. There is no need to meet with them tomorrow. You and I are meeting this afternoon at 3:45 - 4:45 and we will revisit our respective roles and go over the plan of department head introductions then. We will also review Monday's draft agenda and begin to generate the language for the motions. I promise we will use our time wisely.

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On Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 3:18 PM Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org> wrote:
and hopefully have time to start transitioning me into the council room :).

On Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 3:08 PM Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Hi Beth

I'm sure you've hit the ground running and it can be confusing and all encompassing and exciting. Tomorrow when we meet, we'll go over all the stuff that is starting to catch up with you. It's all good.

Thank you for understanding.

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On Mon, Mar 13, 2023 at 2:58 PM Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Oh dear, of course, I forgot that's what Thursday is. It's SO much info it's hard to remember all the details.

Thanks,
Beth

On Mar 13, 2023, at 12:37 PM, Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Dear Laura,

I am contacting a lot of people in the city, non profits, businesses and my new colleagues as a professional courtesy to introduce myself as the newly elected Mayor, and many are contacting me. I will look forward to meeting them all on the 16th in a group but I also want to meet them one-on-one.

Perhaps I'm confused, is the Mayor not allowed to have contact with any city employees? I realize people are busy, as am I, this is why trying to find a mutually convenient time to meet is best done through email.

Best,

On Mar 13, 2023, at 9:42 AM, Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>

wrote:

Hi Beth

Our full organizational orientation is scheduled for Thursday afternoon beginning at 3:30.

I understand that you are contacting the department heads now and am confused because we discussed and have a plan in place to provide you with a convenient and efficient way to meet each department head and learn about what they do. Each busy department head is planning to be there and is looking forward to meeting you and Clark in this manner.

The orientation is scheduled to begin at 3:30 on Thursday. I hope there is no confusion about our internal processes, including the chain of command we spoke about last week. We hope you'll enjoy getting the feel of this organization in the coming weeks.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

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Cc: "rebecca.therrien@newportvermont.org"
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Subject: Document shared with you: "March 20, 2023 Regular Council Meeting"

Laura Dolgin shared a document



Laura Dolgin (laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org) has invited you to **edit** the following document:

Hi Beth

I am speaking to Clark and John W., and at John Wilson's request have added a parade discussion as agenda item #8. I am still working to reach Dave Converse. Please stand by.

 March 20, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

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Sent: Thu, 23 Mar 2023 14:41:27 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Tree felling at Prouty

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From: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Thu, 23 Mar 2023 16:18:50 +0000
To: "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Tree felling at Prouty

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Sent: Thu, 23 Mar 2023 16:48:27 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Tree felling at Prouty

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Sent: Thu, 23 Mar 2023 11:10:49 +0000
To: "Thomas Bernier" <thomas.bernier@newportvermont.org>; "Mike Brown" <RecDirector@newportrecreation.org>
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Sent: Friday, March 24, 2023 8:56:01 AM
To: Laura Dolgin (Laura.Dolgin@newportvermont.org)
Cc: John A. Wilson (johnwilson@newportvermont.org); Kevin Charboneau (Kevin.Charboneau@newportvermont.org); Clark Curtis (clarkcurtis63@gmail.com); Chris Vachon (chris.vachon@newportvermont.org)
Bcc:
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Sent: Fri, 24 Mar 2023 08:56:57 +0000
To: "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Fwd: Meeting today

Sorry John, I forgot to cc you. Hope you are free to join.
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Begin forwarded message:

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From: "Thomas Bernier" <thomas.bernier@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Fri, 24 Mar 2023 10:46:54 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Cc: "Mike Brown" <RecDirector@newportrecreation.org>; "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>; "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Tree felling at Prouty

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Subject: Re: Meeting today

Good Morning
I am so pleased to have this meeting. See you then.

Laura Dolgin, City Manager
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Good Morning, Laura

I know you have an open door policy for the Mayor and Council members, I think I speak for all of us when I say thank you.

However, as a courtesy I would like to let you know that I'll be in at 10:30 this morning to see you. I have two important issues I'd like to chat about, they are:

1. The Kingdom Games Parade denial
2. The felling of Prouty beach trees

I am getting so much blowback that I'd like to take the temperature on both issues. I would like to invite Mr. Wilson if he's available to join us so we can all be on the same page.

Thank you, see you at 10:30.

Beth

From: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Tue, 28 Mar 2023 16:12:05 +0000
To: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Cc: "David Rugh, Esq" <drugh@firmspf.com>; "Kevin Charboneau" <Kevin.Charboneau@newportvermont.org>; "Chris Vachon" <chris.vachon@newportvermont.org>; "Clark Curtis" <clarkcurtis63@gmail.com>; "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: City attorney

Laura,

Please help me in my confusion.

I was updating my contact list so wrote to you this morning (thread available upon request) to get the city attorneys contact information, nothing more. Only you and I were on my simple request. Then out of nowhere our City Attorney contacted me to say he was out of town. How did he know I was asking for his contact info and why did you assume i was planning to contact him, I was not. How did he appear at the end of the thread when he was not visible in the beginning? So many questions, I'm sure you'll have answers.

In the future, unless I specifically ask, I would prefer that you do not contact anyone on my behalf.

I believe that as Mayor, if i do ever want to contact our city attorney, it is between us, client-attorney privilege, and no one else should be privy to the contact, or the intent to contact.

Thank you.

Beth Barnes
Mayor

On Mar 28, 2023, at 11:27 AM, Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Yes, customer service to you and to him so he'd know to expect your call and can respond timely.

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On Tue, Mar 28, 2023 at 10:28 AM Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Laura

Very odd that I just got an email from the city attorney. Did you tell him I'd asked for his contact info?

Beth

From: Beth Barnes (beth.barnes@newportvermont.org)
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 11:58:26 PM
To: Ryan@jimcampbellrealestate.com (Ryan@jimcampbellrealestate.com)
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Bcc:
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Sent: Thu, 30 Mar 2023 13:03:13 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: [External] good morning from the Mayor

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Sent: Thu, 30 Mar 2023 14:16:56 +0000
To: "Ryan Pronto" <ryan@jimcampbellrealestate.com>
Subject: Re: Hi from beth barnes

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Importance: Normal

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Sent from Ryan Pronto at Jim Campbell Real Estate. Cell (802)274-9149.

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Cc:
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From: "Debby Ferguson" <moonie5353@gmail.com>
Sent: Thu, 30 Mar 2023 00:08:54 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Mayor Beth Barnes

2 bedroom 950.00 first floor

2 bedroom 3ed floor 775.00

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Thank you so much and I will let you know what I find out.

Be well,

Beth

From: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Thu, 30 Mar 2023 00:11:21 +0000
To: "Debby Ferguson" <moonie5353@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Mayor Beth Barnes



On Mar 29, 2023, at 8:09 PM, Debby Ferguson <moonie5353@gmail.com> wrote:

2 bedroom 950.00 first floor

2 bedroom 3ed floor 775.00

3 bedroom 950.00

thank you for spending your time and listening to me 😊

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Beth

From: "Ryan Pronto" <ryan@jimcampbellrealestate.com>
Sent: Thu, 30 Mar 2023 12:52:41 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Hi from beth barnes

Good Morning,

My office really does not handle much of any residential rentals, so asking someone like Memphremagog Rentals or Red House Rentals might give you a more accurate value. My guess would be that the average is around \$800-\$900/ month. There are rentals available in the lower price range, I have seen a larger shortage of quality rentals in the \$900-1300 range that business professionals, retired, etc. have been looking for.

I don't know the size of the second floor but I would estimate somewhere around \$8-10/ sq.ft foot for the market average. So if its 1500 sq.ft x \$8 = \$12,000 = \$1000 / month or 1500 x 10 = \$15,000 = \$1250 a month. The lease would also note a cap on electric so that it can't be an excessive usage amount, heat structure, etc.

Ryan

Sincerely,

Ryan L. Pronto
Broker / Realtor
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On 3/29/2023 7:58 PM, Beth Barnes wrote:

MB PRA3988

Hi Ryan,
Would you mind if I asked you a question? Just trying to get some ideas of rental costs. Do you know approximately the average rental cost of a 2 bedroom 1 bath in Newport, just a rough range? Also if I wanted to rent the top floor of the gateway, utilities included, 2 year lease what would I be looking at monthly. Many thanks, I realize these are just estimates.
Best
Beth

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From: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Tue, 4 Apr 2023 20:40:00 +0000
To: "Clark Curtis" <clark.curtis@newportvermont.org>; "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>; "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>; "Kevin Charboneau" <Kevin.Charboneau@newportvermont.org>; "Chris Vachon" <chris.vachon@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Chain of Command

Hi Clark

I want to follow up on your comment at last night's council meeting where you indicated you had already spoken to 2 law enforcement officers who were willing to work at the parade. I understand your son in law works for the police department and you live next door to another law enforcement officer.

These existing relationships do not give you license to interfere with police operations. We were taken aback that you felt it was appropriate to announce your coordination of this scheduling event on the record last night. This gives the appearance that you attempted to undermine the Chief of Police. This is unacceptable.

Council members are not to get involved in the inner workings of any departmental operations. If you have questions or ideas that you want to share with us, then please do not hesitate to contact me and share your ideas. I will research things that need to be researched and get back to you as we are eager to work with our new and seasoned council members.

The City of Newport employs an exceptional cadre of well qualified employees who do their respective jobs very well. If you have questions or suggestions about how we do our jobs, it is your responsibility to communicate those to me, outside the scope of a public meeting. This is the definition of 'chain of command' and I will appreciate you adhering to this. Please feel free to come in and discuss with me so that we have a clear understanding of our respective roles.

Thank you.

Laura Dolgin, City Manager
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Thank You.

MB PRA3990

From: Beth Barnes (beth.barnes@newportvermont.org)
Sent: Friday, April 7, 2023 7:38:16 PM
To: Laura Dolgin (Laura.Dolgin@newportvermont.org)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Follow up

Hi Laura,
I'm trying to make sense of the recent email exchange and gather info.
Could you send me a copy of your most recently negotiated contract, might
help me to understand history to understand present.
Thanks so much.
Beth

From: "Chris Vachon" <chris.vachon@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Tue, 11 Apr 2023 15:39:48 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Parklet

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Can you remind me of your phone number?

Thanks,

Chris

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Thanks, I look forward to your response and I ALWAYS look forward to productive discourse.

Beth

From: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Tue, 11 Apr 2023 17:42:44 +0000
To: "Chris Vachon" <chris.vachon@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Parklet

Hi Chris,

Thanks. Tonite I have two Skype meetings and tomorrow I've been invited to a Let's Grow Kids Rally in Montpelier and probably won't be back until later. Under separate cover I'll forward an email thread between Kevin and I, for informational purposes only, under no circumstances am I inviting a conversation. I learned a lot from his email and wished I'd known it when I initially reached out, prior to the last meeting. However, better late than never. Always always feel free to tell me what you're thinking. I am a firm believer in listening and working together, and learning.

Thanks,
Beth

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From: Beth Barnes (beth.barnes@newportvermont.org)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 8:37:08 AM
To: Kevin Charboneau (Kevin.Charboneau@newportvermont.org)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Parklet

Hello Kevin,
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From: Beth Barnes (beth.barnes@newportvermont.org)
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2023 8:39:27 AM
To: Chris Vachon (chris.vachon@newportvermont.org)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Parklet

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Beth

From: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Tue, 11 Apr 2023 20:48:08 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>; "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>; "Kevin Charboneau" <Kevin.Charboneau@newportvermont.org>; "Chris Vachon" <chris.vachon@newportvermont.org>; "James Johnson" <james.johnson.clerk@newportvermont.org>; "Clark Curtis" <clark.curtis@newportvermont.org>
Cc: "Rebecca Therrien" <Rebecca.Therrien@newportvermont.org>
Subject: VLCT City Manager Recruitment Services

Hi City Council, Jim, and Becky

VLCT has a Manager Recruitment Service. Here is a description from Abby Friedman, who is the Municipal Assistance Director:

I can share a summary of our recruitment services in this message. We have a more detailed proposal as well.

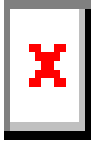
Also, generally, recruiting a new manager takes an average of 6 months to complete, so an interim appointment likely will be necessary too. Unless the city's charter and own policies say otherwise, there are no statutory requirements for the manager hiring process.

Our recruitment services are comprehensive and customizable to meet a member's needs. Searches are conducted by retired and current managers and Steve Jeffery, VLCT's retired former executive director. My first step is to check on their availability given the city's timeline. Our proposal covers the search steps in more detail and includes an estimated budget and sample documents. Currently total costs including consultant time (including assistance with the job description, advertising placement, application intake and management, interview logistics and communication as well as reference checking), and advertising and background check expenses average close to \$12,000.

I hope this quick summary is helpful. I'd be happy to talk with the mayor too.

Sincerely,

- Abby



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From: "Zoning Administrator" <zoning.administrator@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Wed, 12 Apr 2023 13:43:39 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: thanks for the meeting

Good morning,

Yes I know those types of sessions are much better in person. I am not sure I could stay awake for it if I wasn't physically there. For future reference all PC meetings are a hybrid/ in person and remote options for all of them. I send personal invitations in the form of the google meet link to anyone who wants the reminder. While we are talking about last night , I am not sure I would call the information that was relayed regarding Track Inc. to the commission was just hearsay. My understanding of the future of the Bogner Project is derived from a direct conversation I had with Mike Desmarais a few months ago.I am not privy to any official information however. The reason I bring it up is after hearing the concern and surprise in your voice, it occurred to me that I may have inadvertently conveyed bad information or divulged something that was not meant for public consumption. Please let me know If I misunderstood my conversation with Mike.

Thanks
Frank

On Tue, Apr 11, 2023 at 7:33 PM Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Hi Frank,

Thanks for the meeting tonight. It was really hard to follow along so I went ahead and left the meeting, nothing personal, it was just tough for me to visualize what you were all talking about.

Best,

Beth Barnes, Mayor
Newport, Vermont

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Thank You.

MB PRA3998

From: "Rick Ufford-Chase" <rickuffordchasencdd@gmail.com>
Sent: Wed, 12 Apr 2023 12:03:33 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Hi from beth barnes

Hi Beth,

There are a number of things I could imagine that might be interesting to consider, none of which have been tested with others:

1. He rents a space and moves downtown. I would like to know what he is currently paying for rent to see if there is any way we can get close to it on Main Street. He tells me that we can't, and he can't afford a more expensive lease - and I trust that he has a good sense of that. (see below for a related question on my mind).

2. We give him a low-cost way to have a presence downtown without giving up his bigger store - like a \$300 a month spot that is 10 - 150 square feet (I think we could make that happen almost immediately), or in a number of places that are possible development projects coming down the pike. This would greatly increase his visibility, but I understand it would raise the challenge of staffing.

3. Andy Bouchard's concept that is forming in his mind is a small theater/performance venue downtown matched with a little coffee shop and very small book selection. If Andy were interested in having the books be supplied by Nevermore for a small percentage of sales, everyone might win.

Also - when you meet with him could you please remind Larry that I would really like to get him on our website, and the redesign I needed to do to make that happen is complete as of this week. If he is interested, I'd be happy to drop by in the next week or so to help him write the description and maybe get Bryan to take some photos.

And - on another topic - I would like to find a volunteer to work with NCDD to help us develop and maintain a master list of properties that might be available for sale or lease in our designated downtown. I keep hearing that this is best practice, and I'm beginning to have people knock on our door to see what we know. Any chance you have bumped into anyone who might have the time and energy to become our resident expert on that? I have a couple of ideas for people - but none of them jump out as the right kind of volunteer energy. Thought I would see if you have someone you might connect me with.

One last thing - I would very much like to be a part of the mix as the City does a search for the new City Manager, or perhaps to at least have one of our board members do it. This is our moment to create a strong, visionary team between City Council, City Manager and NCDD to really drive Newport's development in a new direction. Please keep me in mind as the process for that search unfolds, or let me know if it's already set in stone and not likely to include NCDD.

I appreciate all you do, and the opportunity before us because you stepped forward as Mayor is not lost on me.

Rick

On Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 5:53 AM Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Hello Rick,

I have a little time on Friday and would like to make good on my promise to Larry at Nevermore, to visit. Can you possibly give me an idea of your vision for a bookstore on Main. Of course I have my own vision but would love to know yours, then let's see if Larry might start visioning.

I had such a great meeting with Andrea Carbine yesterday.

Thank you, Rick for your vision and energy, things are getting better everyday, there are no limits to what's possible.

Beth

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Rick Ufford-Chase
Director, Newport City Downtown Development
(845) 608 4056 (calls and text)
www.discovernewportvt.com

From: "Laura Dolgin (via Google Docs)" <drive-shares-dm-noreply@google.com>
Sent: Thu, 13 Apr 2023 13:47:59 +0000
To: "beth.barnes@newportvermont.org" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Document shared with you: "April 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting"

Laura Dolgin shared a document



Laura Dolgin (laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org) has invited you to **edit** the following document:

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From: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Thu, 13 Apr 2023 16:46:46 +0000
To: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Document shared with you: "April 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting"

tried, but will try again. hang on....

On Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 12:34 PM Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org> wrote:
Hi Beth
Please hit your undo button - the back arrow so we can get the formatting back. Please do this now.

Laura Dolgin, City Manager
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On Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 12:32 PM Beth Barnes (via Google Docs) <drive-shares-dm-noreply@google.com> wrote:

Beth Barnes shared a document



Beth Barnes (beth.barnes@newportvermont.org) has invited you to **edit** the following document:

Hi Laura,
For some reason I hit something and all the numbers were deleted. I did take off "possible" in front of the VOTE for the release of documents. And, as I had previously mentioned, I removed the lease of the second floor under Executive Session. Incidentally, I know MCM leases the snack bar as well. What are

the terms of that lease? Year-to-year? Do they pay utilities? How long have they held the lease, what was their starting rent and what is the current rent going to be when the lease is put before the council to vote on. Could we also see a copy of that re-negotiated lease before voting on it? Thanks, so many questions, but I think the voters and community would appreciate that we are all making sure we have every bit of information in order to take an informed vote. Enjoy the beautiful day, Beth
Beth

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From: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Thu, 13 Apr 2023 21:15:39 +0000
To: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: One more slight agenda change

I talked at length w John Wilson, he said just need to read the motion then say I'm postponing it til another meeting. I trust his advice but need to talk to Dave tomorrow so I'll double check with him.

Duncan kilmartin just called and during a very long conversation mentioned an agreement between the city and the Lakemont Association. Would you, or jim have that?

Thx
Beth

On Apr 13, 2023, at 3:37 PM, Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org> wrote:

I think a tabled motion has to complete, no? Robert's rules? Because it was tabled to a date certain? In order to 'un-table it?'

Might want to double check with Jim but I think so.

On Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 1:29 PM Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Please remove vote from the parklet agenda item. Thx
Beth

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From: Beth Barnes (beth.barnes@newportvermont.org)
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 12:51:50 AM
To: Laura Dolgin (Laura.Dolgin@newportvermont.org)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Agenda items

Hey Laura,
Sorry for the delay in getting agenda items to you. I was in montpelier all day then a migrant workers talk tonite.

I know you have items for the agenda, here are a couple more.

Parklet...same wording as agenda item 7 on 4/3 agenda

Release of agenda items to public when the agenda is released publicly on Friday preceding each meeting. (Please word as you see fit, thx)

Question: I'd like to have an executive session to discuss Personnel issue regarding posting of the city manager position. With a VOTE to warn/advertise the position. PLEASE ADVISE ON THIS IDEA.

That's what I've got, Laura. I will try to get in on Friday to go over the flow of the agenda, I won't be able to commit until I hear from a delivery person.

Let me know if you have questions
Beth

From: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Fri, 14 Apr 2023 19:25:01 +0000
To: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Cc: "Rebecca Therrien" <Rebecca.Therrien@newportvermont.org>; "Thomas Bernier" <thomas.bernier@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: lakemont

I spoke with Dave about it, and honestly I believe Duncan called me just to make me aware of the situation. I appreciated his call and understand there are many complex issues in the city. I truly appreciate that many in the city have felt comfortable enough to call me, through those calls I am learning so much. An informed Mayor, imho is a good Mayor.
Have a great weekend, all of you,
Beth

On Apr 14, 2023, at 11:23 AM, Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Hi Beth

I understand Duncan called you yesterday regarding Lakemont and that you've approached Becky for documentation.

This is a complex project that requires a discussion. We will provide you with information when we see you next week.

Thank you.

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From: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Fri, 14 Apr 2023 22:02:59 +0000
To: "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>
Subject: mcm lease(s)

Hi John,

Wanted to call but didn't want to disturb your dinner. It turns out there are TWO MCM leases, that's why you thought it was for the summer and I thought Laura was talking about the long term lease to rent the entire top floor of the Gateway for MCM offices and the start of a museum. Dave Converse explained the difference to me during a very nice conversation last night.

If it had been specified that this one was for the snack bar I'd have never had an issue, it was not specified so I just assumed that it was the office/museum space up for discussion. SO, you were right about the summer lease, I just hadn't heard that, glad it all worked out...at the 11th hour. I appreciated your time yesterday.

Hope you have a great weekend,

**Beth Barnes, Mayor
Newport, Vermont**

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Thank You.

From: "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Sat, 15 Apr 2023 11:37:37 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: mcm lease(s)

Thanks for the update.

John W

On Fri, Apr 14, 2023 at 6:03 PM Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org> wrote:

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Thank You.

MB PRA4008

From: "Zoning Administrator" <zoning.administrator@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Mon, 17 Apr 2023 17:37:58 +0000
To: "JAY WALSH" <jaywalsh@usa.net>
Cc: "james.johnson.clerk@newportvermont.org"
<james.johnson.clerk@newportvermont.org>; "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>;
"Laura.Dolgin@newportvermont.org" <Laura.Dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Letter of interest to serve on Planning and Historic Commission

Good afternoon Mr. Walsh,

Thank you for your interest in serving on our Planning Commission. I have forwarded your letter of interest to Chairman Monette for consideration. If you have any questions in the meantime please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Frank Cheney Zoning Administrator

On Fri, Apr 14, 2023 at 12:53 PM JAY WALSH <jaywalsh@usa.net> wrote:

Good Morning Mr. Johnson and Mr. Cheney,

I am requesting consideration for appointed to the City of Newport Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commissions.

I have been a resident of the City of Newport for the past 6 years and have experience and skills which would make me a good addition to the two commissions.

I have worked in residential and commercial construction and development for over thirty years. I have served on city boards in the past both as a Transportation Commissioner for the City of Fairbanks Alaska as well as a Planning Commissioner for the City of North Adams Massachusetts. I have also worked on various boards, worked with regional planners, subdivision developments and helped write the Alaska Rural Energy Efficiency Standards. I was one of the first in the country trained as a rater and contractor trainer for the US Green Building Council LEED for Homes program. In addition, I worked as a rater for the US Energy Star program in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York state and in Southern Vermont for Efficiency Vermont.

I have been employed as a Property Tax Appraiser for the Fairbanks North Star Borough in Alaska. In the 1980's I worked for the Alaska Division of Energy rating homes for energy efficiency as well as instructed a course in Energy Efficient Home Design for the University of Alaska Petroleum Engineering Dept.

I have a good understanding of both and Form-Based Codes and Conventional

Zoning (Euclidean Zoning).

I appreciate your consideration for appointment to these important city Commissions.

Sincerely,

Jay Walsh
91 Jackson St, Newport
C 413-329-1755
E Jaywalsh@usa.net

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Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 4:59:28 PM
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Cc: "James Johnson" <james.johnson.clerk@newportvermont.org>; "Chris Vachon" <chris.vachon@newportvermont.org>; "Clark Curtis" <clark.curtis@newportvermont.org>; "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
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From: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Tue, 18 Apr 2023 10:31:37 +0000
To: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Subject: de-brief

hi Laura,

I have a zoom today with a search firm and am trying to do research on them before the midmorning meeting so I won't be able to attend the de brief. As for me, I thought the meeting went extremely, extremely well, just as I'd hoped. All the outcomes were the right ones.

Have a great day!

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Subject: Re:

Thanks for the update.

John W

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Sent: Wed, 19 Apr 2023 18:07:27 +0000
To: "Laura Dolgin" <Laura.Dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Cc: "Clark Curtis" <clarkcurtis63@gmail.com>; "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>; "Kevin Charboneau" <Kevin.Charboneau@newportvermont.org>; "Chris Vachon" <chris.vachon@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Grant recipients
Attachments: favicon.ico

Hello,

I've been looking at the grants awarded in the enclosed attachment. I know the Main Street Yoga studio is now shuttered, I believe Inked Arches is also shuttered (please correct me if I'm wrong) on Main Street and I'm trying to find out more Thrive Holistic Healing, are they still open?

These generous grants were awarded not long ago and now the businesses are already gone. This seems concerning as I thought the grants were designed to help them grow their businesses. How were the decisions made to choose these businesses and were there stipulations on how the money would/could be used. In the past when I've worked on grants I have had to keep, and present careful accounting and reports of how the money was being spent.

I'd like to know if Thrive Holistic Healing is still thriving, and by way of return email I'd like to know who else applied for these small grants, but were denied. Who was the panel to award these grants, the large and small ones.

Also, are there any current grants for small businesses on Main Street as I know there are several businesses who would benefit greatly.

On another note, this week I reached out to Senators Welch and Sanders, as well as Senator Becca Ballint. All three reached back immediately and are anxious to meet. We are in the process of trying to coordinate schedules which will be tricky considering their responsibilities. They are as interested as we are to see Newport continue to thrive so I look forward to speaking with them. Ernie Pomerleau and I have also exchanged phone calls but still trying to actually connect. I met with Rick Ufford-Chase and his group that are working hard to finalize a scenic, one-day route around the lake. The dynamics of the meeting with people on both sides of the border was encouraging and I'm excited to take the drive when the map is finished in both French and English. So many positive things going on, these are exciting times.

Thanks, Laura for the follow up on the grants, I'm so curious to know more.
Beth

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Sent: Thu, 20 Apr 2023 17:15:25 +0000
To: "David Converse" <david.converse@comcast.net>
Cc: "David W. Rugh" <DRugh@firm SPF.com>; "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>; "Stacy Therrien" <S.Therrien@newportvermont.org>; "Michael Brown" <recdirector@newportrecreation.org>; "Rebecca Therrien" <Rebecca.Therrien@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Fwd: Ticket Center Lease with MCM for Execution
Attachments: 23-04-20 Newport City Lease Agr with MCM for Ticket Office and Snack Bar Final w Ex 1.pdf

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Sent: Thu, 20 Apr 2023 18:52:07 +0000
To: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>; "David Rugh, Esq" <drugh@firm SPF.com>
Subject: Re: Ticket Center Lease with MCM for Execution

Thank you, Laura.

Much appreciated
Beth

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To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Fwd: Ticket Center Lease with MCM for Execution
Attachments: 23-04-20 Newport City Lease Agr with MCM for Ticket Office and Snack Bar Final w Ex 1.pdf

Beth

In reference to your email regarding who signs the MCM ticket booth/snack bar lease, please find it attached. You can sign it Monday morning when you come in for the water/sewer meeting.

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From: Beth Barnes (beth.barnes@newportvermont.org)
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 8:17:22 AM
To: John A. Wilson (johnwilson@newportvermont.org)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Water sewer mtg today

Hello John,

After the 9:30 meeting today I was hoping you'd have some time to listen to what's been happening with the Gateway Lease for the upper floor and eventually the whole thing. Maybe you and I could stay behind and I can share everything I've been receiving.

Thank you. If that time doesn't work for you I'll fit my schedule to work with yours as it's very important.

Beth

From: Beth Barnes (beth.barnes@newportvermont.org)
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 1:11:03 PM
To: Kevin Charboneau (Kevin.Charboneau@newportvermont.org)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Re- Follow up on cat question

Awesome, thx for the follow upKevin. It's important that people know I hear them. Have a great day. I'm just on a morning break in 1st grade, super age!
Beth

On Apr 26, 2023, at 8:52 AM, Kevin Charboneau
<Kevin.Charboneau@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Hi Beth,
I only received the one email. My email response was the beginning and end of my involvement with her. I'm unaware about the email that she said she sent to you.
Sorry I don't have more information,
Kevin

> On Apr 26, 2023, at 6:53 AM, Beth yBarnes
<beth.barnes@newportvermont.org> wrote:

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> Hello Kevin,

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> I never received the email the constituent said I did not answer. I always answer immediately so I'm baffled. I hate the thought that the community believesthat I've shirked my responsibility. I asked her to send me a copy of the email I didn't answer so we could ensure she had the right email address. I'm still waiting for that. Do you have further details? I never want constituents to feel ignored.

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Hello all,
This is a long thread about osprey, vt electric coop, the rail yard on Glen road and vt fish and wildlife. Thank you Laura for telling them to contact me, I tried to help and thought I had but it seems the constituents aren't satisfied yet, I understand their passion for this protected species. I think this long thread will demonstrate my efforts but if any of you have suggestions, please send under separate cover, I'd appreciate input.
Thanks,
Beth

Begin forwarded message:

From: Beth Barnes <gotwaveslb@ymail.com>
Date: April 26, 2023 at 6:36:44 AM EDT
To: Diana Henry <dhenry188@gmail.com>
Subject: **Re: Where specifically is the osprey platform pictured, please**

Provided by Michael cole

On Apr 26, 2023, at 6:33 AM, Diana Henry <dhenry188@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello, Just following up on the photographs provided, i have consulted with others who know the rail yard along the Glen Road and it does not seem to be anywhere near the osprey nest that has been continously removed this spring from the nesting

couple. Could we please know who provided the photographs and where the platform pictured is located? The rail yard and a mile in each direction at least have at least two, three or four tracks running alongside each other, not one as in the photographs we were sent. I would also appreciate knowing who is now removing the attempted nest daily, as Vt. Electric Coop did on the 20th? Is there a rationale for this being done daily for Canadian PACific by Vt. Electric Coop, does the state know about it, and/or is Canadian Pacific now doing this every day? Is there a permitting process for the ongoing removal despite the couple's being there day and night? And circling back to the first question, how far away is the new structure that is supposed to provide them an alternate location? I am looking forward to receiving specific information about this as in geolocation coordinates or some other way to ascertain whether we are all receiving the information requested as to where the mitigating replacement is located in relation to the years-long nest at Kingdom Way and the Glen Road Rail yards. Several correspondents have offered good wishes and this information would be useful to provide to them as well.

Thank you very much.

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Diana Mara Henry

413-374-2896 (cell travels only)

802-334-7054 (home office)

Du Bois Library collection of Diana Mara Henry's photography

<https://credo.library.umass.edu/search?q=diana+mara+henry>

"Giving up rights to your photos is like taking skin
from your eyeballs" Henri Cartier Bresson

<http://www.dianamarahenry.com/index.php>

On Apr 24, 2023, at 4:26 PM, B. Stockwell <B.Stockwell@live.com> wrote:

Dear Concerned Osprey Enthusiasts -

Hopefully, this is the beginning of a happy and agreeable solution. Fingers crossed!

B. Stephen Stockwell 

From: Beth Barnes <gotwaveslb@ymail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 3:27:09 PM

To: Roland Blais <rolandblais081@gmail.com>

Cc: Diana Mara Henry <dhenry188@gmail.com>; B. Stockwell <B.Stockwell@live.com>;

Walter Medwid <wmedwid@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: ...osprey nest...

Thank you, Roland for your email. I have heard about this from several others and have been trading calls with the VT COOP manager for this area. Please know that I will let you all know after I've spoken with him.

Thank you for our shared concern.
Beth Barnes

PS, he JUST called. Attached please see photos of the new perch built with sticks from the former nest. Also, please note the large, attached stick protruding from both sides. This is the VT Fish and Wildlife mandated design so the Osprey can perch either side of the nest once it's built. VT Coop is Al's constructing another perch near the bridge at the end of Vernon Street.

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<image1.jpeg>

On Apr 24, 2023, at 9:35 AM, Roland Blais <rolandblais081@gmail.com> wrote:

...hi Beth...for the last three days there is an osprey trying to make a nest on a pole at the Easterly end of the Southerly side of the Veteran's bridge...the electric company cannot allow the bird to nest there but there is an unused pole close by that might be suitable for a nest...the electric company person i talked to at the scene said the powers that be need to make a decision...i just called John Ward who is one of the directors of VEC and he gave me such a positive response that it seemed like that was all that needed to be done and i hope the wheel has been set in motion...the City Manager's office gave me your official email but this is already on phone...maybe the more people who share concern for the osprey the better the chance of a happy ending...thank you...

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Yes they are well in the loop. I've stepped back, it seems to have been worked out with Mr. Michael Cole, VT Coop taking the lead. Now, just need to figure out the cat questions from the woman who said she wrote but I didn't get the email.
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This is a long thread about osprey, vt electric coop, the rail yard on Glen road and vt fish and wildlife. Thank you Laura for telling them to contact me, I tried to help and thought I had but it seems the constituents aren't satisfied yet, I understand their passion for this protected species. I think this long thread will demonstrate my efforts but if any of you have suggestions, please send under separate cover, I'd appreciate input.
Thanks,
Beth

Begin forwarded message:

From: Beth Barnes <gotwaveslb@ymail.com>
Date: April 26, 2023 at 6:36:44 AM EDT
To: Diana Henry <dhenry188@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Where specifically is the osprey platform pictured, please

Provided by Michael cole

On Apr 26, 2023, at 6:33 AM, Diana Henry <dhenry188@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello, Just following up on the photographs provided, i have consulted with others who know the rail yard along the Glen Road and it does not seem to be anywhere near the osprey nest that has been continuously removed this spring from the nesting couple. Could we please know who provided the photographs and where the platform pictured is located? The rail yard and a mile in each direction at least have at least two, three or four tracks running alongside each other, not one as in the photographs we were sent. I would also appreciate knowing who is now removing the attempted nest daily, as Vt. Electric Coop did on the 20th? Is there a rationale for this being done daily for Canadian Pacific by Vt. Electric Coop, does the state know about it, and/or is Canadian Pacific now doing this every day? Is there a permitting process for the ongoing removal despite the couple's being there day and night? And circling back to the first question, how far away is the new structure that is supposed to provide them an alternate location? I am looking forward to receiving specific information about this as in geolocation coordinates or some other way to ascertain whether we are all receiving the information requested as to where the mitigating replacement is located in relation to the years-long nest at Kingdom Way and the Glen Road Rail yards. Several correspondents have offered good wishes and this information would be useful to provide to them as well.

Thank you very much.

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Diana Mara Henry

413-374-2896 (cell travels only)

802-334-7054 (home office)

Du Bois Library collection of Diana Mara Henry's photography

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<http://www.dianamarahenry.com/index.php>

On Apr 24, 2023, at 4:26 PM, B. Stockwell <B.Stockwell@live.com> wrote:

Dear Concerned Osprey Enthusiasts -

Hopefully, this is the beginning of a happy and agreeable solution. Fingers crossed!

B. Stephen Stockwell 

From: Beth Barnes <gotwaveslb@ymail.com>

Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 3:27:09 PM

To: Roland Blais <rolandblais081@gmail.com>

Cc: Diana Mara Henry <dhenry188@gmail.com>; B. Stockwell <B.Stockwell@live.com>;
Walter Medwid <wmedwid@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: ...osprey nest...

Thank you, Roland for your email. I have heard about this from several others and have been trading calls with the VT COOP manager for this area. Please know that I will let you all know after I've spoken with him.

Thank you for our shared concern.
Beth Barnes

PS, he JUST called. Attached please see photos of the new perch built with sticks from the former nest. Also, please note the large, attached stick protruding from both sides. This is the VT Fish and Wildlife mandated design so the Osprey can perch either side of the nest once it's built. VT Coop is Al's constructing another perch near the bridge at the end of Vernon Street.

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On Apr 24, 2023, at 9:35 AM, Roland Blais <rolandblais081@gmail.com> wrote:

...hi Beth...for the last three days there is an osprey trying to make a nest on a pole at the Easterly end of the Southerly side of the Veteran's bridge...the electric company cannot allow the bird to nest there but there is an unused pole close by that might be suitable for a nest...the electric company person i talked to at the scene said the powers that be need to make a decision...i just called John Ward who is one of the directors of VEC and he gave me such a positive response that it seemed like that was all that needed to be done and i hope the wheel has been set in motion...the City Manager's office gave me your official email but this is already on phone...maybe the more people who share concern for the osprey the better the chance of a happy ending...thank you...

From: Beth Barnes (beth.barnes@newportvermont.org)
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 4:15:27 PM
To: Chris Vachon (chris.vachon@newportvermont.org)
Cc: Kevin Charboneau (Kevin.Charboneau@newportvermont.org); Clark Curtis (clark.curtis@newportvermont.org); John A. Wilson (johnwilson@newportvermont.org)
Bcc:
Subject: Zoom with VLCT today

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY not intended for group discussion.

Today I have a zoom meeting with Mr. Ted Brady, director of VLCT. He reached out to me, I did not initiate this meeting but I am anxious to meet him. I am sure the subject of CM search and how to proceed will be part of this introductory zoom.

As I understood from the Executive Session I am gathering information so we can all decide how to proceed. As a reminder I have sent one proposal to you all from a firm that could assist in this search, I hope you received it. I will continue to gather information and share as it comes in.

Beth Barnes

From: Beth Barnes (beth.barnes@newportvermont.org)
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 10:52:56 AM
To: Kevin Charboneau (Kevin.Charboneau@newportvermont.org)
Cc: Chris Vachon (chris.vachon@newportvermont.org); Clark Curtis
(clark.curtis@newportvermont.org); John A. Wilson
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Thank you so much.
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Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 12:52:00 PM
To: Beth Barnes (beth.barnes@newportvermont.org)
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Hi Beth,
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of my involvement with her. I'm unaware about the email that she said she
sent to you.
Sorry I don't have more information,
Kevin

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Sent: Thu, 27 Apr 2023 14:53:22 +0000
To: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Document shared with you: "May 1, 2023 Regular Council Meeting"


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Laura Dolgin, City Manager
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To: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
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On Apr 27, 2023, at 1:18 PM, Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org> wrote:

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From: Beth Barnes (beth.barnes@newportvermont.org)
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 10:23:45 PM
To: Laura Dolgin (Laura.Dolgin@newportvermont.org); David Rugh, Esq
(drugh@firmspf.com)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Exec session question

Hi

We did an executive session last week to discuss how to move forward with the city manager search. I wasn't sure why it was exec session as no names were discussed. It's on again this Monday as exec session, again I wonder why? Can we talk in public at the meeting about the idea of a search form or other options as a discussion? The council members will have had the proposals for over a week so will hopefully be well versed enough to have a discussion. I'd like to have the public hear discussions.

Thank you for your thoughts and advice.

Beth

From: Beth Barnes (beth.barnes@newportvermont.org)
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 2:31:47 PM
To: James Johnson (james.johnson.clerk@newportvermont.org)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Re-

Dear Jim,

I can't thank you enough for reaching out. I don't know much but one thing I do know is that we all have emotions and sometimes we don't know what they'll be or when they will surface. You're human, I like that about you! I did lose sleep over this, I am not an antagonist by nature.

I am getting advice from every which way and am still not sure how to process it. All I know is that you and I are clearly devoted to doing the best we can. I need you as an ally, your knowledge and wisdom are incalculable to me.

I love that we are human, I apologize if I did anything. Let's call yesterday a day and move forward. I so appreciate your email, and you.
Beth

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<james.johnson.clerk@newportvermont.org> wrote:

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Jim

From: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Tue, 2 May 2023 22:46:10 +0000
To: "Kevin Charboneau" <Kevin.Charboneau@newportvermont.org>; "Chris Vachon" <chris.vachon@newportvermont.org>; "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>; "Clark Curtis" <clark.curtis@newportvermont.org>

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Really appreciate all of your thoughts. I'll compile everything as it comes in and keep you up-to-date.

Beth

The \$5000 is an estimate and does not include advertising. However, I expect your total costs for the process, including advertising would be \$5000 or under. This doesn't include the optional background because you may not want or need that. The thing I can't predict and the reason I only provide an estimate for our "assistance" service, is how much engagement you'll want from us along the way or how many of the steps you'll want to include that are described in the overview. For instance, if we interview you and each councilor, that's time. If we develop/send and score essays, that's more time. If you wanted us to facilitate your interviews

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Thank You.

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To: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Cc: "James Johnson" <james.johnson.clerk@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Mileage Reimbursement

Interesting. Please put on the agenda. Thx for the reimbursement form, what is the city council budget just out of curiosity.

Beth

On May 3, 2023, at 9:38 AM, Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Hi Beth

Mileage reimbursement forms are attached. Please use this form to request your mileage.

A heads up that normally mileage for council members are recouped for council approved travel such as in person VLCT meetings and training, in person NVDA board meetings, the VT Mayor assoation, advocating at the statehouse or similar events. The types of reimbursements that you have requested are out of the norm so it is best the request gets put before the council for approval, after you've filled out the form. A copy of your mileage request is attached so you can transfer the info onto the form.

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<Expense Reimbursement Form 2023.pdf>
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Sent: Wed, 3 May 2023 10:58:09 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
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We're just finishing up Thetford VT. We should be all done except for the background. I just checked with our finance administrator and she says we have just under 20 billable hours, so using round numbers, that's about \$2000, plus advertising. In this case they may get the whole thing done, including advertising and background for under \$5000. They were very easy to work with and respectful of our time.

The ad we write will highlight all that Newport has to offer because we want to attract a good pool of candidates. You folks will be able to review/edit that draft ad. That ad will drive potential candidates to a webpage on our site that will include any documents and links you'd like us to use. So, if you have promotional material, your "Welcome to Newport" message... the candidate will find it there in hopes that we can "set the hook". Of course, candidates will do their own research by google and many will watch Council meetings or read the minutes to check out the political atmosphere. In the end, we only want candidates that have a realistic view of the community because that's the only way the relationship can be sustained.

Alan

Beth Barnes, Mayor

Newport, Vermont

<https://www.discovernewportvt.com/transportation-airport/>

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From: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Fri, 5 May 2023 15:56:58 +0000
To: "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Thank you for your input/MRI

Thx John, I'll do that

On May 5, 2023, at 10:36 AM, John A. Wilson <johnwilson@newportvermont.org> wrote:

I would get Mr Gould to prepare his proposal but initially discuss it in Executive session. Then if the others concur then in an open session vote on it.

John W

On Fri, May 5, 2023 at 6:03 AM Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org> wrote:

John, I am thinking it will go on the next agenda (could you suggest the wording). I am also thinking I should individually ask others before the meeting and get in touch with Mr Gould to prepare a proposal that we can all sign while gathered at the table? I'll keep on top of this.

Thanks for your advice on the way to proceed.

Beth

From: "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Fri, 5 May 2023 09:56:29 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Cc: "Clark Curtis" <clarkcurtis63@gmail.com>; "Chris Vachon" <chris.vachon@newportvermont.org>; "Kevin Charboneau" <Kevin.Charboneau@newportvermont.org>
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Let's move this forward

John W

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Subject: Re: Opinion about MRI (Municipal Resources, Inc.)

It sounds good to me. Let's get this started.
Kevin

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Sent: Saturday, May 6, 2023 7:24:30 AM
To: Clark Curtis (clark.curtis@newportvermont.org); Laura Dolgin
(Laura.Dolgin@newportvermont.org)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Meeting Tuesday

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Unfortunately Chris cannot attend as it would break the open meeting rules.

Thank you

From: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Sat, 6 May 2023 11:08:36 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Cc: "Clark Curtis" <clark.curtis@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Meeting Tuesday

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Sent: Sat, 6 May 2023 11:53:44 +0000
To: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Cc: "Clark Curtis" <clark.curtis@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Meeting Tuesday

I shall be there,
Thank you
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Sent: Sun, 7 May 2023 13:02:20 +0000
To: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Cc: "Clark Curtis" <clark.curtis@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Meeting Tuesday

I got my dates wrong, I cannot attend Tuesday as I have a meeting with Michael Goldberg then straight into NEK broadband meeting.

I thought this was Monday so I freed my monday. The only day I'm not in back to back meetings is Friday.

Apologies for my mistake.

Beth

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From: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Sun, 7 May 2023 16:20:43 +0000
To: "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>; "Kevin Charboneau" <Kevin.Charboneau@newportvermont.org>; "Chris Vachon" <chris.vachon@newportvermont.org>; "Clark Curtis" <clark.curtis@newportvermont.org>
Subject: City Manager search info
Attachments: MRI PROPOSAL FOR CM SEARCH 5_5_2023.pdf

For Informational Purposes Only

Hello,

I am attaching the proposal that was drawn up by Mr. Alan Gould, at the council's request.

I also attach a very interesting article about placing an interim city manager during the actual search. This makes a very strong case for appointing someone(s) who have experience and educational background to temporarily run a city. I'd like to suggest that we consider asking John Ward to fill in on an interim basis.

This is just for informational purposes so that we can have a lively conversation at the next executive session. But of course reach out directly to me if you feel I can do more follow up or research on the subject, I'm happy to help in any way so we have all the info that'll help us move forward.

<https://www.essexjunction.org/news/item/essex-junction-trustees-name-hysko-and-luck-as-interim-co-managers>

Beth Barnes, Mayor
Newport, Vermont

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Sent: Sun, 7 May 2023 17:12:03 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Cc: "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Gov Scott statement

Beth,

I find it truly disheartening your unwillingness to engage in meaningful ways in gaining this information, that is widely and easily accessible. While I do understand the desire to gain the information you seek, I am perplexed and discouraged by your continued refusal to meet with the City Manager or council members to get it. This is not a small topic and should not just be conducted through an email. My suggestion, yet again, is to seek out a meeting with the City Manager and other needed council members. You continue to undermine the work and effort that has been done since the EB 5 scandal was announced. The work conducted and completed by the City Manager and her team. I see no problem in the City Manager wanting to explain this all in person rather than in a long and lengthy email. At no point did she deny you access to information, and this makes it seem like you prefer to be willingly ill informed. It is our responsibility to all the residents of Newport that we have knowledge about the goings on in this city. Your unwillingness to meet with our employees in order to be truly oriented to your role is immature and disappointing to say the least.

I am equally concerned about the outreach you have begun your term with along with a complete lack of differentiation of your roles as Newport resident and Newport Mayor. If the mayor is going out to communities, programs, and establishments, then it should be done with representing all of Newport in mind and with the city council's blessing. This should be with knowledge of and advanced agreement of the council. The council must have an understanding of the motivations and topics of a mayoral visit or participation. You have ignored this protocol.

My expectation is to keep our main focus on addressing the City Manager transition and recruitment, and set the water and sewer rates. Beyond that, it is crucial that you respect the city council members and our employees and trust in all of our abilities and knowledge.

Your actions are undermining projects already started in the city, and now you continue to undermine the roles of the council and the city manager. Your scheduling meetings that have an impact on the city without invitation or even sharing with the council is an absolute

insult to us. The newly set up meeting with Mr. Goldberg is yet another example of your unwillingness to work with the council backing or knowledge. You preach transparency, yet this shows a complete lack thereof.

Your complete dismissal of your role as mayor, along with the undermining of the Council and city manager needs to stop. This has all greatly diminished morale and could have all been easily avoided.

To make my points clear:

- The priority is the City Manager transition and recruitment. Second priority is the Water Sewer rates.
- Immediately cancel the meeting with Mr. White and Mr. Goldberg or I will ask the City manager to cancel it for the council. This is completely out of your realm of responsibilities and should not be conducted without the city council being present. Conducting this meeting without the council presence shows a complete lack of transparency to the council and to the community.
- Be informed and be willing to reach out to those within the city with the information.
- Stop diminishing our roles by overstepping yours.
- Get trained in your roles and responsibilities.

I do not want a response to this email.

Regards,
Chris

On Thu, May 4, 2023 at 5:30 AM Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org> wrote:
FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Hello,

As an update, I have zooms today and two early next week to meet and become familiar with David White (White and Burke), David Snedeker (NVDA) and Michael Goldberg (EB5 Receiver). Each one expressed appreciation that I reached out and each one made immediate room on their schedules to assist me in understanding some of the history that brings us to today with the hole issue.

However, in seeking information from our own City Manager who is leaving in less than 30 days, please see her response when I asked for similar background. When I asked the city attorney I received an echo of the city managers response.

These are unacceptable answers to my request for information in order to understand a serious city issue.

As a professional courtesy to all city council members and the mayor, please explain by way of return email an answer to my original email query, what was the Governor referring to when he said the State is working with the City. I have no plans, incidentally to meet with the city manager, nor were any suggested hence this request now for ALL of us to be updated via return email so we can all understand the current state of affairs.

I'd like a response before noon on Monday so I am prepped for my conversations with Mr. White and Mr. Goldberg.

Thank you,

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From: Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Date: May 3, 2023 at 9:11:57 AM EDT
To: Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Gov Scott statement

Hi Beth

No urgency on this. I'll fill you in when I next see you.

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Thank You.

On Wed, May 3, 2023 at 6:18 AM Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org> wrote:
Hello and Good Morning,

I wonder if you could unravel this for me. The Governor goes on record saying the state is working with the city.

Please provide details so I can become an active and integral, and immediate part of this crucial conversation.

Thank you



Gov. Scott offers assistance for Kingdom Con 'pit'
in Newport
wcax.com

From: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Mon, 8 May 2023 16:31:06 +0000
To: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: MCM agenda item

It's what you had on the draft agenda my first meeting when it turned out they weren't ready. I believe it's the lease that was sent for us to look at a couple of weeks ago but then Doug Coutts and Dave Converse asked to come do their dog and pony with updates. So I believe it is to approve their lease for the top floor of the gateway after the council hears the presentation.

Thx
Beth

On May 8, 2023, at 12:03 PM, Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Hi Beth

I need a blurb for the council about what they are expected to vote on, and any paperwork that goes along with the vote. Please get it to me by Wednesday at noon so I have time to prepare the council packets.

Laura Dolgin, City Manager
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On Mon, May 8, 2023 at 6:59 AM Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Hi
Could you put MCM presentation Vote

Thx
Beth

From: Travis Bingham (travis.bingham@newportpd.org)
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 6:18:18 PM
To: Beth Barnes (beth.barnes@newportvermont.org)
Cc: Laura Dolgin (Laura.Dolgin@newportvermont.org)
Bcc:
Subject: RE- Pride Parade

....and one of our tenants on Bayview St. just was served a TAC Order by the Sheriff's Dept. so they have 14 days to pack up and leave. Which they won't so then a lockout/Writ of possession will occur where they are removed.

TB

Chief Travis R. Bingham
Newport Police department
222 Main Street
Newport, VT. 05855
802-334-6733 (phone)
802-334-2818 (fax)
travis.bingham@newportpd.org

-----Original Message-----

From: Beth Barnes [mailto:beth.barnes@newportvermont.org]
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 9:44 AM
To: Travis Bingham <travis.bingham@newportpd.org>
Cc: Laura Dolgin <Laura.Dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Pride Parade

Hello,

I was alerted to some very negative FB posts surrounding the parade on June 25, I doubt this surprises any of us. The majority of chatter is positive but I wonder, Travis if this is something you'd like to see. I'm always happy to meet.

Btw, I had a message yesterday morning from a Bayview resident so I spent time visiting with them in their home yesterday afternoon. They were very welcoming and I enjoyed the time we spent talking about life on Bayview. I always learn something new.

And sorry, but while writing this another constituent PM'ed me. She asked if there are any laws about visible trash at Newport homes.

As always, thank you both.

Beth

MB PRA4075

From: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Mon, 8 May 2023 18:44:16 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re:

Hi Beth

The mileage reimbursement form did not get attached to this email. *Would you send it again or drop it off by Wednesday?*

A mayor's update can be added to the agenda so you can provide your update and show these pictures.

The mileage reimbursement request is dealing with personnel so it should be held in executive session.

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Getting a jump on the 5/15/agenda

Hi Laura,

I'd like to do this mileage reimbursement right after public comment to get it out of the way as the meeting promises to be long. I'd like these photos as well as my electronic mileage expense form. I'd like them all as individual screens so I can let the community and the council know why I have been driving away from Newport in order to represent it. I didn't sign the form, guessing that will be done in front of the council.

Thank you and I will send more, but this is it for Saturday morning. Is this your last meeting? Would you like that publicly recognized? I will honor your response as it's one only you can make. Sometimes going aways are bigger and grander than we'd like, for that reason I extend the courtesy of asking.

Beth

MB PRA4076

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To: Travis Bingham (travis.bingham@newportpd.org)
Cc: Laura Dolgin (laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org)
Bcc:
Subject: Re- Pride Parade
Attachments: image0.png; Untitled attachment 04649.txt

Hi Travis,

Thanks for responding. Someone alerted me and I had to track down the group and ask to join it. No direct threats but maybe you have a way to follow it, you have a professional eye, I don't. Here is the one post I saw, as well as the group. (Update, looks like they removed the photo of becca ballint saying she would be grand Marshall, it had very bad swear words and called her a commie. The post might be gone but I bet the sentiments aren't)

I am not part of organizing and not involved with the group other than casually but I'll be happy to ask around if they have a specific social media platform.

Thank you so much, and for the Bayview update, u sure have ur hands full.
Beth

From: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Wed, 10 May 2023 21:04:12 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>; "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: MCM Handout for 5/15 City Council Meeting

Hi Beth (and John)

Given this email from Doug Couttes today, it looks like MCM is planning on presenting their update and they are still looking for the second floor lease at Monday's Council meeting. I plan to work on the Gateway Center second floor Lease Agreement with MCM with the goal of having at least a tentative agreement, if not a final lease, for Council consideration and possible approval on Monday night. I plan to move forward and work with the city attorney on this over the next two days. Please let me know if you have any objections.

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On Wed, May 10, 2023 at 1:05 PM douglas coutts <douglascoutts@gmail.com> wrote:
Laura, 15 minutes would be preferable - I'll give an update with a Powerpoint presentation and then leave time for Q and A as needed/requested. No need for any votes, this is just an update and status report - the rest is all just administrative details, and yes, the second floor lease is important to sign ASAP so we can proceed with the Vt State 2 for 1 match funding programme.

Thanks and best regards, dcc

On Wed, May 10, 2023 at 11:28 AM Felicia Updyke <feliciaupdyke@gmail.com> wrote:
I think 10-15min would be enough. Doug will be giving the presentation, so I will let him confirm.

I also would think that we want a vote to move forward with the 2nd floor lease for now. Again, I'll let Doug chime in to confirm.

Thank you for checking in!

MB PRA4079

Felicia Updyke (she/her/hers)
Director
Memphremagog Community Maritime
(714) 673-8331
<https://linktr.ee/FeliciaUpdyke>

On Wed, May 10, 2023 at 12:26 PM Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Thank you Felicia. Confirming Receipt.

Do you think 10 minutes will be enough time on the agenda? Just to be sure, it appears no council vote is necessary for this meeting, correct?

Please confirm and thanks again for meeting the timeline.

LD

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Please see attached information sheet in preparation for Monday's city council meeting. Everything on this document we are comfortable with being public knowledge.

Please let me know if you need anything else or have any questions.

Thank you,

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Sent: Thu, 11 May 2023 14:13:57 +0000
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Cc: "rebecca.therrien@newportvermont.org"
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Sent: Fri, 12 May 2023 13:43:12 +0000
To: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
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Thank you for clarification, glad I asked and yes pls keep it on as long as it's about heidi case. FYI she arrived at my mayors clinic today and I was very clear that you'd advised me not to communicate with her. I did not speak with her, under advisement.

Beth

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To: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Update, Sewage spill

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Beth

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MB PRA4087

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From: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Fri, 12 May 2023 17:48:54 +0000
To: "heidi@hearingcenterofvt.com" <heidi@hearingcenterofvt.com>
Cc: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>; "Chris Vachon" <chris.vachon@newportvermont.org>; "Clark.curtis@newportvermont.org" <Clark.curtis@newportvermont.org>; "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>; "Kevin Charboneau" <Kevin.Charboneau@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Slander

Hi Heidi

I have no idea what Beth said to you, but there must be a misunderstanding. The City Attorney advised City Councilors and me not to speak with you about your planned senior housing project or your on-going appeal and litigation against the City and that such communications are best routed through your and the City's attorneys. We intend to follow our City Attorney's advice. If you would like to communicate with the City about anything related to either of those matters, please have your attorney contact David Rugh at Stitzel, Page & Fletcher, P.C.

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On Fri, May 12, 2023 at 8:44 AM <heidi@hearingcenterofvt.com> wrote:

Miss Dolgin,

Today at 8 am, I had stopped by the park beside city hall to meet our mayor Beth Barnes regarding a city matter (completely alien to my lawsuit). I was told that she could not speak with me by your authority. While I have spoken with both Mr. Vachon and Mr. Wilson in the past few months, I am not sure, how and why you have over-reached your authority with the mayor. Since you have not been elected and you are leaving in two weeks, I did not think that you would want to leave on such a malicious and sour note.

MB PRA4089

I have not seen anywhere that a city manager presides over the city manager and council as I believe that it is the opposite. If you do have control over the mayor and council, does this mean that Mr. Vachon and Mr. Wilson will also be reprimanded for speaking with me?

As a tax paying Newport citizen, I must demand an apology.

Sincerely,

Heidi Eichenberger

From: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Fri, 12 May 2023 09:27:43 +0000
To: "Laura Dolgin" <Laura.Dolgin@newportvermont.org>; "Thomas Bernier" <thomas.bernier@newportvermont.org>
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Cc: terryjoycehebert@gmail.com (terryjoycehebert@gmail.com)
Bcc:
Subject: Dust on Glen road

hello Laura and Tom,

This came from a constituent via messenger. When I cut and pasted there was no way to transfer photos.

I believe you are the ones that are best suited to address this? Thanks for any assistance you can give Mrs. Hebert.

Beth Barnes

We have contacted Tom Bernier a couple of times for chloride for the end of our road which is Glen Road, in Newport just past the Correctional Center. The dust is just Terrible but have had no luck in getting any...Can something be done please? This happens every year. I will send pictures of the road and dust.

We are the only house on this last stretch of road before the Coventry Line... Something to think about We have asked also if this little stretch could be tared, would solve a lot of problems even in the winter they send out 2 different trucks to plow and sand. Because the little dirt road part cannot have salt so they send out another truck with sand... Makes no sense!! Long overdue due to be tared.

Thank you for any help we can get.

Hello 🙏 Hoping you got the message I sent you...

I did, I have been in meetings all day. Please let me sleep on it and forward to whom I think would be most helpful. Pls provide your actual address and email. Thx. Beth barnes

Thank you. Terry and Joyce Hebert

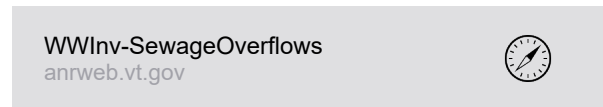
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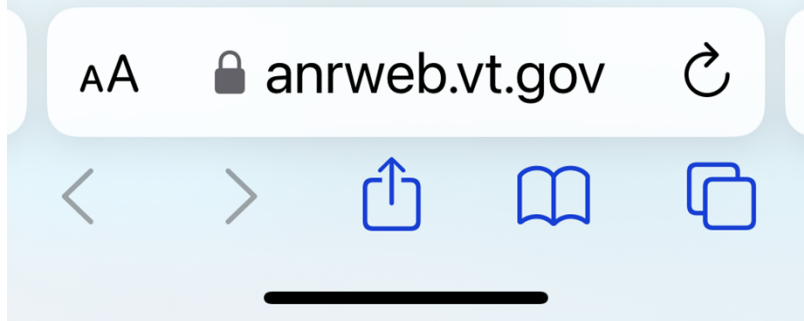
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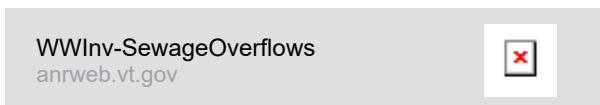
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Sent from my iPad

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This came from a constituent via messenger. When I cut and pasted there was no way to transfer photos.

I believe you are the ones that are best suited to address this? Thanks for any assistance you can give Mrs. Hebert.

Beth Barnes

We have contacted Tom Bernier a couple of times for chloride for the end of our road which is Glen Road, in Newport just past the Correctional Center. The dust is just Terrible but have had no luck in getting any... Can something be done please? This happens every year. I will send pictures of the road and dust.

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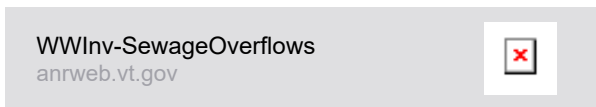
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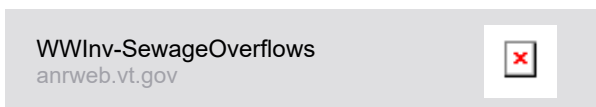
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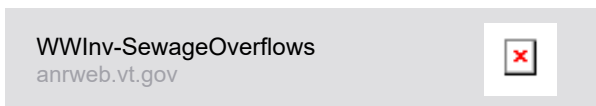
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Thanks

TB

Chief Travis R. Bingham
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222 Main Street
Newport, VT. 05855
[802-334-6733](tel:802-334-6733) (phone)
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I'll also note that under § 314, the Attorney General's office has concurrent jurisdiction to initiate OML litigation. Essentially, the AGO can independently file an OML complaint with a public body and, if unsatisfied with the public body's response, can file against the public body in court. So, while the AGO doesn't hear OML appeals in any formal sense, in theory a member of the public could bring a matter to the AGO's attention (either in lieu of or in tandem with going through the OML complaint process independently). It would then be up to the AGO to decide if it wishes to pursue the matter. I don't get the sense that the AGO does so frequently, but I have occasionally heard about AGO staff looking into a situation or (rarely) issuing an advisory opinion.

I hope this info helps! Please do let me know if you have any further questions.

Best regards,
Jenny Prosser

Jenny R. Prosser
General Counsel & Director of Municipal Assistance
Vermont Secretary of State's Office
802.828.1027

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From: Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 11:15 AM
To: Senning, Will <Will.Senning@vermont.gov>
Cc: Prosser, Jenny <Jenny.Prosser@vermont.gov>
Subject: Re: Question from Mayor Barnes/Newport, VT

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Hi Will,

Thanks. Funny you should copy Ms Prosser as I left a message for her too. I forgot that even before I was elected I had a question and so I went back into my archives to get her email.

Can't thank both of you enough. I've never served in public office and today is my 70 day anniversary. So much to learn.

Beth

On May 15, 2023, at 9:33 AM, Senning, Will <Will.Senning@vermont.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Mayor Barnes,

I am including Jenny Prosser, from our office, on this reply. She is the municipal law / open meeting for our expert and will be able to assist you.

Regards,
Will

Will Senning
Director of Elections and Campaign Finance
128 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633 – 1101
(*pronouns: he/him/his*)

From: Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2023 1:25 PM
To: Senning, Will <Will.Senning@vermont.gov>
Subject: Question from Mayor Barnes/Newport, VT

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Hello Mr. Senning,

I have a question about a violation of executive session, "In an executive session only the subject matter referenced in the motion to go into this session may be discussed." There was a clear violation and I

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would appreciate advice on how to proceed. Someone suggested I reach out to this department, if this is incorrect perhaps you could re-direct my enquiry.

Gratefully,

Beth Barnes, Mayor

Newport, Vermont

<https://www.discovernewportvt.com/transportation-airport/>

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To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: You tube of 5/15 meeting

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Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 6:09:30 PM
To: Laura Dolgin (Laura.Dolgin@newportvermont.org)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Special meeting

Hi Laura,
Just curious wondering what state statute or city ordinance, etc says who calls special meetings. Great info for me going forward.
Also, has there been any back and forth with Alan Gould? I was supposed to be part of the comms.
Thank you on both counts,
Beth

From: "Rebecca Therrien" <Rebecca.Therrien@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Wed, 17 May 2023 21:08:10 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Cc: "Rob Naramore" <rob.naramore@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Fwd: [Comp60-l] extension for filing the abstract grand list

Beth

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Thanks
Becky

Rebecca Therrien
Program Administrator
City of Newport
222 Main Street
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802-334-5136

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Date: Tue, May 9, 2023 at 1:42 PM
Subject: Re: [Comp60-l] extension for filing the abstract grand list
To: Wright, Christie <Christie.Wright@vermont.gov>, The Act60 MicroComputer Help List <comp60-l@list.vermont.gov>



We also have a form on our website to make it easier! Thanks for reminding me Nancy Anderson!

Grand List Extension FORM: [Form PVR-4342 | Department of Taxes \(vermont.gov\)](#)

Thank you!

Christie Wright | Field Director

Property Valuation and Review Division | Vermont Department of Taxes

Cell (802) 855-3897 | [133 State Street | Montpelier, VT 05633-1401](#) | tax.vermont.gov

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From: Wright, Christie <Christie.Wright@vermont.gov>
Sent: May 09, 2023 1:33 PM
To: 'The Act60 MicroComputer Help List' <comp60-l@list.vermont.gov>
Subject: [Comp60-l] extension for filing the abstract grand list

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Good afternoon-

We at PVR understand that many towns may require an extension for the filing of the abstract preliminary grand list. We want to make sure your preliminary grand list contains all of the necessary data including homestead and current use information. To that end, we just wanted to remind you of the process in case you need it. It is recommended to request a 30-day extension- you are not required to use all 30 days but it will give you more flexibility. You should cite Title 32-4342 which allows for extensions when granted by the director of PVR. The selectboard chair should sign the request and you can forward to your DA, Jill Remick, Nancy Anderson or all of the above. We will take it from there and make sure you receive permission to attach with your grand list.

§ 4342. Extensions by the Director

On written application therefor made by the listers or assessors of any town, with the approval of the selectboard of the town or mayor of the city, the several dates fixed by law and extended by section 4341 of this title or the charter of any municipal corporation, on or before which certain acts must be done relating to duties of listers and assessors, may be further extended by the Director and such extensions shall be in writing.

The June 4 deadline is for municipalities with fewer than 5,000 inhabitants. For municipalities with 5,000 or more inhabitants, the deadline is June 24. See 32 V.S.A. § 4341.

Thank you!

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Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2023 1:21:42 PM
To: Rob Naramore (rob.naramore@newportvermont.org)
Cc:
Bcc:
Subject: Re- Tax extension

On my way, fast as my legs'll carry me.

On May 18, 2023, at 8:00 AM, Rob Naramore
<rob.naramore@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Good morning Beth,

9:45 is good. I have the form.

Thanks Frank

From: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Thu, 18 May 2023 13:23:44 +0000
To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>; "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Newport CM search

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Cc: "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>; "David Rugh, Esq" <drugh@firm SPF.com>
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To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: [Comp60-l] extension for filing the abstract grand list

Beth

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Just let me know, I'll b happy to pop by.

Thx
Beth

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Sent: Thu, 18 May 2023 11:41:51 +0000
To: "Rebecca Therrien" <Rebecca.Therrien@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: [Comp60-l] extension for filing the abstract grand list

GREAT, I'll make you my very first stop. Thanks for coordinating this, but I did want to ask, does the council have to vote on this before I sign it? I don't want to be in violation of any statutes or meeting laws.

Beth

On Thu, May 18, 2023 at 7:15 AM Rebecca Therrien <Rebecca.Therrien@newportvermont.org> wrote:

Beth

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Thanks

Becky

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Sent: Thu, 18 May 2023 11:43:48 +0000
To: "Alan Gould" <agould@mrigov.com>
Cc: "Laura Dolgin" <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Newport CM search

Many thanks, Alan. And, thanks Laura for forwarding all correspondence since May 10th. I will be out in the community all day so will look forward to studying the correspondence tonight when I can dedicate time to it.

Best,
Beth Barnes, Mayor

On Thu, May 18, 2023 at 6:54 AM Alan Gould <agould@mrigov.com> wrote:

Good morning- Laura should be able to get you caught up on any correspondence.

Alan

-----Original Message-----

From: Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2023 12:56 AM
To: Alan Gould <agould@mrigov.com>
Cc: Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Re: Newport CM search

Hello Alan and Laura,

Just following up on this email thread. I have not seen any indication that there's been correspondence between the two of you and I'm sure there must be some.

As co-lead, see email below, I was expecting to receive all correspondence exchanged between the two of you.

Please forward any and all updates since my original email dated May 10. I feel there must be a lot of correspondence I'm not privy to.

Thanks in advance.
Beth Barnes, Mayor

On May 10, 2023, at 3:09 PM, Alan Gould <agould@mrigov.com> wrote:

Yes, Laura and I spoke this morning. All set, thank you!

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From: Beth Barnes <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
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To: Alan Gould <agould@mrigov.com>
Cc: Laura Dolgin <laura.dolgin@newportvermont.org>
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Not yet, Alan, this is in Ms. Dolgin wheelhouse so I'll defer to her.
Best,
Beth

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Good Morning, Alan

I'd like to introduce you to our outgoing city manager, and her to you. She and I will be working side-by-side on the search until her departure in less than a month when I will go ahead and be your point person. We will gather information to bring to the council as the search progresses.

For the next few weeks she has been authorized by the City Council to co lead the search. Thank you.

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Sent: Thu, 18 May 2023 00:06:45 +0000
To: "Rebecca Therrien" <Rebecca.Therrien@newportvermont.org>
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To: "Beth Barnes" <beth.barnes@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Tax extension

Good morning Beth,

9:45 is good. I have the form.

Thanks Frank



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Cc: "John A. Wilson" <johnwilson@newportvermont.org>
Subject: MCM roadmap 2022
Attachments: Gateway MCM Road Map FINAL 7252022.pdf

I'm sorry this is short, I'm at a daylong symposium. I am here as only on observer, it is a large gathering of Quebec and vt non profits, biologists, municipalities all to share how they are working to ensure good health of the lake. I will send a detailed update.

I saw Doug Coutts and I mentioned that the attached roadmap wasn't sent as attachments for his presentation, he'd sent me a copy before he presented for informational purposes over two weeks ago at which time he asked to present to the city council.

He said the roadmap was only for me but I explained that it is my duty to share it with all city council members. He asked that I don't because it's not a public document. I reassured him it would be shared as Confidentially. I have now just been approached by him as it is our lunch break and he said that we should pretend I haven't seen the report, that way we can avoid sharing it. I explained that I had read it so I can't claim I haven't. I find this disturbing, I feel it's my duty to share this with you for full disclosure. Since I HAVE read it I cannot unread it, I was surprised that it was not presented in Felicia's email whic I just opened while here in magog.

Also during morning presentations mr Coutts and katren Freeman announced that that Newports EXHO LEAHY center style facility will be occupying the gateway. I also found this announcement by two people interesting and worth discussing. Has this already been agreed and is the council simply ratifying it? In my newness I may be confused Apologies this is rambling, lunch is served and I need to go for now. I willl look at the agenda when I get home around 5, thx for sending Laura. Btw I do want this roadmap confidentiallyattached to the agenda. I've read it and so should everyone else. He also asked me to talk about it here and I declined saying without the full council privy to discussion I cannot speak about it

Best
Betg

To City Council

From: Laura Dolgin City Manager

Date: March 31, 2023

RE: Clarification of Parade Vote from February 6, 2023

On February 6, 2023, council meeting minutes reflect the following vote for the 2023 Parade Requests as follows: "The city received five parade requests. The City only funds four requests per year. Mr. White withdrew his request for funding but would still hold a parade. Mr. Vachon moved to approve the 2023 parade requests. Seconded by Mr. Charboneau, motion carried unanimously."

Internally, the city manager and department heads interpreted this vote as approving the four funding requests as this is all that is required from the council based on the Event's Policy.

We did not interpret the wording of this vote as the council had approved all five parade requests. We understand that some clarity is in order.

When we met with Phil White on March 16, 2023 per the Events Policy, it was with the understanding that the Department Heads are responsible for safety and coordination of all events that are required to file a permit, including parades.

Since then, we have come to understand that council members interpreted this vote as approving all five parades. We have no intention of undermining council votes.

We now understand that the city council voted on February 6, 2023, to approve permission for all five parades, assuming each parade meets all of the Event's Policy criteria, including Phil White's privately funded parade.

Our most important priority is safety for all public events. Parades require a substantial amount of manpower amongst all departments in order to maintain best practices for safety of participants, spectators, staff, and vehicular traffic. The weekend of July 28 has many trained staff on planned annual leave.

In order to prevent this type of misunderstanding in the future, we will recommend amending the Event's Policy so that any required votes are exceptionally clear to all.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Avi (they, them)
Email: connect@nekrc.net
Phone: 802-522-3539
DATE: May 6, 2023

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....and one of our tenants on Bayview St. just was served a TAC Order by the Sheriff's Dept. so they have 14 days to pack up and leave. Which they won't so then a lockout/Writ of possession will occur where they are removed.

TB

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From: Beth Barnes [mailto:beth.barnes@newportvermont.org]
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 9:44 AM
To: Travis Bingham <travis.bingham@newportpd.org>
Cc: Laura Dolgin <Laura.Dolgin@newportvermont.org>
Subject: Pride Parade

Hello,

I was alerted to some very negative FB posts surrounding the parade on June 25, I doubt this surprises any of us. The majority of chatter is positive but I wonder, Travis if this is something you'd like to see. I'm always happy to meet.

Btw, I had a message yesterday morning from a Bayview resident so I spent time visiting with them in their home yesterday afternoon. They were very welcoming and I enjoyed the time we spent talking about life on Bayview. I always learn something new.

And sorry, but while writing this another constituent PM'ed me. She asked if there are any laws about visible trash at Newport homes.

As always, thank you both.

Beth

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