



**CITY OF NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND
CANVASSING AUTHORITY
October 13, 2020
11:30 A.M.**

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD REMOTELY IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNOR RAIMONDO'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-05-1. (b) "SUCH MEANS MAY INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, PROVIDING PUBLIC ACCESS THROUGH TELEPHONE, INTERNET, OR SATELLITE ENABLED AUDIO OR VIDEO CONFERENCING OR ANY OTHER TECHNOLOGY THAT ENABLES THE PUBLIC TO CLEARLY FOLLOW THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PUBLIC BODY WHILE THOSE ACTIVITIES ARE OCCURRING".

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*The meeting will begin at 11:30 A.M. and will adjourn upon completion of the posted business. Please note that participants will be muted upon entry. To speak, please use the Raise Your Hand feature on Zoom or *9 on your phone to be recognized.*

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Minutes of September 1, 2020
 - b. Minutes of September 8, 2020
 - c. Minutes of September 11, 2020
 - d. Minutes of October 1, 2020
 - e. Minutes of October 7, 2020

4. Communication (to be received/any item may be pulled for discussion and/or action by the Board)

- a. Report on activities of the Canvassing Department for the month of August, 2020
- b. Report on activities of the Canvassing Department for the month of September, 2020
- c. Communication of September 27, 2020 from Judy K. Jones relative to effects of residents at Donovan Manor and neighboring housing
- d. Communication of September 29, 2020 from the Newport Democratic City Committee titled *Public Statement Memo to Canvassing Authority & City Council* dated September 29, 2020
- e. Communication from Meagan Landry stating her intention to conduct a write-in campaign for the position of Newport City Council At Large on November 3, 2020
- f. Notice of withdrawal from Justin S. McLaughlin from the November 3, 2020 election for Newport City Council-At-Large
- g. Notification from the clerk that the Newport local bond question has been renumbered from Question #5 to Question #2 on the November 3, 2020 General Election ballot due to absence of state bond questions
- h. Joint statement from Speaker of the House Nicholas A. Mattiello, President of the Senate Dominick J. Ruggerio, and Governor Gina M. Raimondo relative to the FY21 budget and bond initiatives to be considered at a special election to be scheduled following a special November legislative session
- i. Nellie's Notes, Issue 61, September 2020
- j. Copy of advertisement appearing in October 3, 2020 Newport Daily News notifying voters of the final day to register to vote in the November 3, 2020 General Election; and notice of final canvass in accordance with RI General Laws
- k. Notice of award of COVID-19 Response Grant in the amount of \$15,752 from the Center for Tech and Civil Life

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Consideration of complaints filed and objections made to the decision rendered by the Newport Canvassing Authority on October 7, 2020 relative to closure of the Parkholm Senior Center as a polling location for the November 3, 2020 General Election
- b. Update from the clerk relative to location of official election drop boxes for collection of mail ballots to be received no later than 8:00 PM on November 3, 2020
- c. Update from the clerk relative to mailing of individual notice to voters impacted by the closure of their regular polling location

6. New Business

- a. Consideration of hiring of police officers to secure polling locations and deliver election night returns to city hall on November 3, 2020
- b. Certification of the results of the September 8, 2020 Newport City Council -At-Large and Newport City Council Ward 3 Primaries, as reported by the Rhode Island Board of Elections
- c. Canvassing the list of voters qualified to cast ballots in the November 3, 2020 General Election

The list of qualified voters can be found at: www.cityofnewport.com/voterlist

Objections/challenges to the posted list are requested to be submitted in advance of the meeting to the clerk, Tracy Nelson, at tnelson@cityofnewport.com

7. Adjourn

Agenda posted October 8, 2020 at the Newport City Hall, the Newport Police Station, the Newport library, and electronically filed on the Secretary of State's website in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

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