

At six-thirty The meeting was called to order with all members in attendance .

The minutes were approved for the 11-12-14 meeting.

Tama Drown reported that the Towns website has a link for the withdrawal committee on the home page. The agenda and minuets will be posted there.

Concern was voiced by a citizen that the committee should look into alternatives rather than just returning our students to the school system we are intending to withdraw from. It was the expectation from the citizens that we could create an environment that would be an alternative to the present system.

The question was asked about the demographics of the student population from Newry. How many students actually attend the district schools, what are their ages and what grades are they in.

Mark Eastman was introduced and welcomed as the educational consultant hired by the committee to help to generate an educational plan for Newry students.

General discussion revolved around the different towns that have recently withdrawn from school districts.

The similarities between Newry and Carrabasset Valley were pointed out by Dr. Eastman.

Discussion ensued about the variety of options available to towns such as ours.

The state statutes do not allow the construction of buildings for the first five years after withdrawal if state funds are used. New construction could commence If Newry could finance buildings without State Financial support.

A motion and vote in the affirmative to enter into executive session to form a negotiation strategy was conducted at six fifty-five.

Executive session was ended at seven thirty-nine.

The next meeting of the withdrawal committee will be Thursday, December four at six thirty pm at the Town Office.

Meeting adjourned at seven forty-two.