

Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
June 20, 2017 7:30am Newry Town Office

**Selectmen Present:** Gary Wight, James Largess, Tink Conkright

**Others present:** Brooks Morton, Robert Lowell, Tama and Gary Drown

**Signing of Warrants:** all signed

**Approval of meeting minutes:** None

**Adjustments to Agenda:** None

**Announcements:** none

**Public Comment:** none

**New Business:**

~Discuss and consider appointing two members to Reapportionment committee for MSAD 44: Board voted all in favor (by quorum of 2 as Virgil obtained from voting) to appoint Virgil Conkright and Norman Clanton.

~Discuss and consider appointing two members to Funding Formula Committee for MSAD 44: Board voted all in favor to appoint Wendy Hanscom and Robert Lowell

~Discuss and consider signing the Oxford County Assessor Return: Signed

~Discuss and consider signing the May bank reconciliation: Signed

**Tabled Items:** NWC additional funds. (No action taken)

**REPORTS:**

**Town Administrator:** See attached

**CEO:** See attached. Additionally, Board voted all in favor to spend up to \$1000 out of contingency to replace GFI outlet and light fixtures at the grange hall and town office.

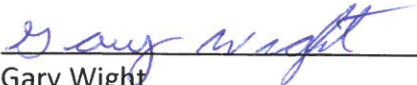
**Selectman:** None

**Committees:** none

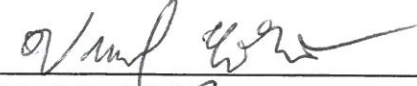
**Next Meeting:** Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm

**Adjourn:** 8:30am

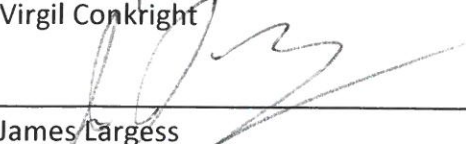
Minutes Approved By:

  
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Gary Wight

Date: 9-5-17

  
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Virgil Conkright

Date: 9/5/17

  
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James Largess

Date: 9/5/17

**Permits Issued:**

One Building Permit was issued for a pole shed at a residence off Coombs Road in Coombs Village.

No Plumbing Permits were issued.

**Road Items:**

B.A. Manzer completed on June 13<sup>th</sup> this years' paving work on Monkey Brook Road, the Sunday River Road/ Monkey Brook Road Intersection, Roderick Road and Valley View Road.

A 2" deep by 16" diameter depression over a culvert needing repair appeared over the weekend after paving and shoulder work was completed Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>. A driveway entrance could also use gravel to lessen slope up onto pavement.

Swasey Excavation completed work June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Foster Cemetery at Sunday River and other driveway enhancement work. ~~Swasey Excavation completed work June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Foster Cemetery at Sunday River and other driveway enhancement work.~~

Letter of request to MDOT for speed zone review was sent Wednesday June 14-17

**Other Items:**

Mountain House: Is on the June 21 Planning Board agenda.

I have contacted E & W Electric to replace two fluorescent light fixtures at the Grange Hall.

The telephone company suggested a dedicated electrical outlet be created to power solely the telephone power pack. Currently the pack plugs into a GFI outlet that trips off periodically causing repair visits.

Donnie Catlin would like a \$500 deposit for needed materials to begin the sign replacement jobs. He also suspects he will have to use alternative materials for the Grange Hall sign as he has not be able to locate a board the length and width needed to replace the Grange Hall Sign as is.

T-m  
G-2nd up to  
\$1000 to fix

Dave on Vacation - 30th - 17th

used -  
Take  
out of  
contingency

options...

- Cut top of pavement off add gravel around it or fill

- reset culvert costly

decision...  
\* monitor for @ a month or so

Crockett's driveway on Roderick needs some gravel on one end to bring up to pavement

idea - FD is doing pump test + may be able to coordinate to have them flush culvert to see where it's failing.

## Town Administrator's Reports: 6.20.17

- I signed the Manzer Contract for paving
- I signed the Collette Monument contract for the cemetery signs
- The AVCOG meeting is scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup>, where the executive committee is expected to announce the new Executive Director
- Jim and I went to the MSAD #44 Board Meeting last night.
- The Town Office will be closed on July 3 & 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day
- Calendar Year 2016 Audit is in for review.
- Mountain House application for site plan review has been submitted to the Planning Board; they will be on the Planning Board Agenda on June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

-LD 1336 just sitting - House will stay open until budget passed they may need to have special sessions to consider bills. Focus at state now is budget issue - not bills.

- next meeting possible tax rates for July 1<sup>st</sup>

Follow-up with Bob

**TOWN OF NEWRY SELECTMEN'S AGENDA**  
**Tuesday June 20, 2017**  
**7:30 AM**

**Call to Order**

Selectmen Present:

Others Present:

**Pledge of Allegiance**

*Sign Warrants – All of the Selectmen signed*

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Adjustments to the Agenda:**

**Announcements:**

**Public Comment:**

**New Business:**

*Trak + Norm*

Discuss and consider appointing two members to the Reapportionment Committee for MSAD 44.

Discuss and consider appointing two members to the Funding Formula Committee for MSAD 44.

Discuss and consider signing the Oxford County Assessor Return.

Discuss and consider signing the May bank reconciliation.

*Wendy + Bob*

**Unfinished Business:**

**TABLED ITEMS:**

- Reconsider request by the Newry Withdrawal Committee for additional funds to go to Town Meeting

**Reports:**

Administrator Report

CEO Report

Committees Report

Selectmen's Report

*- PB - attorney might not be cost effective for 6/21 meeting  
Amy will talk to Jim (attorney)*

**Other Business:**

**Next Meeting**

SELECT BOARD MEETING JULY 11, 2017 7:30 AM

*if we have business  
25th*

Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 5pm at Bear River Grange Hall

**Selectmen Present:** Gary Wight, James Largess, Tink Conkright

**Others present:** Brooks Morton, Tama and Gary Drown, Jim Sysko, Peggy and Steve Wight, Nancy Babcock, Bruce Pierce, Wendy Hanscom, Alision Aloisio, Susan Herlihy, William Andrews, Peter Brown, Doug Webster, Deb Webster, Laura Lowell, Bob Lowell, Frank Lowell, Natalie Berry, David Berry, Bonnie Largess, Amy Bernard, Dave Bonney, Kelly Scott

**Signing of Warrants:** all signed

**Approval of meeting minutes:** Gave copies to Board of unapproved minutes from 4/4 and 4/18 to review for next meeting.

**Adjustments to Agenda:** Bank reconciliation for April. (signed and approved)

**Announcements:** none

**Public Comment:**

**New Business:**

**~Discuss and consider request from Peter Brown (Sunday River Golf Club) about Golf course abatement:** The abatement that was submitted and denied by assessing agent Gingras and signed by the Board cannot be reconsidered. They would need to follow the next step of filing an appeal with the County Commissioners. Mr. Brown understood that, but at issue is they still feel over-assessed even after assessing agent Gingras reduced the land value by 1 million dollars, sighting their income as a factor and the distressed sale and the appraisal. The Board agreed for to have us contact Gingras to look at assessing on an income approach and/or discuss the legalities of that process. Selectman Largess made motion to approve this and Selectman Conkright second and voted all in favor.

**~Discuss and consider signing the Special Town Meeting warrant for June 13<sup>th</sup> and also MSAD 44 budget vote warrant:** Selectman Wight made motion to approve, Selectman Largess second and voted all in favor.

**~Discuss and consider July meeting schedule and office hours for the first week of July:** First Selectmen meeting in July will be July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am. Board approved that the Town Office will be closed on Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup> and staff will be paid for that day. (Thank you!!!!)

**Unfinished business:**

**~Discuss and consider ongoing talks with Bethel, Greenwood and Woodstock about school funding model:** Another Town manager/Chair meeting is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Tabled Items:** NWC additional funds.

**REPORTS:**

**Town Administrator:** See attached

**CEO:** See attached. Additionally, asked Board if Town attorney should be present for Planning Board meeting with the Mountain House owners. Board approved

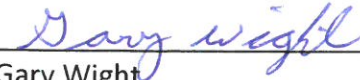
**Selectman:** None

**Committees:** none

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30am and July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am (Newry Town Office)

**Adjourn:** 5:40pm

Minutes Approved By:

  
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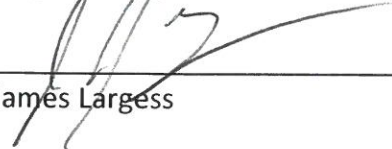
Gary Wight

Date: 8-1-17

  
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Virgil Conkright

Date: 8-1-17

  
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James Largess

Date: 8/1/17

**SECRET BALLOT ELECTION  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

To Laura Lowell, a resident in the Town of Newry, County of Oxford, State of Maine.

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Newry in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Newry Town Office on Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 A.D. at eight o'clock in the morning to act upon Article 1 and by secret ballot on article 2 set out below, the polling hours therefor to be from eight o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening:

June 13, 2017

Article 1. To choose a Moderator by secret ballot to preside at said meeting

Article 2. Shall the Town vote to discontinue the MSAD 44 Withdrawal Process?

Hereof, fail not, and have you then and there this warrant with your doings thereon.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the time and place of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the voting list.

Given under our hand at Newry, Maine this the sixth day of June A.D. 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Wight

James Largess

Virgil Conkright

Selectmen of Newry

## Town Administrator's Reports: 6.6.17

- John Waterbury from MMA, Risk Management came to look over the buildings for safety issues or improvement we can make to minimize the Town's liability. The report should be mailed to us by the end of June.
- The Board band planning grant was awarded to the Maine West application to the ConnectME Authority for a planning grant to improve and expand high speed internet service throughout the towns in the Bethel area, as well as the rest of Oxford County!
- Trek Across Maine is June 16-18<sup>th</sup> be aware for bikers...
- Next 4 town meeting is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. The plan is to go to the School Board on Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> to ask them to start the Funding Formula change process.
- The Election is set for June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Newry Town Office 8a-8p.
- Diana Norwood left a donation for the Town for the Maine Health photo shoot. \$200 has been added to the Scholarship fund.
- Brooks Morton resigned from the Age Friendly Community Committee.

→ Board approved for donation to remain in the Scholarship account  
Selectman Conkright made motion  
Selectman Wright Second  
and voted all in favor



**Permits Issued:**

Two Building Permits were issued: one to build a garage and pergola at a single family dwelling off Riverbank Rd. & Rte. 2/26, and one to build a deck, doors and service windows at Trails End Restaurant for ice cream sales.

No Plumbing Permits were issued.

**Road Items:**

B.A. Manzer has paved Monkey Brook Road. In preparation for paving, the 100 foot excavation and gravel replacement was also completed. Four rocks 3' to 5' in size were extracted and left on the edge of the right of way along the tree line. Rocks in the past, too heavy to lift or too big to fit through a dump truck tailgate, have been left on this road at the edge of right of way along the tree line. Smaller rocks extracted were hauled away. Striping to occur after July 1. Speed limit signs may be warranted. A speed limit would need to be MDOT determined upon request.

Manzer has also paved the Valley View Road. In preparation for paving, the 100' excavation and gravel replacement on Valley View Road was also completed. Three rocks 3' to 4' in size were left on the edge of the right of way along the tree line. A stone and fabric drain to ditch was installed where the bigger rocks were extracted, as water surfaced from the rock holes.

Manzer has also paved the intersection of the Sunday River Road and Monkey Brook Road.

Manzer hopes to begin installation of shoulder backing material to paved sections this Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Sunday River Road gravel section has been graded.

Swasey Excavation hopes to begin construction June 7.

Bill Hamill received my letter and drawing concerning the work at the Foster Cemetery. Bill had also read about the paving projects. He inquired about each project.

**Other Items:**

Mountain House: I have heard from the Mountain House Attorney via fielding their questions as they prepare their Site Plan application. They have requested to be on the June 21 Planning Board agenda. The Town's attorney has prepared and sent to the Mountain House attorney, the attached draft consent agreement. This draft has a June 15 deadline for application.

The Grange Hall painting has been completed by Rob James.

I showed Rob James the Sunday River Schoolhouse interior. Rob suggested more research go into the interior repairs and that the exterior should be painted this summer to limit paint scraping costs. The exterior and the sign has not been painted for over ten years.

Ballpark estimate is \$1500.00, Board will approve work but need an official estimate