

Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019 5pm Newry Town Office

Selectmen Present: Gary Wight, James Largess, Tink Conkright

Others present: Amy Bernard, Kelly Scott, Dave Bonney, Sam Wheeler

Signing of Warrants: all signed

Approval of meeting minutes: 01/22/2019

Adjustments to Agenda: Selectman Largess to discuss composting. Dean Richmond would like to attend next meeting to discuss the new developments in recycling.

~Selectman Conkright discussed pay from County for Unorganized Territory coverage. Look at calls from last year to possibly send a letter requesting a stipend increase.

Announcements: None

Public Comment: None

New Business:

~**Discuss and consider Annual Town Meeting date for 2020:** To change town meeting to May is Select Board decision. Decided to do a straw pole at June election to see what Residents think.

~**Discuss and consider electing a new Board Chair:** Discussion. Selectman Wight made motion to Elect Selectman Largess as Chair, Selectman Conkright 2nd and voted all-in-favor.

~**Discuss and consider accepting the Fire Chief (Bruce Pierce) Resignation:** Selectman Wight made motion to accept Bruce's resignation, Selectman Largess 2nd and voted all in favor.

~**Discuss and consider posting town roads:** Some State roads are being posted now. Received an application for 2 weight exception permits for Field Plumbing to get plumbing trucks to his shop. Selectman Conkright made a motion to post roads same as last year, Selectman Wight 2nd Voted all-in-favor. Selectman Conkright made motion to grant weight exemption to Granite Group for 2 trucks for 1 trip a day. Selectman Largess 2nd voted all-in-favor.

Unfinished Business:

~**Consider and discuss approving slate of officers for Newry Fire Department: (see attached list)** Selectman Largess made motion to accept the slate of FD officers as written. Selectman Wight 2nd and voted all-in-favor. (Selectman Conkright recused himself citing that his Granddaughter was one of the officers listed).

Tabled Items: None

REPORTS:

Town Administrator: attachment #1

CEO: attachment #2

Selectman: none

Committees: none

Next Meeting: 3/26/2019 5pm

Adjourn: 6:01pm

Minutes Approved By:

Gary Wight
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Date: 3-26-19

Virgil Conkright
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Date: 3/26/19

James Largess
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**Newry Fire Department
Officers
2019**

**Alan Fleet - Fire Chief
Bruce Pierce – Asst. Chief
Tom McFarlane – Captain
DJ Deprey – Safety Officer
Rebecca McFarlane – Training Officer
Ashley Cronkright – Secretary**

Gary Wight

James Largess

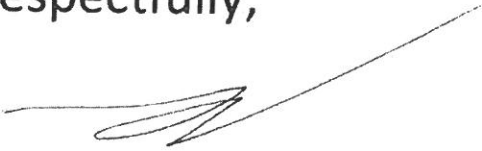
Virgil Conkright

February-26-2019

To the Towns People of Newry.

Effective immediately I am Resigning as Fire Chief of
the Newry Volunteer Fire Department.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce S. Pierce', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Bruce S. Pierce

Town Administrator's Reports: 3.12.19

- The Town received a request to support the Legion Ball Team; they did not get their request in for Town Meeting.
- I plan to attend a workshop on Maintaining civility in Government on March 22 in Bangor
- State Revenue Sharing Public Hearing is on March 20th, if you are interested in attending or sending testimony please let me know. I am sending written testimony.
- David Bartlett has taken out and brought back for verification; deadline for signature verification is March 22nd.
- Dean Richmond wants to attend the next meeting to discuss incentives to compost.
- The Advertisement for resumes for the office clerk are in your papers please review and let me know if you want any changes.

Code Officer Report Select Board Meeting March 12, 2019

Building Permits Issued

Two Building Permits were issued. One Building Permit was to finish a basement in a Tempest Townhouse unit. The other Building Permit was for complete renovation of a water damaged Tempest Townhouse unit.

Plumbing Permits Issued

Plumbing Permits were issued for the above Tempest Townhouse projects.

Road Items

Consider posting the same Town Roads as last year. I expect Field Plumbing and Heating on Lone Pine Road will be asking for an exemption.

Jim Largess passed on to me an email sent by MMA Rebecca Graham concerning LD # 261, An Act to Restrict the Authority to Post Roads. Call Rebecca Graham Tel# 624-0101 if interested in participating in stakeholder meetings. She suggested contacting a Joint Standing Transportation Committee member to voice displeasure.

Road Salt purchased by the Town as of Feb. 11, 2019 is 266 tons at \$16,624, being 83% of the budgeted \$20,000. \$3,376 remains equaling 53 tons.

Building Maintenance Items

Work on the Grange Hall tub/shower installation has been completed.

Rough estimates for a new 10'x14' shed are between \$7,000 (Prefab) and \$10,000 (Stick-built). In talking with Lloyd Williams, Building Trades Instructor at Region 9, shed construction is a year out and construction takes a year. Mr. Williams is retiring, he thought possibly time frames may be longer. A Region 9 constructed shed width is limited to 9'4".

Other Items

I would like to attend an MBOIA training on March 28 at Sunday River. I would like to attend a Plumbing Inspector training on April 17 in Bridgton. I would like to attend a Land Use Zoning training April 23 in Gray.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town of Newry, Maine**

Whereas there is a law that requires educational services to adequately meet the needs of every child and Newry is a community that takes pride in providing excellent school services as well as encouraging all families that locate in Newry to best advance the interests of their kids.

Whereas there is a method to fund education with State resources, which is named the Essential Program and Services (EPS) funding formula, that has a goal of focusing State funding to school districts equitably through the State so that school districts can assure that basic State defined measures of education are delivered to all Maine children regardless of where they live. It is also recognized that not all towns are treated with fiscal equitability by the current State funding methodology.

Be it therefore recognized that there is an increase in local financial burden for those communities that are characterized as low to minimal receivers and a new separate source of State funding should be considered for all school districts and towns that receive less than 15% funding of the total EPS expenditure allocation as determined by its annual ED279 reporting calculation.

Be it therefore resolved that a separate second tier of state funding be established in the biannual budget of the State of Maine that serves to sustain and raise, or create, the minimal floor of funding to 15% for all districts that fall below the 15% funding threshold as measured by the EPS funding formula.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Town of Newry supports the legislative effort purposed to Raise The Floor for all low and minimal receivership districts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have here unto set our hands and caused the Seal of the Town of Newry, Maine to be affixed at Newry, Maine this 22nd day of January 2019.

Newry Board of Selectmen of the Town of Newry, Maine

Gary Wight

Virgil Conkright

James Largess