

Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2019 5pm Newry Town Office

Selectmen Present: Gary Wight, James Largess, Tink Conkright

Others present: Amy Bernard, Dave Bonney, Tony Andrews

Signing of Warrants: all signed

Approval of meeting minutes: 03/26/2019 amended minutes approved and 4/23/2019 approved. Selectman Conkright made motion to accept. Selectman Largess 2nd and voted all-in-favor.

Adjustments to Agenda: None

Announcements: The Town Office closed Monday May 27th to observe Memorial Day.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

~Consider and Discuss changes to the Foster Cemetery and ordering the New Powers Cemetery sign~: Discussion.

Selectman Conkright made motion to shorten the fence at the Foster Cemetery and order a sign for the New Powers Cemetery. Selectman Largess 2nd and voted-all-in-favor.

~Consider and Discuss designs made by Tony Andrews~: Discussion.

Drawings give a general idea of both the outside entry way (handicap accessible) as well as the Town Administrator's office area.

Tony will present working documents when the time comes.

Tony will call when he gets back from Texas.

~Consider and Discuss bid process for the North Newry Church~:

Discussion. Bids deadline June 17, 2018 at 5pm. Preferred bid will announce at the next Selectboard meeting July 2nd 2020.

Selectman Wight made motion to put the foundation work out to bid for the North Newry Church with an expiration date of June 30, 2020. Selectman Conkright 2nd and voted-all-in-favor.

Unfinished Business:

~Consider and Discuss Signing the Pike Contract for paving 2019~:

Discussion: It is all dig safe.

Selectman Conkright made motion to sign the Pike Contract for paving 2019 on the Branch. Selectman Wight 2nd and voted-all-in-favor.

~Consider reviewing CMP LED Street light conversion analysis~:

Discussion. Only risk is the town needs to stay with CMP for 15 years for the street lights. Approximate savings will be \$5,000 over the 15 years.

Selectman Wight made motion to sign a contract with CMP LED Street light conversion for a total of 15 years. Selectman Conkright 2nd and voted-all-in-favor.

Other Business:

Selectmen Wight made a motion to move the 2nd meeting in June to the 17th at 5pm. Selectman Conkright 2nd and voted-all-in-favor.

Tabled Items:

~Consider and Discuss verbal offer to buy the North Newry Church~:

Discussion.

Selectman Largess made motion "NO" we are not interested in selling the North Newry Church. Selectman Conkright 2nd and voted-all-in-favor.

REPORTS:

Selectmen: None

Town Administrator: See Attached

CEO: See Attached

Committees: Transfer Station concern from the town of Bethel the free table seems to be a challenge. And there is a lot of people that are not from the tri town using the transfer station. There is a meeting tomorrow morning at the transfer station 9am.

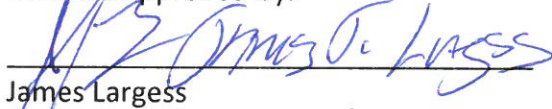
Next Meeting:

5pm June 4 2019

Selectman Conkright made motion to adjourn. Selectman Wight 2nd and voted-all-in-favor.

Adjourn: 6:35 pm

Minutes Approved By:


James Largess

Date: 9/30/19


Virgil Conkright

Date: 9/30/19


Gary Wight

Date: 9-30-19

Town Administrator's Reports: 5.21.19

cometary

- A complaint came in about the number of flowers at some plots, they are too large.
- Community Concepts came in today and put up posters about Fuel and Electricity Assistants. They are taking applications until July 15th this year.
- The Town Office is closed for Memorial Day on May 27th.
- There is a Tri-Town Meeting tomorrow at 9am in Bethel; due to complaints about the "Free Table" apparently there have been fights over the free stuff.
- The Town received the engagement letter for the FY 19 Audit; I signed it and sent it back
- The Town received a check for \$271 as a result the 2018 Workers Comp Audit. Contributions are based on an estimate and the Town's Audit showed an overpayment.

Code Officer Report Select Board Meeting May 21, 2019

Building Permits Issued

Three Building Permits were issued since the last meeting. One for a garage at a residence off Lone Pine Road. One for a single family dwelling off Fisher Road in Peaks Village. One for extending a roof over a deck at Maine Mountain Weddings.

Plumbing Permits Issued

Plumbing and Septic Permits were issued for the single family dwelling mentioned above.

Road Items

Cross Exc. has swept winter sand from around the intersection islands and from under guardrails. Cross Exc. has also repaired snow plow damage to the intersection islands' grass/dirt surfaces and the grass/dirt surfaces at the Town Office and Grange Hall, also re-swepted the Town Office.

Building Maintenance Items

At the Town Office, David Berry's crew installed metal scissor gates to minimize fall potential and inhibit access to the attic and basement stairs. The gate installation was prompted by the insurance company's request.

Other Items

Maine DOT, in advance of engineering work for a bridge deck wearing surface project to be advertised in 2020, sent a questionnaire asking if the Town has any existing utilities or proposed utilities in the next five years in the area of the Route 2 Bridge over Bear River. I am aware of none.