

Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2020 5pm Newry Town Office

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

**Others present:** Amy Bernard (Town Administrator), Dave Bonney (CEO), Laurie Walker (Deputy Clerk)

**Signing of Warrants:** All signed

**Approval of meeting minutes:**

Selectman Wight made a motion to accept the town of Newry selectmen meeting minutes for December 10, 2019, Selectmen Conkright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved.

**Adjustments to Agenda:** None

**Announcements:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**New Business:**

**~Consider and discuss reviewing contract with AVCOG for planning services~**

Board went over a draft contract for AVCOG

Discussion to change paragraph 2 on page 1 to include commas in line 3 to read

**AVCOG here by agrees, with the town, to furnish.**

Add the word chair to section 1 on page 2 to read

When directed by town administrator, code offices, or planning board **chair, unless other wise delegated.**

Delegate a person to receive any new applications for the planning board, to make sure it is distributed to the planning board members.

After changes are made the selectmen will review, before the next select board meeting.

The will revisited at the selectman meeting on January 21, 2020.

**~Consider and discuss assessing services RFP process and timeline. ~**

Discussion of having company that could do the towns revaluations as well as our general appraising.

Put out a RFP in February 2020, due back in March 2020.

Will request pricing on 3 options

- 1) Assessing agent
- 2) Revaluation company
- 3) Both an agent and revaluation company combine.

For the town to hires an agent to come in on a monthly basic to do assessing updates on tax transfer sheet property cards update in TRIO, as well as assessing reports.

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**Unfinished Business:**

**~Consider and discuss expense budget report for December~:**

Report includes the first week in January.

**~Consider and discuss dates for joint select board meetings~:**

Selectmen agreed to a date of January 29, 2020; need to check with joint boards.

**Reports:**

**Administrator Report:** see attached

**CEO Report:** see attached

**Committees Report:**

Selectman Conkright informed the board that Med-Care partition for a union and are now in negotiations for a union contract.

Selectmen Wight updated the board with the results from the Fire Department meeting vote for officer for the next six months on 01/06/2020.

Chief Alan

Assistant Chief-Vacant

At this time they are not filling the assistant chief's position vacated by Bruce Pierce as of January 1, 2020.

Captain-Tom McFarland

Training Officer-Ben Laird

Secretary-Ashley Conkright

A discussion for a safety officer was address; this position would be appointed by the chief per call/event.

The fire department is looking into other options to help with staffing.

**Selectmen's Report: None**

**Other Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** January 21 2020 @ 5:00 pm Select Board Meeting  
January 29, 2020 @ 5:00 pm Select Board Meeting, Joint Meeting

**Refer to audio recording for verbatim discussion of meeting.**


Selectman Wight made a motion to adjourn the select board meeting. Selectman Conkright 2<sup>nd</sup> and all approved. Meeting adjourn at 6:00 pm

**Adjourn: 6:17 pm**

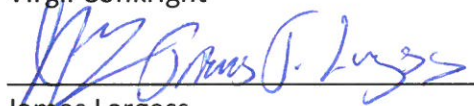
Minutes Approve By:

  
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Gary Wight

Date: 1-21-20

  
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Virgil Conkright

Date: 1/21/20

  
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James Largess

Date: 1/21/20

**Code Officer Report      Select Board Meeting      January 7, 2020**

**Building Permits Issued**

None Issued

**Plumbing Permits Issued**

None Issued

**Road Items**

Charlie Bean stated a number of deer/vehicle collisions have occurred recently on the Sunday River Road in the area between his house and the Bethel Town Line. Charlie would like to see Deer Crossing warning signs installed and possibly red flags on the speed limit signs for that speed zone. As this section of road is a State-Aid, I have an inquiry into MDOT Regional Manager Michael Burns concerning this with no reply as of yet.

**Building Items**

David Berry will begin the interior work on the Town Office, Wed 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Items**

## **Town Administrator's Reports: 1.7.2020**

- MED-CARE payment went up to \$1250.50 per month. This will result in at least a \$2,839.02 over draft of the ambulance budget for FY2020
- Destination Academy Summit is on January 15, 2020 from 5-8 at the Bethel Inn, are you all coming? If so I can register you....
- I meet with the Area Manager's Tomorrow in Greenwood to discuss a joint meeting of the Select Board's and the Destination Academy Summit
- Nancy from RHR Smith will be here on Thursday to train on bank reconciliation with staff.
- Planning Budget review meeting to start in March for May 12<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting.
- I forwarded the Timeshare ordinance to the HOA board for the hotels and I have not heard and feedback. Waiting to bring this back to you before moving ahead.