

Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
January 21 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), Samuel Wheeler

**Signing of Warrants:** All signed

**Approval of meeting minutes:**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to accept the town of Newry selectmen meeting minutes for January 7, 2020, as read Selectmen Wight 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved, so moved.

**Adjustments to Agenda:** None

**Announcements:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**New Business:** None

**Unfinished Business:**

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

Selectman Conkright made a Motion to authorize Amy Bernard, to sign the final planning services contract once received from AVCOG Selectman Wight 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all approved, so moved.

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

Discussion of excluding the quarter shares parcels from the total parcels before revaluations begin. Hire an assessor agent, for 8 hours on a monthly basis, to come in to do general maintenance.

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.

The selectman to review and make any corrections once review it will be revisited at the selectman meeting on February 4, 2020.

**Reports:**

**Administrator Report:** see attached

Discussion on the timeshare quarter shares ordinance to revisit it and research units in the rears for taxes.

- 1-Total amount owed in taxes
- 2-Interest owed
- 3-Fees assessed in lien process

Before selling the timeshares Board feels it is necessary to go back to the voters to ask for permission to sell the units for whatever we can get for them, so the town will not own the units, and explain why the foreclosure was not stopped.

**CEO Report:** see attached

**Committees Report:** Selectman Conkright informed us that he was approached to be involved in contract negotiations, he turned it down. Med-Care is going forward with union contract negotiations

**Selectmen's Report:**

Selectman Conkright informed the board that Bob Chase president from Med-Care and, chief from Auburn, offered help on assessing the fire departments direction. All selectmen would support the offer for his assistance.

**Other Business:** None

**Next Meeting:**

January 29, 2020 @ 5:00 pm Select Board Meeting, Joint Meeting  
February 4, 2020 @ 5:00 pm Select Board 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 5:47 pm

**Adjourn: 5:47 pm**

Minutes Approve By:

*Gary Wight*  
Gary Wight

Date: *2-4-20*

*Virgil Conkright*  
Virgil Conkright

Date: *2/4/20*

*James Largess*  
James Largess

Date: *2/4/20*

## **Town Administrator's Reports: 1.21.2019**

- Joint Select Board meeting will be on January 29, 2019 at the Telstar High School Library at 6PM
- Amy Scott will be the facilitator for the joint meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>; the Town Manager's and I will meet with Amy tomorrow to discuss agenda and process.
- First legislative Policy Committee meeting of the year is on January 30, 2019 in Augusta, I plan to attend.
- Staff is working on Bank and Tax Reconciliation; after the training and budget adjustments.
- I forwarded the Timeshare ordinance to the HOA board for the hotels and I have not heard and feedback. The only issue from the Summit HOA is the requirement of the escrow account.
- W-2's and 9099 forms have been mailed out.
- Speed trailer lottery loan program letter came in, are we interested?

**Code Officer Report      Select Board Meeting      January 21, 2020**

**Building Permits Issued**

One Permit was issued to JAR Cannabis Co. for interior and exterior renovations at their present site.

**Plumbing Permits Issued**

None Issued.

**Road Items**

No public input received since last meeting concerning road conditions.

**Building Items**

David Berry and crew began office renovations Jan. 8, projected completion of interior work is Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, if not earlier.

**Other Items**

Received from the US Census Bureau, their Initial Boundary Program Survey, to confirm the Town Lines are mapped correctly. The survey is to be signed by the Town's Highest Elected Official. The Town Line Map appears correct.

The Road Commissioners received a notice letter from a Planning Board applicant, Sunday River Skiway, to inform the Commissioners of their project and ask for any input on the project being reviewed by the Planning Board. The application concerns a new ski lift and ski trails serving Merrill Hill Estates Subdivision.

I would like to attend a seminar on the International Building Code, Fire and Life Safety Principles held in Portland on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.