

Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2020 5pm Newry Town Office

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

Others present: Amy Bernard (Town Administrator), Dave Bonney (CEO), Barb Rajaniemi (Deputy Clerk), Brooks Morton

Signing of Warrants: All signed

Approval of meeting minutes:

Selectman Wight made a motion to accept the town of Newry selectmen meeting minutes for January 21, 2020, as read Selectmen Conkright 2nd the motion, all approved, so moved.

Adjustments to Agenda: Posting of the Road (with the CEO Report)

Announcements: None

Public Comment: None

New Business:

~Consider and discuss setting date for a Special Town Meeting to discuss the disposition of foreclosure of the quarter shares at the Summit and Jordan Hotels~

Lien Process explained by Amy Bernard

NOTE: The town is not responsible for the maintenance fees. (see attached email from the Legal Department at Maine Municipal Association)

~Consider and discuss sign draft Town Meeting Warrant for Special Town Meeting~

Selectman Wight made a motion to have a Special Town meeting to vote on February 18, 2020 at 6:30 to authorize the selectmen to dispose of tax-acquired property on such terms and conditions as they deemed in the best interest of the town. Selectmen Conkright 2nd the motion, all approved, so moved.

Selectman Wight made a motion to accept the warrant as written with changes. Selectmen Conkright 2nd the motion, all approved, so moved.

~Consider and discuss Expense Budget Reports through January~

See attached expense report

~Consider and discuss Bank Recon and Tax Recon progress~

Amy - Bank Recon - July is off by about \$100 and we are processing August to see if it balances out.

Amy – Tax Recon – We have more tax dollars in the GL than in collections.

Amy is 100% confident that the GL is correct.

Amy will check with the Auditor to see what the selectmen should be shown on a monthly basis.

Unfinished Business:

~Consider and discuss finalizing assessing services RFP~

The selectman to review and make any corrections once review it will be revisited at the selectman meeting on February 18, 2020.

Selectman Largess asked if Amy could send out a packet for review on the Thursday before all selectmen's meeting. Amy responded with, "Yes I can make that happen."

Reports:

Administrator Report: see attached

Selectman Wight made a motion to spend \$750 to upgrade the planning board computer. Selectmen Conkright 2nd the motion, all approved, so moved.

CEO Report: see attached

Selectman Wight made a motion to leave it to the CEO's discretion to post the roads when he deems but no later than the state. Selectmen Conkright 2nd the motion, all approved, so moved.

Committees Report: None

Selectmen's Report: None

Other Business: None

Next Meeting:

February 18, 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 2nd the motion and all approved. Meeting adjourn at 7:29 pm

Adjourn: 7:29 pm

Minutes Approve By:

Gary Wight
Gary Wight

Date: 2/18/20

Virgil Conkright
Virgil Conkright

Date: 2/19/20

James Largess
James Largess

Date: 2/18/2020

Amy Bernard

From: Legal Services Department <legal@memun.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 8:54 AM
To: Amy Bernard
Subject: RE: Newry - Timeshares

Dear Amy,

This issue is addressed in the following excerpt from Chapter 3 of MMA's *Municipal Liens Manual*:

Time shares. The law concerning time-shares specifically indicates that a governmental entity will not be liable for the share of common expenses attributable to the time share during the period the municipality owns the time share estate if the municipality does not use the time share estate. The law defines "use" as including, without limitation, leasing or renting the time share. Note that the owner's association or time share management may charge any common fees accruing during the time the municipality owns the time share to a buyer. The law requires a municipality selling a tax-acquired time share estate to disclose in writing to prospective buyers that the buyer may be charged for common expenses accruing during the time period the municipality owns the time share. 33 M.R.S.A. § 593.

The statute cited above is linked below:

<http://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/33/title33sec593.html>

I hope this answers your question, Amy.

Best regards,

Richard P. Flewelling, Senior Staff Attorney
Legal Services Department

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From: Amy Bernard [<mailto:abernardnewrymaine@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 7:46 AM
To: Legal Services Department <legal@memun.org>
Subject: Newry - Timeshares

Greetings,

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

NEWRY TOWN OFFICE

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss.

STATE OF MAINE

To Anita Clark, 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 required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Newry, County of Oxford, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at Newry Town Office 422 Bear River Road, Newry, Maine, on Tuesday **February 18, 2020** at six thirty o'clock in the afternoon to act upon Article 1 through 2 as set out below:

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

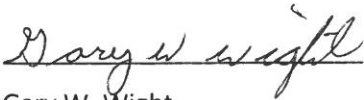
Article 2: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax-acquired property on such terms and conditions as they deem in the best interest of the Town.

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

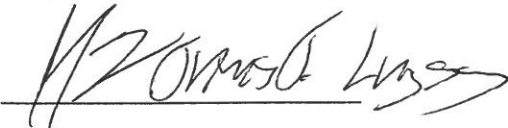
The Registrar of Voters will be in session at the time and place of said meeting for the purpose of correcting the voting list.

Given under our hand at Newry, Maine this 4th February, 2020


Respectfully submitted,



Gary W. Wight



James Largess

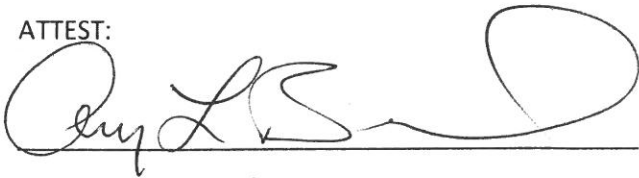


Virgil Conkright

Board Selectmen, Town of Newry

A True Copy of this Warrant,

ATTEST:



Town Clerk, Town of Newry

Expense Summary Report

ALL Departments
February

Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H -		YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
		Debits	Credits			
100 - Admin	315,800.00	0.00	0.00	199,258.44	116,541.56	63.18
01 - Admin	315,800.00	0.00	0.00	199,033.44	116,766.56	63.03
02 - EXPENSE	77,495.00	0.00	0.00	60,341.60	17,153.40	77.87
02 - COMPUTER	15,500.00	0.00	0.00	10,799.66	4,700.34	69.68
03 - ELECTIONS	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	986.01	5,513.99	15.17
04 - REG OF DEEDS	3,750.00	0.00	0.00	5,070.45	-1,320.45	135.21
05 - MILEAGE	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,606.03	3,893.97	48.08
20 - LEGAL EXPENS	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,563.96	-563.96	105.64
23 - ACCOUNTING	6,500.00	0.00	0.00	11,700.00	-5,200.00	180.00
27 - POSTAGE	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,282.25	3,217.75	28.49
30 - AVCOG	5,995.00	0.00	0.00	5,943.36	51.64	99.14
88 - DUES	3,750.00	0.00	0.00	100.58	3,649.42	2.68
89 - PRINTING	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,017.60	982.40	67.25
90 - ADMIN TRAINI	3,300.00	0.00	0.00	1,195.90	2,104.10	36.24
91 - AD	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	506.80	493.20	50.68
92 - OFFICE SUP	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,559.29	2,440.71	51.19
99 - MISC	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	4,009.71	-2,809.71	334.14
05 - Wages	211,100.00	0.00	0.00	125,082.81	86,017.19	59.25
01 - Regular	211,100.00	0.00	0.00	125,082.81	86,017.19	59.25
06 - Town Expense	27,205.00	0.00	0.00	13,609.03	13,595.97	50.02
01 - Fica	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,101.15	-9,101.15	----
02 - Medicare	18,250.00	0.00	0.00	2,162.77	16,087.23	11.85
03 - IRA Match	8,955.00	0.00	0.00	2,345.11	6,609.89	26.19
23 - Medicare BD	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00	-225.00	----
05 - Wages	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00	-225.00	----
05 - Stipend	0.00	0.00	0.00	225.00	-225.00	----
101 - AMBULANCE	10,840.00	0.00	0.00	5,554.38	5,285.62	51.24
01 - AMBULANCE	10,840.00	0.00	0.00	5,554.38	5,285.62	51.24
02 - EXPENSE	10,390.00	0.00	0.00	5,179.38	5,210.62	49.85
05 - MILEAGE	480.00	0.00	0.00	79.38	400.62	16.54
21 - MED-CARE	9,910.00	0.00	0.00	5,100.00	4,810.00	51.46
05 - Wages	450.00	0.00	0.00	375.00	75.00	83.33
01 - Regular	450.00	0.00	0.00	375.00	75.00	83.33
102 - ASSESSOR	9,550.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	7,850.00	17.80
01 - ASSESSOR	9,550.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	7,850.00	17.80
02 - EXPENSE	9,550.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	7,850.00	17.80
22 - ASSESSOR	9,550.00	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	7,850.00	17.80
103 - CAPITAL IMP	205,000.00	0.00	0.00	218,882.88	-13,882.88	106.77
01 - CAPTIAL IMP	205,000.00	0.00	0.00	218,882.88	-13,882.88	106.77
02 - EXPENSE	205,000.00	0.00	0.00	218,882.88	-13,882.88	106.77
95 - TRANSFER	205,000.00	0.00	0.00	218,882.88	-13,882.88	106.77
104 - CEMETERY	10,500.00	0.00	0.00	9,959.00	541.00	94.85
01 - CEMETERY	10,500.00	0.00	0.00	9,959.00	541.00	94.85
02 - EXPENSE	10,500.00	0.00	0.00	9,959.00	541.00	94.85
99 - MISC	10,500.00	0.00	0.00	9,959.00	541.00	94.85
105 - THIRD PARTY	40,589.00	0.00	0.00	34,231.00	6,358.00	84.34
01 - THIRD PARTY	40,589.00	0.00	0.00	34,231.00	6,358.00	84.34
02 - EXPENSE	40,589.00	0.00	0.00	34,231.00	6,358.00	84.34

Expense Summary Report

ALL Departments
February

Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H -		YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
		Debits	Credits			
105 - THIRD PARTY CONT'D						
32 - AGE FRIENDLY	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
33 - EDDIE	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00
34 - AFY	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
50 - SAFE VOICES	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	100.00
51 - RED CROSS	875.00	0.00	0.00	875.00	0.00	100.00
52 - ANDRO HOME	310.00	0.00	0.00	310.00	0.00	100.00
53 - BETHEL LIB	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	100.00
54 - BETHEL CHAMB	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	100.00
55 - CHANNEL IV A	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.00
57 - COMMUNITY CO	700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	0.00	100.00
59 - FLAGS FOR SO	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	100.00
60 - MAHOOSUC KID	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	-500.00	125.00
61 - HANDICAP SKI	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00
63 - MOUNTIAN EXP	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.00
64 - BRYANT P 4-H	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	100.00
65 - PROJ GRAD	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
66 - REACH	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
67 - SR PLUS	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	100.00
68 - TOWN GRAD	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00
69 - TRI CNT MH	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
71 - WCBB-MPBN	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	100.00
72 - WEST ME TRAN	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	100.00
74 - WINDY VALLEY	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
75 - WMVAC	175.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	0.00	100.00
76 - HARVEST HILL	329.00	0.00	0.00	-329.00	658.00	-100.00
77 - LIFE FLIGHT	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.00
78 - PINE TREE 4H	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
96 - CAMP SCHOLAR	600.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	400.00	33.33
106 - BOARDS						
01 - BOARDS	18,500.00	0.00	0.00	5,753.88	12,746.12	31.10
05 - Wages	17,700.00	0.00	0.00	5,680.75	12,019.25	32.09
06 - PLANNING BOA	12,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,488.75	10,011.25	19.91
07 - SCHOOL BOARD	3,600.00	0.00	0.00	3,192.00	408.00	88.67
08 - APPEALS BD	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
09 - HEALTH OFFIC	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
02 - EXPENSES	800.00	0.00	0.00	73.13	726.87	9.14
02 - EXPENSE	800.00	0.00	0.00	73.13	726.87	9.14
99 - MISC	800.00	0.00	0.00	73.13	726.87	9.14
107 - COUNTY TAX						
01 - COUNTY TAX	547,647.00	0.00	0.00	547,647.00	0.00	100.00
02 - EXPENSE	547,647.00	0.00	0.00	547,647.00	0.00	100.00
99 - MISC	547,647.00	0.00	0.00	547,647.00	0.00	100.00
108 - CONTINGENCY						
01 - CONTINGENCY	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
02 - EXPENSE	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
99 - MISC	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
110 - GRANGE H MAI						
01 - GR HALL MAIN	8,400.00	0.00	0.00	2,502.54	5,897.46	29.79
	8,400.00	0.00	0.00	2,502.54	5,897.46	29.79

Expense Summary Report

ALL Departments
February

Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H -		YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
		Debits	Credits			
110 - GRANGE H MAI CONT'D						
02 - EXPENSE	3,900.00	0.00	0.00	1,411.98	2,488.02	36.20
97 - CARRY FORWAR	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.99	-4.99	----
99 - MISC	3,900.00	0.00	0.00	1,406.99	2,493.01	36.08
10 - Utilities	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,090.56	3,409.44	24.23
01 - Electricity	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	638.13	861.87	42.54
02 - Heat	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	452.43	2,547.57	15.08
111 - HIGHWAYS	192,470.00	0.00	0.00	86,108.91	106,361.09	44.74
01 - HIGHWAYS	192,470.00	0.00	0.00	86,108.91	106,361.09	44.74
02 - EXPENSE	192,470.00	0.00	0.00	86,108.91	106,361.09	44.74
16 - WINTER ROADS	122,570.00	0.00	0.00	59,375.34	63,194.66	48.44
17 - SALT/SAND	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,195.56	11,804.44	40.98
18 - STREET SIGNS	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	180.33	819.67	18.03
28 - SUMMER ROADS	46,500.00	0.00	0.00	17,869.05	28,630.95	38.43
29 - MISC ROADS	2,400.00	0.00	0.00	488.63	1,911.37	20.36
112 - INSURANCES	107,982.00	0.00	0.00	46,649.23	61,332.77	43.20
01 - INSURANCE	107,982.00	0.00	0.00	46,649.23	61,332.77	43.20
02 - EXPENSE	107,982.00	0.00	0.00	46,649.23	61,332.77	43.20
12 - HEALTH	92,100.00	0.00	0.00	32,589.33	59,510.67	35.38
13 - RISK POOL	9,892.00	0.00	0.00	10,551.00	-659.00	106.66
14 - UNEMPLOY	450.00	0.00	0.00	-32.00	482.00	-7.11
15 - WORKER COMP	5,540.00	0.00	0.00	3,540.90	1,999.10	63.92
113 - DEBT SERVICE	176,100.00	0.00	0.00	176,082.22	17.78	99.99
01 - LADDER TRUCK	176,100.00	0.00	0.00	176,082.22	17.78	99.99
02 - EXPENSE	176,100.00	0.00	0.00	176,082.22	17.78	99.99
99 - MISC	176,100.00	0.00	0.00	176,082.22	17.78	99.99
114 - MSAD ASSESS	3,189,941.00	0.00	0.00	1,861,017.36	1,328,923.64	58.34
01 - MSAD ASSESS	3,189,941.00	0.00	0.00	1,861,017.36	1,328,923.64	58.34
02 - EXPENSE	3,189,941.00	0.00	0.00	1,861,017.36	1,328,923.64	58.34
99 - MISC	3,189,941.00	0.00	0.00	1,861,017.36	1,328,923.64	58.34
115 - MUNICIPAL BL	17,050.00	0.00	0.00	12,525.15	4,524.85	73.46
01 - MUN BLDG	17,050.00	0.00	0.00	12,525.15	4,524.85	73.46
02 - EXPENSE	6,750.00	0.00	0.00	6,711.99	38.01	99.44
19 - BLDG MAINT	6,750.00	0.00	0.00	6,711.99	38.01	99.44
10 - Utilities	10,300.00	0.00	0.00	5,813.16	4,486.84	56.44
01 - Electricity	2,800.00	0.00	0.00	1,341.16	1,458.84	47.90
02 - Heat	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,706.22	2,293.78	42.66
03 - Phone	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,765.78	734.22	79.02
117 - FIRE DEPT	85,178.00	0.00	0.00	34,430.07	50,747.93	40.42
01 - FIRE DEPT	85,178.00	0.00	0.00	34,430.07	50,747.93	40.42
02 - EXPENSE	45,678.00	0.00	0.00	13,426.85	32,251.15	29.39
06 - GAS & OIL	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	692.44	1,307.56	34.62
07 - EQUIPMENT	11,943.00	0.00	0.00	4,544.08	7,398.92	38.05
08 - TRAINING	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	68.00	932.00	6.80
98 - OPER & MAINT	30,735.00	0.00	0.00	8,122.33	22,612.67	26.43
05 - Wages	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	18,078.00	11,922.00	60.26
01 - Regular	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	18,078.00	11,922.00	60.26

Expense Summary Report

ALL Departments
February

Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H -		YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
		Debits	Credits			
117 - FIRE DEPT CONT'D						
10 - Utilities	9,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,925.22	6,574.78	30.79
01 - Electricity	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	689.19	810.81	45.95
02 - Heat	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,611.00	5,389.00	23.01
03 - Phone	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	625.03	374.97	62.50
118 - SANITATION						
01 - SANITATION	151,700.00	0.00	0.00	77,040.33	74,659.67	50.78
02 - EXPENSE	151,700.00	0.00	0.00	77,040.33	74,659.67	50.78
25 - PINE TREE WA	3,200.00	0.00	0.00	2,012.93	1,187.07	62.90
26 - TOWN OF BETH	148,500.00	0.00	0.00	75,027.40	73,472.60	50.52
120 - STREET LIGHT						
01 - STREET LIGHT	1,550.00	0.00	0.00	802.76	747.24	51.79
02 - EXPENSE	1,550.00	0.00	0.00	802.76	747.24	51.79
99 - MISC	1,550.00	0.00	0.00	802.76	747.24	51.79
122 - OVERLAY						
01 - ABATEMENTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.35	-5.35	----
02 - EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.35	-5.35	----
99 - MISC	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.35	-5.35	----
125 - REC COMMITTE						
01 - REC COM	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
02 - EXPENSE	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
97 - CARRY FORWAR	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	100.00
126 - SUN RTV SCHO						
01 - SR SCHOOL	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	310.00	690.00	31.00
02 - EXPENSE	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	310.00	690.00	31.00
99 - MISC	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	310.00	690.00	31.00
132 - FOREST FIRE						
01 - FOREST FIRE	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
02 - EXPENSE	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
99 - MISC	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
133 - TAX MAPS						
01 - TAX MAPS	2,105.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,105.00	0.00
02 - EXPENSE	2,105.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,105.00	0.00
99 - MISC	2,105.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,105.00	0.00
139 - NEWRY CHURCH						
00 - NEWRY CHURCH	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	93.23	906.77	9.32
02 - EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.66	-30.66	----
99 - MISC	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.66	-30.66	----
01 - NEWRY CHURCH	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	62.57	937.43	6.26
02 - EXPENSE	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	62.57	937.43	6.26
99 - MISC	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	62.57	937.43	6.26
201 - SNOW GRANT						
05 - WINDY VALLEY	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	----

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Account	Budget Net	- C U R R M O N T H - Debits	Credits	YTD Net	Unexpended Balance	Percent Spent
201 - SNOW GRANT CONT'D						
02 - EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	----
74 - WINDY VALLEY	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	----
Final Totals	5,100,402.00	0.00	0.00	3,326,053.73	1,774,348.27	65.21

Town Administrator's Reports: 2.4.2019

- The Joint Select Board Meeting was attended by all the Area Board member from the M.S.A.D 44 district. We are meeting again in April to report back on progress.
- The US Census contacted us about using the Grange hall March 6th and March 13th to do training 8a-5p both days.
- The four Towns received a draft proposal from the Chamber to assist them in marketing the area to different visitors. Please see email sent to the board.
- I have outlined some bills the LPC reviewed on 1.30.2020 that will affect our area:
 - LD 988 would require Municipalities to pay a \$3/TON tipping fee for solid waste that goes to the land fill. Municipalities would be paid back the \$3/TON at 2019 weights by the State. LPC opposed this bill... (How long will the State will pay... your guess is as good as mine)
 - LD 1942 an Act to protect water quality by prohibiting consumer fireworks in the shore land zone. (this will fun to enforce) LPC opposes this because of it lack of enforceability
 - LD 1832 an Act to Ensure adequate funding for the Maine Pollutant discharge elimination system and waste discharge licensing. The LPC opposes this bill because it increases permitting fees by 40% in one year.
 - LD 2040 An Act to eliminate the requirement that municipalities retain paper copies of certain vital statistic records. LPC supports this.
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- The Planning Board computer must be replaced before they can teleconference in Shelly Norton the AVCOG Planner to the Board meetings. The cost will be \$750 dollars for a laptop. A Desk model will take several months to get and the cost will be \$400 roughly. I plan to get the Laptop ASAP.
- Western Maine Manager's meet tomorrow for a presentation of Community Solar projects popping up around the state. (Woodstock has open in development) I plan to attend.

Amy Bernard

From: Robin Zinchuk <robin@bethelmaine.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 7:56 PM
To: Kim Sparks; Town of Woodstock - Vern Maxfield (vhm24@megalink.net); Loretta Powers; Amy Bernard
Cc: amy@inspirecore.org; Jessie Perkins; Mike Wilson; Moreland, Donna
Subject: Bethel Area CDA action items moving forward
Attachments: Rangely stats for town report.jpg; Rangeley Region Economic Opportunity Committee.docx

Hello Town Managers and Amy,

I am looking forward to sitting in and listening to the proceedings of your meeting tomorrow evening with your Selectboards! Thank you so much for making this happen. It will be very interesting to see what the elected officials think the towns' roles will be in the future of the CDA work.

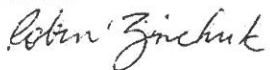
There are a couple things that I would appreciate you considering as we embark on our work together.

1. Given the genesis of the CDA, and our goal to ensure that we grow our visitor economy sustainably, please know that the chamber wants to play a major role in this.
2. In order to reach an audience that will be more likely to come mid-week, shoulder seasons, and for longer stays (rather than continuing to market to the same audience that tends to come on already busy weekends and vacation weeks), the chamber will need to raise additional income. We would like the towns to consider assisting us with this, as an ongoing economic development investment in our collective future. An example of how this is already done in a nearby community is the Town of Rangeley, which allocates \$50,000 per year that they provide to their chamber specifically for marketing. The three other plantations (Rangeley Plantation, Sandy River Plantation and Dallas Plantation) allocate \$2,500 per year each. The reason why the Town of Rangeley provides so much more than the plantations, is that Rangeley has the majority of the businesses and second home owners. Rangeley's taxable value is \$523,000,000 as compared to Bethel's \$490,000,000, Greenwood's \$173,000,000, Newry's \$520,000,000 and Woodstock's \$218,000,000. The chamber would like to work with the four towns to determine what is do-able, and to build a case for this kind of investment to tax payers.
3. There are several other initiatives that the Summit established as important, such as Affordable Housing; Regional Municipal planning; Wayfinding; Creating regenerative agriculture systems; Encouraging our restaurants to use and serve local foods; Increase the use of renewable energy; and Documenting and promoting the positive economic impact of tourism on our local economy – all that will require a "champion" to move forward. The chamber could lead the way on several of these with additional resources.

Again, many thanks for inspiring this municipal-leader gathering. We are so much stronger, together!

Best wishes,

Robin



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Code Officer Report Select Board Meeting February 4, 2020

Building Permits Issued

None Issued

Plumbing Permits Issued

None Issued.

Road Items

Discuss when to Post Roads

Building Items

None

Other Items

Discuss Duplex Development Proposal before Planning Board.

The seminar I was hoping to attend this Thursday the 6th on the International Building Code, Fire and Life Safety Principles held in Portland has been cancelled, a make-up date has not been determined.