Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2020 @ 5pm

Conference Call

(425) 436-6372 Access Code: 531106

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

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

**Signing of Warrants:** Jim and Gary approved via email. (Tink will stop in to sign tomorrow)

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** None

**Adjustments to Agenda:** None

**Announcements:** As of 15 minutes ago Governor Mill’s declared a stay at home order from April 2, 2020 through April 30, 2020. Jim wants to add to the agenda.

**Public Comment:**  None

**New Business:**

**~Consider and discuss updates on COVID-19 Pandemic. ~**

* As of 15 minutes ago the Governor declared a stay at home order April 2, 2020 through April 30, 2020.
* CDC call Monday 3-30-2020 maxing out the zoom system, they want to consolidate the groups.
* 303 cases 5 fatalities of Covid-19
* Looking for ways to open up more tastings.
* PPE – we have put the towns request in.
* Looking for alternative ventilators.
* May need to call in the National Guard to help start up field hospitals also for help due to Police getting sick.
* Wear a mask or bandana if you feel you should. CDC feels that masks will help.
* Symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath some GI issues)

**~Consider and discuss staffing levels and workflow during this Civil Emergency. ~**

* Health care providers determine if you need the test.
* More Town Offices are closing up with the Stay at Home.
* Functions within the town are considered essential but not all essential. Not getting a lot of guidance on this.
* Dave Bonney feels he should be able to get his emails on a daily basis.
* Amy can remote in from home.
* General Assistance can be called through 211

Selectman Largess made a motion that as of April 2nd Barb Rajaniemi (Deputy Clerk) and Laurie Walker (Deputy Clerk) are no longer coming into the office, the town will pay them through April 15th at that time the town will furlough them after they use their sick time and vacation time and pay their insurance until the end of June. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all in favor, so moved.

Selectman Largess made a motion that as of April 2nd Dave Bonney (CEO) will work by the hour and work on Emergency Management things as needed and he will check the office out while there, the town will pay him through April 15th at that time the town will furlough them and pay their insurance until the end of June. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all in favor, so moved.

Amy Bernard (Town Administrator) will continue doing her job working from home as best she can.

The mail will be held at the post office.

The only checks we are writing for the month of April is payroll

**Other Business:**

Email from Brookside

* The HOA is asking the town to help control who comes to Brookside
* The town can’t control who comes to the town.
* Amy will get back to Mark and let them know that isn’t anything the town can do.

**Reports:**

**Administrator Report:**

* Spirit of America Award
* Dave Berry – wants to start on the front entry way weather permitted to start next week. “Yes, if he is considered essential.”
* Gary Drown resigned from the planning board.
* Nomination papers are due back on Monday.

**CEO Report:** see attached

**Committees Report:** Med Care meetings have been cancelled

**Selectmen’s Report:** none

**Next Meeting**:

April 7, 2020 @ 5:00 pm (conference call) Select Board Meeting

Selectman Wight made a motion to adjourn the select board meeting. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all in favor, so moved.

**Adjourn*: 6*:20 pm**

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

Minutes Approve By***:***

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Gary Wight

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Virgil Conkright

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James Largess