Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

April 7, 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)

**Signing of Warrants:** all of the Selectmen signed

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** None

**Adjustments to Agenda:** None

**Announcements:** None

**Public Comment:**  None

**Selectman Wight made a motion that the meeting on April 7th is being held electronically, Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all in favor, so moved.**

**New Business:**

**~Discuss and consider Covid-19 Pandemic. ~**

* Nothing from the state for guidance for the municipalities.
* Hotels could be a possibility to house healthcare workers so they are not bringing anything home.
* Grange Hall is set up for FEMA distribution.
* Towns should look after their residents and workers to try to stay ahead of this.

**~Discuss and consider town office staffing and hours. ~**

* Discussion to have the office open even if it is for a few hours.
* Open on Monday April 13th to one staff person in at a time. Amy will come up with the hours and projects to keep us all busy.

**~Discuss and consider extending deadline for Assessing RFP. ~**

* Amy has heard back from two companies, they want to be able to come in and look at the tax cards before giving a price quote.

Selectman Wight made a motion to offer out to the Bidder’s on the RFP by appointment only during office hours and to practice social distancing also to include the 15 day extension, Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all in favor, so moved.

**~Discuss and consider authorizing the June 9, 2020 Municipal ballot. ~**

* The only nomination papers returned is Virgil Conkright for Select board seat 3 year term.
* This needs to be posted today (60 days before the election).

Selectman Largess made a motion to approve the ballot, Selectman Wight 2nd the motion, roll call vote Largess and Wight in favor, Selectman Conkright abstained from vote due to his name being on the ballot. Vote is passed.

**~Discuss and consider using the Zoom Platform for the Select board Meetings.~**

By consensus we have decided to stay with free conference to ensure equal access to everyone.

**~Discuss and consider starting welfare checks for our vulnerable population possibly weekly.~**

We will be contacting residents on our 60 and older list to check in with them as this pandemic moves on.

**Reports:**

**Administrator Report:** none all on agenda

**CEO Report:** see attached

**Committees Report:** none

**Selectmen’s Report:** none

**Next Meeting**:

 April 14, 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*: 5:47* 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