Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

May 5, 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

**Selectman Wight made a motion that this meeting is being held electronically, Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.**

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes**:

Selectman Wight made a motion to approve the March 10th, March 16th, March 24th, April 7th, April 14th and April 28th, Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**Adjustments to Agenda:** at 5:30 pm there is an executive session with the town attorney under 1NRS section 4056E regarding the towns legal rights and duties to the employees under the employee handbook, during the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Announcements:** None

**Public Comment:**

Brooks Morton comments:

Concerned how the public will rejoin the meeting after the executive meeting. Selectman Largess will text Brooks when the meeting restarts.

1. I have been doing volunteer for the town for my entire life so the comments from the peanut gallery are uncalled for.
2. He would like to see the office open for services. So everyone could be working in social distances.
3. The voters list is out of date some resident that have pass are still on the list, and some of the voters do not live here anymore.
4. He would like to offer his help in tying everything to the tax maps.

**New Business:**

**~Discuss and Consider updates on COVID-10 Pandemic. ~**

Dave Bonney, CEO

* No change to how the town should be proceeding.
* Mr. Bonney is keeping up with the CDC as well as the Oxford County Emergency Management team.
* PPE is still being distributed to the first responders, so if the town needs any they need to pursue it ourselves.

Amy Bernard, Administrative Assistant.

* MMA has submitted a letter to the Governor asking about Town Meeting and how that should be conducted. (see attached) MMA is hoping to hear back from the Governor soon.

**~Consider and discuss the following Department Budgets~**

* Capital Reserve Funds – see attached

**Reports:**

**Administrator Report:** see attached

**CEO Report:** see attached

**~Executive Session 1NRS section 4056E~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to move into Executive Session with the town attorney under 1NRS section 4056E regarding the towns legal rights and duties to the employees under the employee handbook, during the Covid-19 pandemic, Selectman Wight 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

The Select board meeting will resume at 6pm.

Selectman Wight made a motion to recess this meeting, Selectman Largess 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved. 5:30pm

**Select board Meeting reconvened: 6pm**

**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)

Selectman Wight made a motion to reconvene the Select board meeting electronically, Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~Consider and discuss the following Department Budgets~ continued**

* Revenues – see attached
* Complete Budget review – see attached

Amy will complete the books for the selectmen

**~Discuss and Consider Town Office Staffing Hours. ~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion that the office will be open from 7am-5pm starting Monday, May 11th providing curbside service and starting Monday, May 18th we open up the office to the public. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~Discuss and Consider Newry Fire Chief’s Recommendations for Recruitment. ~**

Table until next meeting

**~Consider and discuss options for Annual Town Meeting~**

Table this for next week - waiting to hear the Governor’s response to MMA

**~Consider and discuss options for out upcoming Select Board Meetings~**

* May 12th, conference call
* May 19th, conference call
* June 2nd in person possibly at the Grange (larger space)

**Reports:**

**Committees Report:** None

**Selectmen’s Report:** None

**Other Business:** None

**Next Meeting**:

May12th, 2020 @ 5:00 pm Conference call.

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

**Adjourn*: 6:41* 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