Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2020 @ 5pm

Conference Call

(425) 436-6372 Access Code: 531106

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

**Others present** Amy Bernard (Town Administrator), Dave Bonney (Code Enforcement Officer), Laurie Walker (Deputy Clerk), Dana Bullen (Sunday River)

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

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes**:

Selectman tabled until August 3, 2020 to read and review.

**Adjustments to Agenda:**

Chairman Largess asked to move the last item on the agenda time share to discuss 1st on the agenda.

**Announcements:** None

**Public Comment**: None

**New Business:**

**~Consider and discuss tax sale of timeshares (bids)~**

The town received one bid on the summit unit A-1-337C in the amount of $3,000.00.

The town received 20 bids on the Jordan units in the amount of $100.00

J-1-102D, J-1-103B, J-1-107A, J-1-128A, J-1-140D, J-1-146A, J-1-149D, J-1-155A, J-1-157C,

J-1-161A, J-1-232C, J-1-235B, J-1-258C, J-1-267D, J-1-302D, J-1-307B, J-1-324D,

J-1-341B, J-1-364D

The Town received 1 bid on the Jordan unit J-1-340D in the amount of $150.00

The Town received 1 bid on the Jordan unit J-1-329C in the amount of $125.00

Selectman Wight made a motion to award unit A-1-337C, for $3,000 to Scott & Kathryn Akerman, Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

Selectman Wight made a motion to award units, J-1-102D, J-1-103B, J-1-107A, J-1-128A, J-1-140D, J-1-146A, J-1-149D, J-1-155A, J-1-157C, J-1-61A, J-1-232C, J-1-235B, J-1-258C, J-1-267D, J-1-302D, J-1-303D, J-1-307B,J-1-324D, J-1-329C, J-1-340D, J-1-341B, to Robert Goodyear,

 for $ 2175.00 Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~Discuss and Consider voting for a Select Board Chair for 2020-2021. ~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to elect Selectman Wight the Select Board Chairman for 2020-2021, Selectman Largess 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

Chairman Wight now presided over meeting.

**~Discuss and Consider awarding RFP for Assessing Agent ~**

Selectman Largess made a motion to award RJD Assessing as the Town of Newry Assessing Agent. With the condition of a 2-year contract with no more than a 3% price increase. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

After interviews with both RJD Assessing and O’Donnell and Associates, Amy Bernard Town Administrator acknowledged that both companies are totally capable for being the assessing agents for the Town of Newry.

RJD bid came in lower and can start the re-evaluation this September. Ms. Bernard also expressed RJD has the experience at the state & county level and not having to contact the town attorney RH Smith when issues arise.

RJD Associates offered a 1-year bid for $11,700.00 with a 3% increase the 2nd year.

John O’Donnell offered us a 2-year contract for $25,000.00 a year.

**~Discuss and Consider awarding RFP Town Wide Revaluation Vendor. ~**

Selectman Largess made a motion to award RJD Assessing to be the Town of Newry revaluation vendor. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote, all approved, so moved.

**~Discuss and Consider request to rent Grange Hall by Western Maine Driving Academy~**

Selectman tabled until more information is available from Western Maine Driving Academy.

**~Discuss and Consider summer maintenance (Shoulder erosion, crack sealing & Striping) ~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to continue with the summer road maintenance program, as needed. Selectman Largess 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~Consider and discuss annual appointments for Town Officials~**

Selectman Largess made a motion to move the appointments

Sexton Virgil (Tink) Conkright

CEO/LPI/Deputy Road Commissioner David Bonney

Assistant CEO/LPI Bethel CO/LPI

Welfare Director Amy Bernard

E-911 Addressing Officer David Bonney

Med-Care Board Virgil (Tink) Conkright

Planning Board Secretary Rebecca Bean

Dog Warden Susan Milligan

Health Officer Sarah Berry

Freedom of Information officer Amy Bernard

Chairman Wight 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~Consider and discuss formally authorizing the spending of funds off last year’s budget~**

Selectman Largess made a motion to authorize the spending of funds off last year’s budget

noting that money spent be deducted out of what is approved for the 2021 budget. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

Selectman Largess motioned to recess the meeting at 5:40 PM to reconvene at 6:00 PM Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

Selectman Largess motioned to reconvene at 6:11 PM Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~Discuss and Consider approving Jar Retail Store application. ~**

Selectmen Largess made a motion to approve the application from Jar. Selectmen Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~Discuss and Consider approving the board to sign the quick claim deeds on the timeshare properties. ~**

Selectman Largess made a motion to authorize the Select board to sign the quick claim deeds on the 22-time share units sold on July 21, 2020. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approve, so moved.

**Reports:**

**Administrator Report:** see attached

**CEO Report**: see attached

**~Discuss and Consider approving the purchase of salt or the 2020-2021 season. ~**

Selectman Largess made a motion to authorize the purchase of salt for the 2020-2021 season

Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approve, so moved.

**Committees Report:** None

**Selectmen’s Report:** None

**Other Business:** None

**Next Meeting**: August 4, 2020 @ 5:00 pm at the Town Office and by Tele-Conference.

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

**Adjourn*: 6:25 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