

Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2021 @ 5pm
Conference Call
(425) 436-6372 Access Code: 531106

Selectmen Present: Gary Wight, Virgil Conkright, David Bartlett

Others present Amy Bernard (Town Administrator) Dave Bonney (Code Enforcement Officer),
Laurie Ann Walker (Deputy Clerk)

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

Signing of Warrants: all approved

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: Selectman Bartlett made a motion to accept the minutes from December 15, 2020 meeting as read. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

Adjustment to the Agenda: Received e-mail from Anita @ Age Friendly

Announcements: None

Public Comment: None

New Business:

~Discuss and consider signing Liquor Licenses for Frank's Restaurant. ~

Selectman Bartlett made a motion to approve the liquor license for the Frank's Restaurant. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

~Discuss and consider developing a plan for opening the warming shelter at the Grange Hall ~

Selectman Chairman Wight, Selectman Conkright & Selectman Bartlett decided to table until the January 20, 2020 meeting. The Select board would like to meet with Age Friendly representative to see how we can work together during emergencies.

~ Discuss and consider revision of the Planning Board Ordinance. ~

Planning Board revision to the ordinances are to make the following amendments to Section 2B from consisting of a 5-member board to a 3-member board. Section 3A to add A member may hold more than one officer position if there is no one else available to hold the position. Section 3F from consisting of quorum of three (3) to a quorum of Two (2). Selectman Chairman Wight, Selectman Conkright & Selectman Bartlett decided to table until the planning board & select board can meet to discuss.

~ Discuss and consider Bank Reconciliation for the month of November. ~

Selectman Wight made a motion to accept and approve the bank reconciliation for November 2020. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approves, so moved.

Reports:

Administrator Report: See Attached

CEO Report: See Attached

Committees Report:

Selectmen's Report: Select Chair Wight announced that the Volunteer Fire Department has 2 new members.

Next Meeting:

January 20, 2021 @ 5:30 pm at the Town Office and by Tele-Conference.

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

Adjourn: 6:30 PM

Refer to audio recording for verbatim discussion of meeting.

Minutes Approve By:

Gary Wight
Gary Wight Chairman

Date: 2/9/21

Virgil Conkright
Virgil Conkright

Date: 2/9/21

David Bartlett
David Bartlett

Date: 2/9/21

Code Officer Report Select Board Meeting January 5, 2020

Building Permits Issued

No Building Permits have been issued since the last meeting.

Plumbing Permits Issued

No Plumbing Permits have been issued since the last meeting.

Roads

There was some minor road damage resulting from the recent rain over Christmas. Sunday River Road near the Riley Town Line had some gravel surface washed away and Valley View Road sustained some shoulder erosion. Cross Excavation hopes to have repairs done by Jan. 4th if not earlier.

Missing road name signs have been replaced by Alan Fleet on Baker Street, the intersection of Monkey Brook Road and Sunday River Road and the northern end of Wheeler Road.

Buildings

I have not heard from Chuck Haines concerning checking the chimney at the Bear River Fire Station for water leaks.

Other Items

I received a driveway entrance request from Jim Barnett for an entrance off Sunday River Road across from Mountain Wedding House (Julie Stevens). Mr. Barnett also plans to fill up against Sunday River Road for the entire frontage of the proposed lot to create lawn. Please see the attached drawing Mr. Barnett submitted with his request. I think this is an approvable driveway entrance request, I don't feel an entrance culvert within the right of way is needed. I would suggest the driveway entrance and new lawn area slope away from Sunday River Road with enough slope to not create surface sheet flow onto Sunday River Road. Mr. Barnett has now installed silt fence downslope of his deposited fill material.

Town Administrator's Reports 1.15.2021

- I have a meeting with MITEL Phone company on January 7 at 1 pm. To get a go live date for the New Office Phones
- RJD the New Assessing Agent will be in on January 11th to do their monthly work.
- Tri-Town Transfer Station meeting will be on Wednesday January 20th at 4pm at the Airport Lobby.
- Town Office closed on January 18th for Martin Luther King Day
- Annual Fiscal Year end audit field work will be on January 11-13
- CMP upgraded the streetlights to the LED lights the 1st quarter of 2020... they just informed up. We have seen a significant decrease in costs.
- Town office is struggling with Spectrum to get the static IP address needed for remoting into the office by the assessing company. I made the order on November 17th. I have called several times and I have gotten the run a round for over a month.