

Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2021 @ 5:00pm  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 January 5, 2021 meeting as read. Selectman Conkright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

**Announcements:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**New Business:**

**~Discuss and consider Broadband with Mahoosuc Broad Band Committee~**

The Mahoosuc Community Broadband Committee presented Actions for the Town of Newry to take in support of broadband. They asked for a representative from the town. Selectman wight motion to appoint Selectman Bartlett to be the towns representative. Selectman Conkright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

The Mahoosuc Broad Band Committee asked to allocate \$2,500.00 to move forward and enter into a interlock agreement with 4 other towns (Albany Township, Bethel, Greenwood, and Woodstock). Selectman Bartlett made a motion to fund the Mahoosuc Broad Band for the Town of Newry and enter into a interlock agreement and adopt the Broad Band goals. Selectman Conkright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~Discuss and consider renewing the AVCOG contract for planning services. ~**

Selectman Bartlett made a motion to renew the contract with AVCOG for the planning board, Selectman Conkright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~Discuss and consider setting up another joint meeting with the planning board to discuss changes to the planning board ordinance. ~**

Due to the not having a quorum at the January 20<sup>th</sup> schedule joint meeting with the planning board. Selectman Wight motion to table until we hear back from the planning board on a date. Selectman Conkright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~ Discuss and consider signing off on December bank reconciliation. ~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to accept and sing off on the December 2020 bank reconciliation. Selectman Bartlett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~ Discuss and consider Town office to go curbside until staff is vaccinated. ~**

Amy Bernard communicated to the board that we are not being notified of contract tracing and to protect our employees and the town we should go to curbside until all employees are vaccinated. Selectman Bartlett motion for the Town to go curbside starting on February 16, 2021, until all employees are vacancies. Selectman Conkright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~ Discuss and consider putting the road maintenance/plow contract out to bid for FY-,22,23 & 24. ~**Selectman Bartlett motion to put the plow contract for FY 2022,2023,2024 out for bid advertising in the Bethel Citizen and the Sun Journal with a deadline for bids of May 31, 2021. Selectman Conkright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~ Discuss and consider setting a date for town meeting. ~**

Selectman Wight motion to set a date of May 25, 2021 for town meeting, at 6:30 PM Selectman Bartlett 2<sup>nt</sup> the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~ Discuss and consider signing off on the Tax Sale Abatements. ~**

Selectman Wight made a motion to sign off on the abatements for the time share sale from July 2020 & September 2020. Selectman Conkright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**~ Discuss and consider signing off on Disbursement Policy. ~**

Selectman Conkright mad a motion to sign off on the Disbursement Policy. Selectman Bartlett 2<sup>nt</sup> the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**Reports:**

**Administrator Report:** See Attached

Rhonda and Raymond Buker have paid all their back Real Estate taxes in full and need the Town of Newry to sign off on the quitclaim deed release. Selectman Wight made a motion to sign off on the quitclaim deed. Selectman Conkright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**CEO Report:** See Attached

**Committees Report:**

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

**Next Meeting:**

March 2, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

**Adjourn: 7:20 PM**

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

Minutes Approve By:

Gary Wight  
Gary Wight Chairman

Date: 3-9-21

Virgil Conkright  
Virgil Conkright

Date: 3/7/21

David Bartlett  
David Bartlett

Date: 3/3/21

## **Town Administrator's 2.9.2021**

- New Phone system will be up and running by February 28<sup>th</sup>, it may be earlier if the numbers are ported from first light quickly. We may have to change phone numbers.
- RJD the New Assessing Agent will be in on February 22<sup>nd</sup> to do their monthly work.
- Annual Fiscal Year end audit field work was done virtually last week. Everything seems in order.
- Spectrum will be here on Tuesday to get the Static IP addresses up and going. The Modem does not work with Static.
- Brian Egan contacted the Town asking to purchase a foreclosed Summit unit. Are we willing to sell this way? We are getting multiple calls on the units at the summit and the Jordan.
- W-2's have been printed and mailed out on 1.14.21
- I have started the process of closing our accounts with Northeast bank. The Board gave me permission to do this last March. The Cemetery CD matures on February 8, 2021, all accounts will be closed and separate checks will be generated on that date. If all goes as planned.
- I have placed the Advertisement in the paper for the open position at the Town Office; the AD will run until the end of the month, we have 2 applicants.
- I have drafted an open Shelter policy to get the Board thinking about how we are going to move forward with establishing guidelines for the shelter.
- Foreclosure notices are going out this week.
- I got a quote for internet from GWI for \$114 month (24-month contract); this will save the Town \$30/month. (I need authorization to sign this)
- Mandy Berry has requested to rent the Grange Hall for March 27<sup>th</sup> for a baby shower... are we renting the Grange Hall out?

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**Building Permits Issued**

Three Building Permits have been issued since the last meeting. One for a single family dwelling off Goose Eye Drive. One for a single family dwelling off Pinnacle Drive. One for renovations to a Locke Mountain Condo unit

**Plumbing Permits Issued**

Plumbing Permits were issued for each of the above new dwellings.

**Roads**

Estelle and Ralph Harrington residents on Monkey Brook Road, reported their mailbox was damaged from recent snowplowing. Estelle was given Cross. Exc. contact info and I contacted Doug Jones to let him know of the damaged mailbox.