Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes May 18, 2021 @ 5:00 PM Conference Call

(425) 436-6372 Access Code: 531106

<u>Selectmen Present:</u> Gary Wight Chairman, Virgil Conkright, David Bartlett
<u>Others Present:</u> Amy Bernard (Town Administrator), Dave Bonney (Code Enforcement Officer), Laurie Ann Walker (Deputy Clerk), Brooks Morton

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

Signing of Warrants: All approved

<u>Approval of the Meeting Minutes</u>: Selectman Wight made a motion to accept the minutes from April 27, 2021, meeting as read, Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approves, so moved.

Selectman Wight made a motion to accept the minutes from May 11, 2021, meeting as read, Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approves, so moved.

Adjustment to the Agenda: None

Announcements: None

<u>Public Comment</u>: Brooks Morton asked if he could use the North Newry Church for services on June 20, 2021. The Board of Selectmen said they will put it on the June 1st, 2021 agenda to be discussed.

New Business:

~Discuss and consider passing the Town Manager Form of Government Committee By-Laws and establish the committee. ~

Selectman Bartlett made a motion to establish a committee that will consist of 4 Newry citizens, 1 Select Board member and two alternates Newry citizens. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

~Discuss and consider signing the June 8th Town Meeting Warrant for MSAD 44 Board of Directors and Budget Referendum Elections. ~

Selectman Wight made a motion to sign the June 8th Town Meeting Warrant for MSAD 44 Board of Directors Referendum Elections. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

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~Discuss and consider signing the June 8th Town Meeting Referendum Warrant. ~Selectman Wight made a motion to sign the June 8th Town Meeting Referendum Warrant. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

Reports:

Administrator Report:

Selectman Conkright made a motion mandating masks at the Newry Town Meeting on May 25, 2021. Selectmen Bartlett 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

Selectman Bartlett made a motion to remove the three-patron limit in the Town Office as of May 24, 2021 and masks for residents that are fully vaccinated Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approves, so moved.

CEO Report: See Attached

Committees Report:

Selectmen's Report: None

Next Meeting: May 18, 2021 @ 5:00 pm at the Town Office and by Tele-Conference.

Selectman Wight made a motion to adjourn the Select Board meeting and enter into executive session. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion, roll call vote all approved, so moved.

Executive Session: M.R.S.A. Chapter 13, Title 1 S 405 6A- Employee Hire.

Adjourn: 6:05 PM

Refer to audio recording for verbatim discussion of meeting.

Minutes Approved By:

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Gary Wight Chairman

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Date: 6-15-21

Virgil Conkright

Date: 6/15/26

Town Administrator's 5.18.2021

- The Town of Bethel has sent a letter requesting regional funds to assist with maintain the Bethel Regional Airport. The letter is attached to your packet.
- The Tri-Town Transfer Station meeting has been postponed until we receive the Pine Tree Management proposal on running the Transfer Station.
- AVCOG General Assembly in on May 19, 2021 via Zoom; one of the workshops is information of the American Rescue Plan Act (Direct payments to Municipalities, Newry should be receiving roughly \$35,000)
- The Town has received a proposal from Westbrook Ford about "free" rental program for electric vehicles for a 4-year period. I have enclosed the sample lease in your packet.
- Per the Governors order to open indoor spaces to 100% capacity as of May 24th I have canceled the Tent and the AP system for Town Meeting on May 25th. I have arranged to have the building cleaned.
- Per the Governors Order to open building to 100 % capacity I recommend the Board remove the 3 person limit at the Town Office.

Code Officer Report Select Board Meeting May 18, 2021

Building Permits Issued

One Building Permit has been issued since the last meeting for kitchen renovations at Brookside Condo unit.

Plumbing Permits Issued

No Plumbing Permits were issued since the last meeting.

Roads

Cross Exc. repaired a pothole on Monkey Brook Road.