

Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2021 @ 5:00 PM  
Conference Call  
(929) 205-6099; Zoom Meeting ID 834 7434 4617; Passcode: 601555

**Selectmen Present:** Gary Wight Chairman, Virgil Conkright, David Bartlett

**Others Present:** Amy Bernard (Town Administrator), Dave Bonney (Code Enforcement Officer), Brooks Morton, Mandy Berry.

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

**Signing of Warrants:** All approved

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Select men Conkright to accept the minutes of May 18, 2021, with corrections and June 1, 2021 without corrections seconded by Selectmen Bartlett. Vote was unanimous to pass.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:** None

**Announcements:** Med-Care union contract was signed.

**Public Comment:**

**New Business:**

~ **Discuss and consider appointing Edward "Ted" Baker to the Planning Board as an alternate member.** Motion made by Selectmen Wight to appoint Ted Baker as Planning Board as an alternate member seconded by Selectmen Conkright. Vote was unanimous to pass.

~ **Discuss and consider signing quit claim deed for Newry Tax Map U-6, Lot 16**~ Motion made by Selectmen Conkright to sign quit claim deed for Newry Tax Map U-6, Lot 16 seconded by Selectmen Bartlett. Vote was unanimous to pass.

~ **Discuss and consider how to get people on open committees in Town.** ~

Discussion about how get more residents involved in town government, ideas included use of Facebook, Town Website, and asking people face to face, for complete dialogue please listen to recording.

**~Discuss and consider signing the Town Manager Form of Government Review Committee By-laws.** ~ Motion made by Selectmen Conkright to approve and sign the Town Manager Form of Government Review Committee By-laws seconded by Selectmen Bartlett. Vote was unanimous to pass.

**~Discuss and consider authorizing the GIS mapping contract with CAI Technologies.** ~ Motion made by Selectmen Bartlett to go with the GIS Mapping contract with CAI Technologies seconded by Selectmen Conkright. Vote was unanimous to pass.

**~Discuss and consider mailing a quarterly newsletter to taxpayers.** ~ Tabled by unanimous consent until the next meeting to discuss topics for the first newsletter.

**~Discuss and consider July Select Board Meeting schedule.** ~ By unanimous consent the second Selectboard Meeting date for July is tentatively scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

Selectmen Wight made a motion to adjourn regular meetings at 6:12PM seconded by Selectmen Bartlett. Vote was unanimous to pass.

**Selectmen Wight made a motion to enter executive session: M.R.S.A Chapter 13, Title 1 §405 6A- personnel review seconded by Selectmen Conkright.** Vote was unanimous to pass. Vote was unanimous to pass.

**Reports:**

**Administrator Report:** See Attached

**CEO Report:** See Attached

**Committees Report:** None

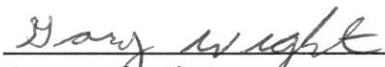
**Selectmen's Report:** None

**Next Meeting:** July 6, 2021 @ 5:00 pm at the Town Office and by Zoom.

**Adjourn: 7:35 PM**

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

Minutes Approved By:

  
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Gary Wight Chairman

Date: 7/9/21

  
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Virgil Conkright

Date: 7/9/21

David Bartlett  
David Bartlett

Date: 7/13/21

## Town Administrator's 6.15.2021

- The Town has received all taxes due on another foreclosed land lot in the Golf Course, I have requested a quitclaim deed be drafted and will be brought to the Board at your next meeting. ONLY 1 foreclosed property left that has been unattainable.
- Joelle Corey will be starting as Newry's CEO on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, she will work with David until his retirement date.
- Town Voting Results are both Planning Board and Shoreland Zone ordinances passed, Mandy Berry won the Select Board seat for a three-year term.
- Federal Stimulus Direct Funds to Municipalities... what we know now:
  - Town will receive half of the funds within the next six weeks.
  - The Town will have to enter the Town SAM's number and DUN's number, treasurer contact information into a state portal to receive the funds.
  - The town will have to develop a plan that meets the Covid -19 relief criteria to get the funds.
  - Towns will have until December 31, 2024 to dedicate the funds to an approved project.
  - Towns will have until 2026 to expend the funds on the approved project.
- 202 accounts received 30-day Notices for 2020 taxes; these were mailed June 10<sup>th</sup>, lien dates of July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- AVCOG Executive committee meets on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The area Town Managers are meeting for Lunch on June 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss regional issues and how to work together.

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**Building Permits Issued**

Four Building Permits were issued since the last meeting. One for renovations to a Brookside Condo unit. One for a seasonal camp off Skyline Drive. One for a single family dwelling off King Pine Drive. One for an addition to a garage off Barker Mountain Road.

**Plumbing Permits Issued**

Plumbing Permits were issued for the above camp and single family dwelling.

**Roads**

Pike Ind. and Swasey Exc. did a site visit today, Swasey hopes to start excavation next week. Pike did not speculate a start date other than being more than one week out. Sunday River engineer Pete Roberts is aware of the Skiway Road paving and will orchestrate the raising of their sewer-line manhole covers.

The 2021-22 AVCOG Salt Estimate is due July 9<sup>th</sup>. The Eastern Salt Company salt price remains the same as the last three years at \$61.63/ton. I suggest going with an estimate of 300 tons, being the same as last years estimate. The Towns past five year average is 288 tons/year, using 262 tons in 2020-21, 298 tons in 2019-20, 375 tons in 2018-19, 232 tons in 2017-18 and 276 tons in 2016-17.

A First Light line is still low hanging over Greenbrier Drive, a result from the recent windstorm triage repair. First Light is aware of the low line and has it on their repair schedule.

First Light called to inquire about burying a line under the Sunday River Road from Nordic Knoll Road to the opposite side of Sunday Rover Road. I suggested they make a proposal in writing for Town review which has not been received yet.