Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2022 @ 5:00pm

**Selectpersons Present:** Gary Wight, Virgil Conkright, Mandy Berry

**Staff present**: Loretta Powers (Town Administrator, Amy R. Henley (Deputy Clerk, Recording Sec.),

**Others present:** Brooks Morton, Mia Purcell, Mary Buzzard

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2022 meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to sign the Town Administrator Employment Agreement. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; both approved. Selectman Berry abstained from voting.

**Public Comment**: None

**Announcements**: None

**Business Agenda:**

**~Discuss and consider Pitney Bowes mail machine. ~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to purchase the Pitney Bowes mail machine. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Discuss and consider funds for legal fees for Broadband. ~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to approve up to $1000 towards legal fees for Broadband. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Discuss Mary Buzzard tax bill. ~**

Ms. Buzzard explained she had not been receiving the tax bill for her property. The deed had not been recorded when transferred and she had moved also. The property had been transferred to Ms. Buzzard with liens which she was unaware of. It was explained that she had missed the abatement period. Ms. Buzzard agreed to pay the outstanding bill.

**~Discuss update on church septic design. ~**

It was determined by Western Maine Septic Design LLC that a septic will fit on the church lot where the church is and if it is moved back away from the road. The next step is to have Joelle Corey obtain estimates to move the church back, fix the foundation including an addition for a restroom and for a well.

**~Brooks Morton to discuss the church key. ~**

Mr. Morton wanted the chance to defend himself against returning the church key as he was not at the meeting where it was decided that the locks would be changed due to keys not being returned. He states he would have returned the key if he was asked. Selectman Conkright and Selectman Wight stated they had asked previously for the key to be returned and it wasn’t. Selectman Berry stated the building was determined unsafe and voted to change the locks as she would does not want to see anyone get hurt if they were in the building.

**~Discuss Grange Hall generator repair or replacement. ~**

Upon inspection by Flanders Electric, it was discovered the generator had seized and had not been working since March. The repair cost is $2,772.26 with no warranty. The replacement cost is $6,950.00. Selectman Conkright wanted to know how many hours are on the generator, how many hours the normal life is for a generator and the reason it seized. This will be discussed again once the answers are obtained.

**~Discuss fees for Marijuana Retail Store Adult & Medical Licenses & Renewals. ~**

It was decided the fees would be kept as is for now. The Board would like changes to be made and brought back to them to review. Any changes to the ordinance would need to go to a Town Meeting. Fees can be changed without holding a meeting.

**TAdmin Report:**

Form for Selectmen to sign for TAdmin to be added to the bank account.

Facebook: unable to access; Mandy will try adding TAdmin to account.

Flanders: breaker kept tripping, has been fixed. Ballast in Town Office not working. Selectman Wight suggested we add this to next year’s budget to replace lighting in the Town Office, Fire Station and possibly the Grange Hall.

Attending Motor Vehicle Training 8/9 & 8/10 through Zoom

Packets: Selectman Berry would like delivered. Selectman Conkright and Selectman Wight will pick up. The packets will be emailed to all selectmen.

**Clerk Report:**

80 liens have been placed on accounts. Payments have been coming in. 44 of these belong to Locke Summit. This leaves 27 left to be paid as of today.

**Code officer report:** See Report.

**See agenda for road commissioner’s report.**

Selectman Wight made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20PM. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

August 5, 2022, 5:00 pm at the Town Office

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

Minutes Approve by***:***

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Gary Wight Chairman

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Virgil Conkright

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Mandy Berry