Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

September 20, 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, Ted Baker, Paul Landry

**Public Hearing to Formally adopt the New Appendices for General Assistance**

**(DHHS) Title 22 M.S.R.A.4305(4)**

Selectman Wight made a motion to accept the new appendices for General Assistance. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote. See reference sheet.

Public hearing closed at 5:02pm and Selectmen’s meeting opened.

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2022, meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**None

**Public Comment**: Mandy Berry stated she has flyers for the craft fair that is taking place on October 22, 2022 at the Grange Hall.

**Announcements**: None

**Business Agenda:**

**~Med Care Chief Paul Landry discussion. ~**

Chief Landry introduced himself and discussed the ambulance service. This included coverage times of ambulances, how many miles they cover, their budget, amount of calls, percentage of calls covered and updates needed. He is asking for 15% of our second disbursement of ARPA funds which is roughly $3,000 to cover updates needed to the radio system.

**~Discuss Grange Hall Septic. ~**

Expecting the cost of repair/replacement to be around $10,000. Need to get estimates and a time frame for contractors to complete the work. Will need a special Town Meeting to approve these funds being spent.

**~Discuss Simonds Bridge concerns. ~**

There are 3 areas of concern and we are waiting on an estimate from Calderwood Engineering which will be built into the budget for next year. Dennis Fournier has been contacted about using crack seal to buy some time until further work can be done.

**~Broadband Review. ~**

Mia Purcell reviewed the FirstLight Term Sheet that she had provided and answered any questions that people had. See FirstLight Term Sheet.

**~Discuss 2 camp scholarships given out. ~**

Amelia Wight and Reece Pierce submitted letters for the camp scholarship. These are hung on the bulletin board in the hall of the town office.

**Clerk Report:**

Tax payments are continuing to come in. We have received a couple more payments on liened properties. We had about 40 bills that were returned to us but we have found addresses and sent them back out again.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

See report.

**TAdmin Report:**

Part of the heat pumps have been installed. Still waiting for condensers.

Have approved a couple of catering licenses.

Waiting on windows still for the Town Office.

Working on Marijuana rebate.

Working on Efficiency Maine application for grant money.

Amy and I have Elections training 10/11 and 10/12 in Augusta.

Alan has more brushing to do from Ralph’s Garage to the Sunday River Rd.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:58PM. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

October 4, 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