Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2023 @ 5:00pm

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

**Staff present**: Loretta Powers (Town Administrator), Amy R. Henley (Deputy Clerk, Recording Sec.), Joelle Corey(Code Enforcement/LPI/Road Commissioner)

**Others present:** Brooks Morton, Ed Powers, Jim Katsiaficas

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023 meeting with the change of the word adjourn to recess on the end of page 2. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**None

**Public Comment**: None

**Announcements**: None

**Business Agenda:**

**~Town Attorney/Personal Property Tax ~**

Attorney Katsiaficas will send a request to Ted Small, Keith Durgin’s attorney for a list of personal property as the town has asked several times and one has not been provided.

**~Roads & Paving. ~**

See packet provided. Will put out to bid parking at the Town Office on the side of the building increasing proposed size to 20x90 as a separate line item in bid specifications.

Selectman Conkright made a motion to send the bid specifications out with the change of the Town Meeting date to May 15, 2023 and all 2022 to 2023. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Selectman Berry made a motion to approve the Calderwood Engineering rehabilitation of the bridge as written. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Discharge Loretta Powers & Amy Bernard from any liability to collect uncollectable personal property taxes. ~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to discharge the current Town Treasurer, Loretta Powers and the previous Town Treasurer, Amy Bernard from further liability or obligation to collect personal property tax from Keith Durgin and PNC Equipment Finance, now owned by Harris Golf, Inc previous to 2017. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Broadband Update/ARPA Funds. ~**

Firstlight does not want to provide service where Spectrum is. ARPA funds need a set plan of use by December 2024 and must be used by December 2026. Tabled until next meeting.

**~Sign agreement for Grange Hall use. ~**

The agreement was signed by the Selectmen.

**~Discussion of Foreclosure of 4 Bridge St., Newry. ~**

Lawyer advised giving an additional 4 to 6 weeks after automatic foreclosure notice. It has been about 4 and there has been no contact from the taxpayer. This is a process with putting the property up for sale having to advertise, etc.

**Clerk Report:**

We have 1 timeshare left and an automatic foreclosure notice has been sent. Attempts have been made by phone and email to get in touch with the taxpayer with no success.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

See Previous.

**TAdmin Report:**

Working on budget for 2024

Received a check for restitution of $75 from the break in at the Town Office in 2014.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:01PM. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

February 21, 2023, 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