Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023 @ 5:00pm

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

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

**Others present:** Ted Baker, Ed Powers, Brooks Morton, Claire McGlinchey

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2023 meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

**~Request for Joint Selectmen’s meeting May 3 or 4 to discuss Housing Proposal & Broadband~**

Selectmen agreed to try for May 3 if other towns are in agreement.

**~Sunday River Letter: Reference to Traffic Flow and Parking Study (Issue)~**

Planning Board made a condition of the new replacement lift at Barker Mountain be that a traffic study will need to be done next winter. This would include Bethel, Newry, DOT and Bethel Chamber of Commerce.

**Public Comment**: None

**Announcements**: None

**Public Hearings and Possible Action:**

**Business Agenda:**

**~Employee Letter ~**

Request to pay full family plan health insurance cost by Laurie Walker as does not take MEPers. Personnel Policy states employees pay 15%. Selectman Wight made a motion to hold off on this until the Personnel Policy is reviewed. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Community Resilience Partnership~**

Claire McGlinchey attended and explained the benefits of joining and what our responsibilities would be. Tabled until next meeting to look at a list of projects that would be covered by grants. Can email with any questions.

**~Update on Personal Property~**

Mr. Durgin dropped off additional material. As the 60 days is today, we will request he sign an extension for the assessor to be able to review the information provided; otherwise, his abatement application would be deemed denied. Selectman Conkright made a motion to grant Mr. Durgin a 30-day extension so his abatement application would not be deemed denied. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~FY2024 Budget & Warrant. ~**

Additional changes were made to the budget and the warrant was signed by all selectmen.

Sally Harkins looked at the Newry Church and gave a fair market value of $90,000 as there is no well and no septic but assuming it will be able to have one.

**Clerk Report:**

Laurie and I attended a Tax Lien workshop in Augusta last week.

Reminder post cards were sent out to all taxpayers with balances over $5.00.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

No Report.

**TAdmin Report:**

Working on Town Report.

Waiting to receive the Auditor’s report.

ACO is retiring so will need a replacement.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49PM. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

May 2, 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