Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

May 2, 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:** Ted Baker, Bambi Baker, Ed Powers, Brooks Morton, Bruce Pierce, Steve Wight

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2023 meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

**~Decide on a dollar amount for 30-day notices & liens~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to send 30-day notices and lien any account over $5. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Juneteenth holiday do we add it to our holiday list~**

It was decided to take up this when we redo the personnel policy.

**Public Comment**: None

**Announcements**: None

**Public Hearings and Possible Action:**

**Food Sovereignty Ordinance**

Selectman Wight made a motion to take the Food Sovereignty to the Town Meeting as written. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Selectman Berry made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 5:25PM. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Business Agenda:**

**~Update on Personal Property/45-day extension~**

The 45-day extension was signed by Mr. Durgin and needs to be finalized by June 1, 2023. The assessor could not be here at the meeting tonight but is in the office tomorrow. We may need to have an additional meeting this month to address this.

**~Community Resilience Partnership~**

Selectman Berry made a motion not to join the Community Resilience Partnership at this time as there were not many grants the town would be able to benefit from. There also is limited spots and it may benefit another town more. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Discuss Road Study between Newry and Sunday River Ski Resort ~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to give the deputy road commissioner permission to start the process of the traffic study. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Clerk Report:**

300 postcards sent to outstanding taxpayers; only 131 not paid. We had a very good response including taxpayers who had not made their first payment.

Town Reports are being printed. It is on the website.

We are participating in Clean Up Day on Saturday and will have gloves and trash bags available.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

See Report.

**TAdmin Report:**

Copies were emailed to Selectmen of bridge inspections (Paine, Eames & Chase)

Accessor is in tomorrow.

Joint Selectboard meeting date not set yet.

MEMA storm applications are available with a threshold of $3,800; applications for the town are available as well.

Town Reports are available.

Bruce Pierce is currently our Fire Warden but this position goes along with the Fire Chief’s position. The State was not notified when he stepped down from Chief. If the Chief does not want the position, the municipality has to vote on it. Selectman Berry made a motion to continue with Bruce Pierce as Newry Fire Warden and Virgil Conkright as Newry Deputy Warden. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion and Selectman Conkright abstained; 2 in favor.

Town meeting is Monday, May 15, 2023 @ 6PM.

Selectmen gave permission to close at noon on May 15, 2023 to take staff to lunch and get set up for Town Meeting.

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

**Next Meeting**:

June 6, 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