Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2023 @ 5:00pm

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

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

**Others present:** Brooks Morton, Ed Powers, Ted Baker, Eliot Henley

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2023 meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; Selectman Wight abstained as he was not present at this meeting.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

**Public Comment**: None

**Announcements**: Selectmen Wight attended the Oxford County Caucus which lasted 10 minutes with 2 people present. He will be on the Budget Committee which meets at October 17 at 6:00pm.

**Public Hearings and Possible Action:**

**Business Agenda:**

**~Review Audit~**

Karen from RHR Smith called and went over highlights of the FY22 Audit. Stated the town is in great financial condition.

**~Adopt the General Assistance Ordinance as proposed by DHHS~**

Selectman Berry made a motion accept the General Assistance Ordinance as proposed by DHHS. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Update Comprehensive Plan (AVCOG)~**

We will have updated tables and maps in November.

**~Nuisance Alarm Ordinance~**

Selectman Berry made a motion that we go with the recommendations as noted by the Attorney for the nuisance alarm ordinance. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Sent 2238 tax bills and money is coming in~**

Money continues to come in on the 2238 tax bills that were sent out.

**~Laurie & Amy attending class on September 12 & I need to close the office at noon. ~**

Selectmen stated it was ok to close the office at noon on September 12.

Approved Laurie and Amy to go to the MMA Convention October 4 & 5.

**~Assessor is coming Monday, September 18, 2023. ~**

**Clerk Report:**

Tax payments are coming in at a good pace.

I have talked to the one lienholder that I had not had communication with and it should be taken care of soon.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

None.

**TAdmin Report:**

Twin Town said $328.45 to repair window at the Grange Hall.

Household Hazardous Waste Day was a hit. We had 28 units which cost $924 and we budgeted $1500.

Talked to Stacy Carter regarding joining the Northern Oxford County Solid Waste and he states it would not be worth it as we have too much.

Bethel does have more say in the Tri Town Solid Waste as it is located in their town.

Working on Spirit of America Award. (Selectmen approved getting a plaque)

Received the permit from the US Army Corp for the Simons Bridge which expires October 14, 2025.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:36PM. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

September 19, 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