Town of Newry Selectmen Emergency Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2023 @ 10:30am

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

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

Joelle Corey (Code Enforcement/LPI/Road Commissioner)

**Others present:**

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2023 meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:** None

**Public Comment**: None

**Announcements**: None

**Public Hearings and Possible Action:**

**Liquor License Matterhorn Ski Bar and Franks Ristorante**

Selectman Wight made a motion to approve both liquor licenses. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Business Agenda:**

**~Open bid packages Simonds Bridge~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to add a few days to the application deadline as we have not been receiving mail delivery due to flooding and road closures. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Approve guardrail repair on Skiway & Summit Road~**

Wait on guardrail as there are flooding damages in this area.

**~Approve funding for Trio Hosted Web~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the additional $4,000 to upgrade to Trio Hosted Web. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~2 Applications for Planning Board Alternate positions~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to approve planning board alternates Robert Kates and Meredith Harrop. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Approve 6-month meeting schedule~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to approve the 6-month meeting schedule with the understanding that changes may need to be made. January meetings will be changed to the 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Approve minimum wage increase for Ballot Clerks~**

Selectman Wight made a motion to increase the minimum wage to $14.15 starting January 1, 2024. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion. Selectman Berry abstained as she is a ballot.

**All other items on the agenda will be addressed at the next meeting.**

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

1342 Sunday River Road lost their house.

Lone Pine washed culvert by Noppa & Merrill’s house.

Sunday River Road will need extensive repairs- down to one lane.

Roderick Road citizens can’t get out as well as Branch Road.

Letter S had undermined asphalt.

Skiway has damage. Summit getting an emergency bridge.

Timberline Road, Mill Hill and Greenbriar are all in good shape.

Hotel Hill and above South Ridge no ambulance or rescue services have access.

Yates washed out.

Locke Mountain bridge is gone.

Branch Road, Sunday River Road and Roderick Road have extensive damages.

**Clerk Report:**

No Report.

**TAdmin Report:**

Will need a special town meeting to approve funds for additional road repairs needed.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15AM. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

January 9, 2024, 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