Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024 @ 5:00pm

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

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

**Others present:** Brooks Morton, Ted Baker

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Wight made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2024 meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

**Public Comment**: None

**Announcements**: None

**Business Agenda:**

**~Sign Warrant for Special Town Meeting~**

Selectman Wight made a motion to sign the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~MDOT Planning Partnership/Bethel~**

Joelle and Loretta met with Sharon and Courtney in Bethel. Newry agreed to take the lead on the project. Bethel will be taking to their board tomorrow night. Board agreed to wait and see what Bethel decides first before making any decisions.

**~Approval of Tax Map Contract ~**

Selectman Wight made a motion to approve the tax map contract. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Approve Walter Hoffman for Board of Appeals~**

Selectman Conkright approved Walter Hoffman for the Board of Appeals. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Do we want Calderwood Engineering to provide inspection coverage for bridge repairs~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to have Calderwood Engineering provide inspection coverage for the bridge repairs on Simons Brook Bridge.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

No Report

**Clerk Report:**

Ordinances needing public hearings before Town Meeting

Absentee ballots available. If unenrolled can pick which ballot you’d like as first time Maine having a semi-open primary.

Tax payments starting to come in for the second installment.

Nomination papers available soon for the school board. Newry has 1 opening.

Selectman nomination papers will be available the beginning of March.

**TAdmin Report:**

Trio Web Hosted Live begins tomorrow.

Next meeting will be held at the Grange at 5PM. The only thing currently on the agenda is the UDRO changes. Special Town Meeting will be held at 6PM.

Everyone in the office has been sick.

Working on the budget.

Trying to prompt auditor.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:22PM. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

February 20, 2024, 5:00 pm at the Newry Grange Hall

**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