Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2024 @ 10:00am

**Selectpersons Present:** Virgil Conkright, Gary Wight, Mandy Berry (arrived 10:08am)

**Staff present**: Loretta Powers (Town Administrator), Joelle Corey (Code Enforcement/LPI/Road Commissioner)

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

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2024 meeting. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote (Selectman Berry not present).

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

**Public Comment**: None

**Announcements**: Selectman Conkright stated Medcare is having issues keeping paramedics. They are starting a committee to try and increase wages within the budget they have. He is on the committee.

**Public Hearings and Possible Action:**

**Business Agenda:**

**~Liquor license renewal for Sunday River Golf club house & Auxiliary License~**

Selectman Wight made a motion to approve the liquor license renewal for the Sunday River Golf club and Auxiliary license. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote (Selectman Berry not present)

**~Abatements~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the abatements for Temkin Living Trust and Temkin Realty, LLC. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Selectman Wight made a motion to approve the supplementals for Northeast Trading Corps. penalty for Tree Growth non compliance. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Approval to sign Affinity LED Lighting Contract ~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to allow the town administrator to sign the Affinity LED contract. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Resolution to adopt closing documents Androscoggin Bank ~**

Selectman Wight made a motion to adopt the closing documents from Androscoggin Bank. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Joelle Road update & Wheeler Road issue~**

**FEMA work:**

Valley View Road minus paving is complete.

Wheeler Road is complete minus pavement patch

Branch Road is started at far end, shoulder repairs done until farm where culvert had to be replaced.

Work to start on repair of bridge and abutments this week. They did Dig Safe them Thursday so work could start today.

Lone Pine Road after Branch Road then on to Skiway Road and Sunday River Road. I would like to start Sunday River Road repairs at the shoulder right at the schoolhouse.

Simonds Brook Bridge contractor to start in August trying to limit road closing.

**Summer work**:

Mountain View Road has a culvert to replace.

49 Greenbriar Road has a culvert that is crushed in the middle.

Timberline Road and Greenbriar Road have drainage issues. Water is eroding next to asphalt.

Skiway Road ditching north of Barking Dawg heading towards South Ridge.

Maybe this year, 3 bridge abutments on Branch Road need to be dismantled and rebuilt. Might be able to asphalt this year. No finish coat was ever put on.

Valley View Road was scheduled for asphalt on our 5-year road plan.

**~Joelle OSHA update~**

Joelle gave update on OSHA new proposed rules which will affect small town drastically. Federal government looking at mandating certain things such as fire gear being replaced every 5 years and trucks every 20 years.

**~Cemetery Updates~**

Old Powers Cemetery has a sinking grave. Requesting loam to fix and also start budgeting each year for more repairs. Planning for 4-5 per year. Selectman Wight made a motion to approve the loam request for the 1 sinking grave. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion. 2 in favor, Selectman Conkright abstained.

**~Permission to sell misc. items~**

Take 3 portable AC units to Grange Hall. Offer the water cooler and clock to the fire department. Advertise old Newry signs on Facebook and website as well as pull out keyboard stand and blue tooth speaker.

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

Selectman Wight made a motion to adopt 6-month meeting schedule, subject to change. October 15 will need to be changed to October 23. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

Has been very busy. See above.

**Clerk Report:**

On vacation.

**TAdmin Report:**

Veteran’s monument plan to have names engraved. Talk to Craig & Jane Ryerson regarding names.

Waiting to hear back from Heath Poland regarding setting up a meeting.

Refund from Mountain Explorer of $12,000 which was money given last year.

Karen Reilly thanks for use of grange hall and interested to use again in the fall.

Received official ballot of LPC to sign. Selectman Wight made a motion to sign the ballot. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05AM. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

July 2, 2024, 10:00 am 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