Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

July 16, 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, Rose Lincoln

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

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

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

**Valley View & Branch Road Paving**

Selectman Berry made a motion to proceed with getting bids for asphalt for Valley View & Branch Road. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Background checks**

Selectman Wight made a motion to adopt the Employee/Volunteer Motor Vehicle, Driver’s License and Background Investigation form. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote. It was decided to start fresh and run a check on all employees and volunteers.

**Public Comment**: None

**Announcements**:

**Public Hearings and Possible Action:**

**Business Agenda:**

**~Update on Generator~**

Selectman Wight made a motion to approve the contract from Flanders Electric for $11,500 including the Cold weather kit for $150, 10-year extended warranty for $1,050 and annual scheduled maintenance agreement for $200. As well as the contract from Community Energy for $1,375.54 for the installation of a new gas line and 2-120 gallon propane tanks owned by Community Energy. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Transfer Station approval ~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to pursue the scales for the transfer station as well as a potential sticker change. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**\***Select Board invited to Bethel’s Select Board meeting taking place tomorrow at 6PM where Tom Boughton will be giving a presentation on the scales for the transfer station.

**~Update on Veterans Monument ~**

Selectman Wight met with Craig and Jane Ryerson regarding how to obtain names for our monument. It may take a trip to Augusta to review archives. John Kimball has a set of books that may be helpful and we will get in touch with him. May need to form a committee and have talked to some potential residents that may be interested.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

See Report.

HIOB was in today to meet with CEO and they will be sending her an email and that may be the end of the violation.

**Clerk Report:**

13 liens remaining

No 45-day notices going out as all 2023 taxes have been paid.

**TAdmin Report:**

Letter received from Chief Jodrey and Chief Fleet to appoint Joelle Corey as a cross firefighter.

Letter received from Mitch Boyce starting work around Labor Day on Simmonds Brook Bridge should take about 6 weeks.

Update from CMP going to be doing pole replacement on Branch Road and Sunday River Road.

Grange Hall use-Joelle has talked to Deb Webster. She asked if sprinkled and it is not. Deb still researching but don’t think it is going far.

MEMA sent update on July 6, 2023 storm. Should be receiving $8,711.25 with the state share being $1,742.25.

Planning Board would like Select Board to know what we carry for balances for performance guarantees in non interest barring account.

Information sent from Laurie’s husband regarding potential cemetery corner markers.

Attorney fee information-2 things going on regarding Locke Summit Estates and the other being Julie Stevens. Last year we spent $13,000 and received one more bill so will be a little over $14,000 and $10,000 was budgeted. This year we budgeted $15,000.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:45PM. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

August 6, 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