

Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2025 @ 9:00am

Selectpersons Present: Virgil Conkright, Gary Wight

Selectpersons Absent: Mandy Berry

Staff present: Loretta Powers (Town Administrator), Amy R. Henley (Deputy Clerk, Rec. Sec.), Joelle Corey (Code Enforcement/LPI/Deputy Road Commissioner)

Others present: Chaia Alford, Ted Baker, Brooks Morton, Rob Duplisea, Karen Youland, Craig Youland

Signing of Warrants: will be when Select Board Berry returns

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2024 meeting. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Adjustment to the Agenda:

Public Comment:

Announcements:

Public Hearings and Possible Action:

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

~Tree Growth Penalty Karen Youland~

Rob Duplisea figured out what the penalty would have been in 2008 when the lot became non-compliant. The total was \$1142. Selectman Conkright made a motion to abate the previous penalty of \$9,883.60 and issue a supplemental of \$1142. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

~Special Town Meeting date~

RFQ deadline too quick. Joelle to get insight from Town Engineer and another consultant that has worked with the town on river projects and bring it back to the Select Board.

~Joelle Updates~

Roads are wearing well from repairs.

Drain on Simmonds Bridge is working as it was designed.

Has been quiet through the holidays.

~Comprehensive Plan update~

Have had 1 call and 1 email showing interest in volunteering for the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Brooks Morton said he would be on the committee during the meeting and Amy Henley stated she would help as well. Will put it out again and see if we have any further response now that it is after the holidays.

Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:

See above

Clerk Report:

Dogs need to be licensed by the end of the month to avoid a late fee of \$25. We need an up-to-date rabies vaccination. This is required by the State of Maine as the only way to test for rabies is to euthanize the animal. There is 1 more PetVet clinic in Rumford at Tractor Supply before the end of January and maybe other clinics at other locations. Please get your dog licensed for \$6 or \$11.

Tax payments are starting to come in for the next installment due by March 31, 2025.

TAdmin Report:

Received BETE \$250,546

Building code violation fine paid.

Pulling Hazard Mitigation until further information received.

Town of Bethel site plan for Transfer Station, have paid our portion, working on a meeting date.

Minimum wage increased to \$14.65 from \$14.15.

Amy out for February 4 meeting.

February 25 will need to close the office in the afternoon to attend BMV training in Rumford.

Received a follow-up from Region 9 for grant info. Was the first one of 16 to complete.

Working on W-2s and 1099s.

Working on budget and audit.

Will continue to discuss Vacation Rental Ordinance and Road Entrance Ordinance.

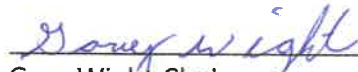
Selectman Wight made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20AM. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Next Meeting:

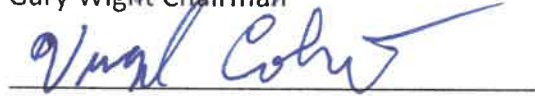
January 21, 2025, 9:00 am at the Town Office.

Refer to audio recording for verbatim discussion of meeting.

Minutes Approve by:


Gary Wight Chairman

Date: 1-21-25


Virgil Conkright

Date: 1-21-25

Mandy Berry

Date: _____