

Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
December 17, 2024 @ 9:00am

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

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

**Others present:** Chaia Alford, Mia Purcell, Ted Baker

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 26, 2024 meeting. Selectman Berry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

Table Tree Growth Penalty Karen Youland as Rob, the assessor was unable to make the meeting due to flight delays.

**Public Comment:**

**Announcements:**

**Public Hearings and Possible Action:**

**~Renewal of Matterhorn Ski Bar and Chosun Sushi & Noodle Bar Liquor Licenses~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to renew both liquor licenses. Selectman Conkright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; unanimous vote.

**Items for Discussion and Possible Action:**

**~Mia Purcell update on FirstLight Internet~**

Mia provided an update on FirstLight High Speed Internet expansion update.

**~Deb Webster Eddy School-Grange Hall~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to deny the long term rental of the Newry Grange Hall. Selectman Berry made a motion to rent the Grange Hall to the Eddy Middle School for the requested dates/times for \$50 per month.

**~RFP for "Sunday River" Hazard Mitigation~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to grant approval for the RFQ. Selectman Conkright 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Maine Summer Adventure Race~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the Maine Summer Adventure Race passing through Newry with them adding Newry to their insurance. Selectman Berry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Land Use Building Code Violation ~**

Second notice sent for building a deck without a permit.  
Other violator is for construction debris not picked up and is in progress with the attorney after two phone calls and three letters.

**~PFML mandated by the State of Maine~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to pay the .5% employee portion for the State mandated PFML and will review yearly. Selectman Wight 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Comprehensive Plan update~**

Discussed publicizing to see who may be interested through the paper, Facebook, town website and a flyer in the office.

**~Approval of 6-month meeting schedule ~**

Meeting dates set with time of 9am- subject to change.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

See attached

**Clerk Report:**

Tax payments are coming in for the next installment.

283 total voter for the November election, this includes oversea voters.

Dog licensing still going on. Hopeful to have the ACO visit those who have not complied when he inspects the kennels.

**TAdmin Report:**

Main-Land Development sent notification of Forget Development for a proposed subdivision off Monkey Brook Road with 7 potential lots.

Received \$105,656.14 from FEMA for roads. Need to pay Androscoggin Bank.

Window has been installed in office.

Request to buy lunch for staff for Christmas. Selectman Conkright made a motion to buy lunch for staff. Selectman Berry 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; unanimous vote.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:07AM. Selectman Wight 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; unanimous vote.

