Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2025 @ 9:00am

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

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

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

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2025 meeting. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; Selectman Berry abstained as she was not present at the meeting.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

**Public Comment**: Brooks wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**Announcements**:

**Public Hearings and Possible Action:**

**Items for Discussion and Possible Action:**

**~Liquor License renewal for Summit Hotel & Jordan Grand Hotel~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to approve the liquor license renewals for the Summit Hotel and Jordan Grand Hotel. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~RFP FOR Paving of Roads ~**

RFP was done in 3 sections so if bid comes in high we have the option to eliminate Valley View Rd. Selectman Berry made a motion to accept the bid specification RFP. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Sign Supplemental Tax Bill~**

Selectman Wight made a motion to sign the supplemental tax bill for R10-032 for tree growth removal. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Comprehensive Plan update~**

Have $8742 in our budget currently for the comprehensive plan. Will confirm if can have 2 Planning Board members on the committee. Will send our correspondence confirming potential members are still interested. Select Board will appoint members to the committee at their second meeting scheduled in February.

**~HR Consulting ~**

Selectman Wight made a motion to hire Betsy Oulton to update the Employee Handbook (fix holidays, add additional sick time and include PFMLA). Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Budget~**

Working on a list of repairs and additional projects that need to be done at buildings.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report: +**

Working on Vacation Rental Registry/Ordinance. Would like to have available for May Town Meeting. Am budgeting for post cards to send to everyone.

State of Maine MUBEC is adopting 2021 codes as of April 7.

Asphalt has held up well so far. Will see what happens come April.

**Clerk Report:**

Dogs are due to be licensed by Jan 31 to avoid late fee.

Tax payments are slowly coming in.

Working on compiling information for the Town Report.

Nomination papers for Select Board will be available March 3.

**TAdmin Report:**

Hanover Pines is requesting to use the Grange Hall on Saturday, May 3 from 9:30-11am.

Selectman Berry made a motion to charge $50 for the use of the Grange Hall by Hanover Pines. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

We have a new auditor, Kim Beam, who we had a meeting with last week. She seems nice and will be in the office 2/11-2/13.

Site plan for the transfer station has been prepared. Next meeting will be 1/28 @ 10:30am.

Stairs and sign at Letter S need to be removed.

Amy will be out on February 4.

Will be closing the office at noon on February 28 to attend BMV training in Rumford.

Have opened the office up to the public as a warming center during office hours during these next few days due to the cold temperatures.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:38AM. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

February 4, 2025, 9:00 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