Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2025 @ 9:00am

**Selectperson’s 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:** Scott Cole

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2025, meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

Will not be reviewing wages today.

**Public Comment**: Scott Cole said he was attending today as he is curious and came to learn and listen about solid waste and vacation rentals.

**Announcements**:

**Public Hearings and Possible Action:**

**Items for Discussion and Possible Action:**

**~Interlocal Agreement-Towns of Bethel, Hanover & Newry~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement between Bethel, Hanover and Newry for the Disposal and Recycling of Solid Waste Materials. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Add Supplemental Life Insurance at no cost to Town for Employees ~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to add Maine Employee Health Supplemental Life Insurance coverage for the employees at no cost to the town. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Vacation Rental Public Meeting 2/26/25 @ Grange Hall 5pm~**

Joelle discussed the Vacation Retal Public Meeting being held on Wednesday, February 26 at 5pm at the Grange Hall. She has invited HOAs, realtors and rental owners.

**~Budget~**

Went through budget lines. Will continue next meeting.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

Vacation Rental Ordinance will require a definition to be added to the UDRO and exemption from home business.

Have had questions regarding properties for sale.

Roads have been quiet to start. Rode all roads 2x last week.

Potentially talk about a snow fence near Simonds Bridge with landowner.

Asphalt bids went out. Did separate into different sections.

Sunday River is coming closer to the road. If engineering done, makes us more ready to apply for grants.

**Clerk Report:**

Tax payments due by March 31. Payments are coming in.

Homestead Exemption applications due by April 1. Can be found on our website under online documents.

Town Office will be closing at 12 on Tuesday, February 25 to attend motor vehicle training.

**TAdmin Report:**

Signed up for Household Hazardous Waste on September 6.

Received a workman’s comp audit refund of $1,274

Working on budget.

Auditor came 2 days last week. I have to send her a couple of items but otherwise is almost done.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55AM. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

March 4, 2025, 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