Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2025 @ 9:00am

**Selectperson’s Present:** Virgil Conkright, Gary Wight, Mandy Berry

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

**Others present:** Scott Cole, Rose Lincoln

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Conkright made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025, meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

**~Paving Bids~**

We received 1 bid from Pike Industries in the amount of $518,178.60. Selectman Conkright made a motion to accept Bid #1 and Bid #3 with the possibility of accepting Bid #2 depending on the budget. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Deb Webster-Grange Hall~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to let Deb Webster from the Eddy School use the Grange Hall Friday, March 21 from 11-2. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Vacation Rental Ordinance~**

Joelle discussed proposed changes.

Will discuss again at next meeting as well as fees.

**Public Comment**:

**Announcements**:

**Public Hearings and Possible Action:**

**Items for Discussion and Possible Action:**

**~Renew Liquor License for South Ridge Lodge~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to renew the liquor license for South Ridge Lodge. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Abatement for Map W-1-B-403 ~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to accept the abatement for W-1-B-403. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Budget~**

Went through more budget lines. Will continue next meeting.

**~Wages~**

Fire Chief requested meetings be increased to $18 and calls to $21.

Selectman Wight made a motion to increase the deputy clerks’ wages to $24. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Selectman Wight made a motion to increase the CEO wages by 4%. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

Joelle brought forth a map of the entrances of the previous Pheonix House Restaurant with too many separate driveways. Discussed removing one. Will made recommendation at Planning Board meeting tonight.

Selectman Conkright made a motion to post the roads within 24 hours of DOT posting the state roads. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

The Great Brook subdivision/Glades View trash complaint goes to court March 21. I will verify trash not before court.

**Clerk Report:**

Tax payments due by March 31.

Nomination papers are available 3/3 for 3 year seat.

**TAdmin Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Executive Session: M.R.S.A. Title 1 §405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter**

Selectman Wight made a motion at 10:14 to suspend the Select Board meeting and enter into Executive Session. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Executive Session ended 10:32 and regular Select Board meeting convened.

Selectman Wight made a motion to approve the Town Administrator’s Employer Agreement for $93,000 from July 7, 2025 to July 8, 2028. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion. Selectman Berry abstained.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35AM. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

March 18, 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