Town of Newry Selectmen Meeting Minutes

April 15, 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:** Ted Baker, Rose Lincoln, David Bartlett

**Signing of Warrants:** all approved

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Selectman Berry made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025 meeting. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote with Selectman Wight not present for the vote.

Selectman Berry made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2025 public hearing. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Adjustment to the Agenda:**

**Public Comment**:

**Announcements**: We have two residents who returned nomination papers for the Select Board Position: David Bartlett and Suzanne Wight.

**Public Hearings and Possible Action:**

**Items for Discussion and Possible Action:**

**~Ordinance Review ~**

There will be a public hearing on April 22 at 5pm due to a definition change in the UDRO if the Road Entrance Ordinance passes.

**~Deb Webster/Grange Hall~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to let the Eddy School 6th & 7th graders clean the kitchen at the Grange Hall. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Mowing Bid~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to extend the mowing contracts 1 year. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion. Motion was retracted and changed.

Selectman Berry made a motion to extend the mowing contracts 1 year with no more than a 3% increase in price. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote with Selectman Conkright abstaining.

**~Excise Refund~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to refund excise tax of $311.67 to Loretta Powers due to the excise tax being lower on her newer vehicle. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote with Selectman Berry abstaining.

**~Group Select Board Meeting June 16th 5-7pm~**

Selectmen will try to attend.

**~Request for New Bank Service~**

Selectman Berry made a motion to switch checking accounts to Northeast Bank. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**~Telephone Updates~**

FirstLight is sending a proposal for phone services.

**~Julie Stevens update~**

The Town lost the court case. There is a real estate clause that allows for the first lot to not be a part of the subdivision if over 5 years.

**~Thakker update~**

Working on mediation for this with the lawyer drafting a document for him to clean up property and have the town verify it has been done and sign off. He would be required to get a dumpster if construction continues.

**~Final Budget Review~**

Selectman Conkright made a motion to use $200,000 from undesignated funds to offset taxes. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Selectman Berry made a motion to approve the budget. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:**

Building permits are picking up.

Planning Board schedule is busy.

Road complaints about dirt section of Sunday River Road. Matt Jones has given us a cost to repair and this is in the budget.

Contractors are calling about when the road posting signs will come down. Typically follow DOT.

Asphalt bid is in budget.

Road signs on island between Monkey Brook and Sunday River Road can’t stay as is. Excavate island as asphalt so sign can stay upright.

Two culverts being replaced on Branch Road. Gary spoke of culvert on Lone Pine that is raised.

**Clerk Report:**

Still some property owners who have not paid taxes will send out reminder cards next week.

Have 4 residents who will be receiving a letter from the ACO as they have not licensed their dog. They have 10 days or they will be issued a citation of $100.

**TAdmin Report:**

Received a letter from Oxford County Commissioners regarding third party donation requests.

Working on warrant.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:09AM. Selectman Wight 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

**Next Meeting**:

April 22, 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