

NEWRY PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF BOARD'S ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, August 6, 2025
Raymond C. Foster Municipal Building

Full discussion on the topics below is available on audio recording at the Newry Town Office.

Members Present: Ted Baker (Board Chair), John (aka Gootsch) Gauthier (Board Vice Chair), Heidi Marotta (Board Secretary), Meredith Harrop (Alternate), Rob Kates (Alternate)

Members Late:

Staff Present: Joelle Corey (Code Enforcement Officer)

Members & Staff Absent:

Public Attendees: Peter Roberts, Carson Deeds, Brooks Morton

Call to Order: Chairman, Ted Baker, called the continuation of the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Newry Planning Board to order at 6:00 PM. Ted explained that the initial Annual meeting was held on July 2nd but was subsequently tabled due to a vacancy on the Board. Ted proceeded to review for those in attendance the scheduling and purpose of the Annual Meeting per the Planning Board's bylaws.

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Current roster of the Planning Board's three full Members:

- Heidi Marrota – term expires July 2026.
 - Note: Heidi filled the remaining term of Bruce Pierce, who resigned on July 2nd
- Ted Baker – term expires July 2027
- John (Gootsch) Gauthier – term expires July 2028

Current roster of alternate Board members (each with a one-year term):

- Meredith Harrop – term expires July 2026
- Rob Kates – term expires July 2026

The Chair engaged in an open discussion amongst Board members regarding the properness of a member voting for themselves. Following discussion, the consensus was that members may vote for themselves.

Gootsch nominated Ted Baker for Chairperson, and Heidi seconded the nomination. Ted accepted the nomination and was elected as Chairperson with Gootsch and Heidi voting in favor and Ted abstaining from the vote.

Ted nominated Gootsch as Vice Chairman and separately nominated Heidi as Secretary. Gootsch seconded the nomination for Heidi as Secretary, and Heidi seconded the nomination for Gootsch as Vice Chair. Gootsch and Heidi accepted their nominations and were elected to their respective positions unanimously.

Heidi moved to adjourn the Annual meeting of the Newry Planning Board; Gootsch seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.