

Town of Newry Select Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2026 @ 3:00pm

Selectperson's Present: Virgil Conkright, David Bartlett, Mandy Berry

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

Others present: None

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive Session at 3:01pm and came out at 3:08pm.

Signing of Warrants: all approved

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Selectman Berry made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 meeting. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Adjustments to the Agenda:

Joelle presented a letter she wrote to Sunday River in support of moving AT&Ts temporary tower to parking lot 3 with reasons why and how it impacts the fire department. The board was in favor and Alan and Loretta will sign the letter.

Announcements: None

Public Comment: None

Public Hearings and Possible Action:

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

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

~Holiday Policy~

Selectman Bartlett made a motion to approve the Holiday Policy. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion. Motion was tabled to next meeting to reword part of the policy.

~Town Report Dedication~

Selectman Berry made a motion to dedicate the Town Report to Charlie Bean. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

~UDRO Proposed changes, set date for Public Hearing~

A public hearing was scheduled for April 7th @ 5:30pm at the Town Office with the regular Select Board meeting to follow.

~Finalize FY27 Budget~

The budget was reviewed again.

Selectman Berry made a motion to approve moving \$200,000 from undesignated funds towards fire department capital reserve and moving \$200,000 from undesignated funds to offset taxes. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Board Comment: None

Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:

I will be riding around with Matt Jones from Cross Excavation tomorrow to review summer work including culverts that need to be replaced before paving starts.

I have a phone conference with MEMA regarding grant dollars.

Clerk Report:

Currently have 4 liens and 1 mortgage holder has contacted the office for payoff amounts. Personal property declaration requests will be going out soon for people who own businesses. Tax payments are coming in for the second half. There are still a few people who have not registered their dog and will be getting letters.

TAdmin Report:

We all have mandatory elections training in the next couple of weeks.

WHAT franchise fees contract is coming. Will discuss at next joint meeting with other towns which is April 13 in Bethel.

There is an Open House being held by the County Commissioner for town managers, clerks and select boards on April 2nd from 8-11am.

Community Clean up day is May 2nd

Tax Collector's and Treasurers Conference is being held in Bangor on Thursday, May 7th. Will discuss at next meeting.

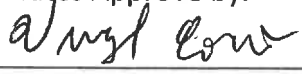
Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:00PM. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Next Meeting:

April 7, 2026, following the public hearings being held at 5:30 pm at the Town Office.

Refer to audio recording for verbatim discussion of meeting.

Minutes Approve by:



Date: 4/7/2026

Virgil Conkright, Chair



Mandy Berry



David Bartlett