

Town of Newry Select Board Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2026 @ 5:30pm

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: Ted Baker, Dana Bullen, Bruce Pierce, Nancy Babcock, David Walker

Public Hearing: Joelle reviewed repealing and replacing the UDRO including adding sections, definition changes and housekeeping issues. Dana Bullen, representing Sunday River Skiway, read an email from their attorney and stated they had contacted the Town Attorney. There was extensive discussion over Section 19 A. 2. regarding existing and proposed roads and intersections that can be expected to carry traffic generated by a subdivision or site plan review having the capacity or be suitably improved to accommodate that traffic and how this could have unintended consequences. Questions were asked and answered but ultimately no changes can be made to the draft in the timeframe left before Town Meeting. Changes can be made in the next version if this ordinance is passed by voters at this year's Town Meeting.

Joelle went over the other two Ordinances that will be on the warrant for Town Meeting. The Land Use Building Code with some minor changes that reference the UDRO and the Appeals Ordinance which was not adopted at a previous Town Meeting.

Signing of Warrants: all approved

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Selectman Bartlett made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026 meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Selectman Berry made a motion to approve the UDRO as written to be taken to Town Meeting. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Announcements: None

Public Comment: None

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

~Holiday Policy~

Selectman Berry made a motion to accept the Holiday Policy as written. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

~Update on Grant Information~

Joelle briefly discussed the grants she applied for and explained that matching funds are needed. There is a warrant article for Town Meeting regarding funds for Sunday River Road Hazard Mitigation.

~Town Bridge Inspection Reports~

Copies were provided of the Bridge Inspection Reports for Simonds Brook and Paine Brook. No major repairs are needed at this time but should begin saving for next year.

~Finalize Budget & Review Warrant~

A final budget review was done with a few changes. Selectmen are not recommending Article 17 to continue to have MSW for all dumpsters and curbside pickup. There are 74 dumpsters in Newry with the tonnage increasing from last year. Waiting on a list of locations. Selectman Berry made a motion to accept the FY27 Budget and warrant articles. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

~Training office staff May 7, 2026 (close office)~

Selectman Bartlett made a motion to allow office staff to go to training on May 7, 2026 and to close the office at 4pm the day before. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Board Comment: None

Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:

Joelle provided a newspaper article with the cost of a new mini pumper fire truck that was approved in West Paris as a reference to the expensive of trucks. She gave an overview of the training provided last night and the new process for hiker rescues.

Clerk Report:

Tax payments are still coming in with approximately 340 accounts outstanding. Personal property requests have gone out and I'm happy to help people fill them out if needed. Only 3 dogs that are not licensed and the ACO will be provided the list if they are not done by the 15th. School Board Finance Committee meeting was tonight and the cost increase to town's was going to be provided.

TAdmin Report:

Monday is the Joint Select Board meeting in Bethel. Brooks will attend to discuss WHAT TV Contract that is coming up.

Selectman Conkright stated there is a Medicare meeting on Wednesday if anyone has anything.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16PM. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Next Meeting:

April 21, 2026, at 5:00 pm at the Town Office.

Refer to audio recording for verbatim discussion of meeting.

Minutes Approve by:



Virgil Conkright, Chair



Mandy Berry



David Bartlett

Date: 4/21/2026