

Town of Newry Select Board Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2026 @ 5:00pm

Select person's Present: Virgil Conkright, David Bartlett, Mandy Berry

Staff present: Loretta Powers (Town Administrator), Amy R. Henley (Deputy Clerk, Rec. Sec.)

Others present:

Executive Session: None

Signing of Warrants: all approved

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Selectman Berry made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2026 meeting. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Adjustments to the Agenda: Sign the Secret Ballot Election Select Board Warrant.

Announcements: None

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Public Hearings and Possible Action: None

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

~Sign Warrant~

Selectman Berry made a motion to sign the Town Meeting Warrant as written. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

~Solid Waste Update~

There was a solid waste meeting last week. There are 74 dumpsters in Newry. The fee is increasing July 1 to \$133/ton from \$120/ton. In about a month the scales brought in \$5,644.

~School Budget Update~

The School Board approved the budget and Newry's increase is 10% at an estimated cost of \$4,963,164.80.

~Franchise Agreement~

The current franchise agreement has expired. The proposal is to increase the rate from 2.5% to 5% of the fees. Will wait to hear of anything further or if they request a meeting. David did reach out to Brooks regarding what being a Director involved and it was a lot of videoing and editing which David decided was not something he would be interested in.

~Discuss DBA's & Liquor Licensing Fees~

Discussed filing DBA's with the Town Clerk. We will work on a form.

Discussed liquor license fees. Currently charge \$10. Reviewed fees from other towns.

Selectman Berry made a motion to charge \$150 plus advertising costs for new liquor licenses and \$100 for liquor license renewals. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:

The State has taken down the posted signs.

Selectman Berry made a motion to accept the Road Posting Policy which now includes unposting of town roads. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Pine Tree Engineering is the Third-Party inspector for Locke Summit Estates. They have been doing the inspections for the road construction in Locke Summit Estates. Construction will start again soon as mud season ends. There is currently an escrow account of \$10,000 to pay for this service.

Clerk Report:

Tax payments are still coming in.

We've been getting ready for Town Meeting and Election Day.

TAdmin Report:

MMA Property and Casualty Pool is changing how they are insuring historical properties which should be to our benefit. We have the School House assessed at \$193,000. Insurance would put it up to \$248,958 from \$157,000 if we agree to it.

I have contacted the County asking to pay the County tax in 2 payments as they said they would work with any municipality regarding payments.

CDs are coming due, waiting to hear back on a rate.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:31PM. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Next Meeting:

May 5, 2026, at 5:00 pm at the Town Office.

Refer to audio recording for verbatim discussion of meeting.

Minutes Approve by:



Virgil Conkright, Chair

Date: 5-19-26



Mandy Berry



David Bartlett