

Town of Newry Select Board Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026 @ 5:00pm

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

Staff present: Loretta Powers (Town Administrator)

Others present:

Executive Session: None

Signing of Warrants: all approved

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Selectman Bartlett made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026 meeting. Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Announcements: None

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Selectman Bartlett noted that the 2 budget items Bethel Library and Food Pantry sees now that the town would like to have those kept at rate. Notes going back through articles there was a lot of decreases, over \$30,000 so there was savings. Town Celebration money he did not recall discussing at meetings as Auditor wanted to clear up accounts. Calls coming to him from Town Office showing up as Volunteer Fire Department. Would like the camera to be used. Somebody from the Town Office should be trained.

Public Hearings and Possible Action: None

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

~Sign School Board Warrants~

Selectman Berry made a motion to sign the School Board Warrants. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

~Attorney Communication Policy~

Selectman Berry made a motion to approve the Town Attorney Communication Policy as written. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

~Use of Grange Hall for Yard Sale~

Laura Taylor asked if they could use the town office property or grange hall for a yard sale. In the past there have been community yard sales. Selectman Berry made a motion to let the Taylor's use the Grange Hall parking lot. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote. Will check with Laura about others participating.

~Malry LLC Letter of credit extension to August 1, 2029~

Selectman Berry made a motion to accept the Malry LLC Letter of credit extension. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

~Branch Road culvert replacement~

Selectman Berry made a motion to accept the Branch Road culvert bid and get that done before July 1st. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

~Mileage Rate increase~

Selectman Berry made a motion to change the mileage reimbursement rate to be compliant with the personnel policy. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:

Has 12 building permits issued for the 2026 calendar year totaling \$3999 with 4 being new single family dwelling.

Sweeping of the roads has not been what it has in the previous years and are working with Cross Excavation to get this resolved. Investing in new sweeper for next year.

Clerk Report:

Sent out 191 reminder postcards with 181 left unpaid out of 298 accounts in total.

TAdmin Report:

New bill for April for Transfer Station \$10,098 from scales which is almost double from March \$5,644. Revenues paid at the transfer station were \$366, tires \$774 and metal 1576.60. \$18,458.60 in total revenue with \$7,383.44 taken off our bill.

Closed Memorial Day

Town Meeting was a success other than the limited attendance. More people than Sunday River side than Bear River side.

Selectman Berry advised of a postcard being mailed for the Comprehensive Plan Engagement Session being held. She will not be at the next meeting as Gage has a Senior Dinner.


Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40PM. Selectman Conkright 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Next Meeting:

June 2, 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: 6-2-2026

Mandy Berry



David Bartlett