

Town of Newry Select Board Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2026 @ 4:30pm

Select person'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

Executive Session: None

Signing of Warrants: all approved

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

Adjustments to the Agenda:

~Appointment Fire Chief and Fire Department positions~

Selectman Berry made a motion to approve Alan Fleet as the Fire Chief and the other positions as written. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Announcements: None

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Public Hearings and Possible Action: None

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

~Discussion about Junk Yards~

Selectman Berry made a motion to make Joelle the designee to enforce the junkyard and automobile graveyard standards. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion. Selectman Bartlett and Selectman Berry voted in favor with Selectman Conkright abstaining.

~RHR Smith proposed contract for check recon~

Selectman Bartlett made a motion to look into a part time position to handle check recon.
Selectman Berry 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

~PB Rules of Procedure ~

Item tabled. Board asked Ted to work with Loretta on changes.

~Grange Hall Water test results~

See Report. Selectman Bartlett reviewed the water results for the Grange Hall and suggested we test the water yearly.

~Fire Calls for July ~

See Report.

Road Commissioner/Code Officer Report:

Grading is complete on the dirt section of Sunday River Road and the final inspection was done on Thursday.

Clerk Report:

17 liens with 2 for FY25 totaling \$30,531.55. There are 4 accounts with balances totaling \$35,533.68. One of these is a Tree Growth removal and 3 are in bankruptcy. I am attending a class on Thursday with the instructor being the one who teaches about liens and will inquire about placing liens on properties where the owner is in bankruptcy due to reading conflicting information.

TAdmin Report:

We did receive the Housing Opportunity Municipal Ordinance Development Grant for \$10,000.

LRAP is done for next year and hopefully we will receive around \$15,000.

Spoke to a Memorial company out of New Hampshire and they will be providing an estimate for cemetery work.

Had a call from a Short-Term Rental Company looking for a municipal partnership to move their business forward.

Received a call from a potential Planning Board Member. They are not a Maine resident at this time and this is not allowed per MMA. The town's Ordinance does not state they have to be a resident of Newry. The Board stated they would like this updated to include members must be a Newry resident. Will add this to the list of items to bring to Town Meeting next year.

Selectman Berry stated Erica from AVCOG was going to be providing a revised Mission Statement but she has not received it yet but will bring it to the meeting when it is available.

Selectman Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:41PM. Selectman Bartlett 2nd the motion; unanimous vote.

Next Meeting:

August 4, 2026, at 4:30 pm at the Town Office.

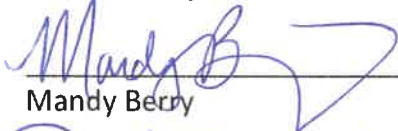
Refer to audio recording for verbatim discussion of meeting.

Minutes Approve by:



Virgil Conkright, Chair

Date: 8/18/26



Mandy Berry



David Bartlett