



**Norridgewock Planning Board  
Meeting Minutes  
July 27, 2023  
6:00 PM  
Conference Room, Norridgewock Town Office**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Ames  
Charlotte Curtis  
Charles Farrand  
Jean Lancaster

**STAFF PRESENT**

Richard LaBelle, Town Manager  
David Savage, Code Enforcement Officer

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Margaret O'Connell

Also present for all or part of the meeting were Mark Bower, Esq. (Jensen Baird, Board Counsel), Juliet Brown, Esq. (Verrill, Applicant Counsel), Lindsay D'Anna (Director of Biosolids Business Development, Waste Management), James Ecker, PE (Director of Project Development & Technology- Organics Recycling, Waste Management), Derek Furbush (Operations Manager, Waste Management), Jeff McGown (Sr. District Manager, Waste Management), Sherwood McKenney, PE (District Engineer, Waste Management), and Darrin Stairs (Project Manager, Woodard & Curran)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mr. Ames.

**2. Public Hearing on the Site Plan Review Application from Maine Regional Conversion Facility, LLC, proposing a biosolids processing facility at 357 Mercer Rd. (Map 14, Lot 9)**

Mr. Ames opened the public hearing at 6:00 PM, asking for questions and comments from the public related to this project. A resident asked about PFAS and its potential future classification as hazardous waste. There being no other questions or comments, the public hearing was closed by Mr. Ames at 6:10 PM.

**3. Review/Approve Minutes of July 13, 2023**

Mr. Ames made a MOTION to approve the July 13, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by Ms. Lancaster. MOTION PASSED.

**4. Continued Business**

Discussion/Action on the Site Plan Review Application for Maine Regional Conversion Facility, LLC, proposing a biosolids processing facility at 357 Mercer Rd. (Map 14, Lot 9)

The Board agreed to review and vote on each requirement in Section 10 (Review Criteria) of the Site Plan Review Ordinance.

Mr. Ames made a MOTION that all the application is complete and escrow fees have been paid. Seconded by Mr. Farrand. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Ames made a MOTION to pass over “The proposal conforms to all the applicable provisions of this Ordinance” until the end of the review. Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Lancaster made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity will not cause unreasonable soil erosion or a reduction in the land’s capacity to hold water so that an unsound or unhealthy condition results as per the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection’s (Maine DEP) *Maine Erosion and Sediment Control Best Management Practices* manual, in force, at the time of the permits approval. Seconded by Mr. Ames. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Farrand made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity will not have an adverse impact on wetlands. Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Farrand made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity will not have an adverse impact upon any waterbody, such as a lake, pond, river or stream. Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Farrand made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity will provide for adequate storm water management. Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Curtis made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity will provide for adequate sewage disposal. Seconded by Ms. Lancaster.

Ms. Curtis moved to amend the motion to add “contingent upon obtaining plumbing permits.” Seconded by Mr. Ames. The MOTION TO AMEND PASSED.

The AMENDED MOTION to determine that the proposed activity will provide for adequate sewage disposal, contingent upon obtaining plumbing permits PASSED.

Mr. Ames made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity will not adversely impact any floodplain areas and will conform to the applicable requirements of the Town of Norridgewock Floodplain Management Ordinance. Seconded by Ms. Lancaster. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Ames made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity will not result in air or water pollution. Seconded by Mr. Farrand. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Ames made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity has sufficient water available for the current and foreseeable needs of the development. Seconded by Mr. Farrand. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Farrand made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity will not, alone or in conjunction with existing activities, adversely affect the quality or quantity of groundwater. Seconded by Ms. Lancaster. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Farrand made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity will dispose of all solid waste in conformance with all local regulations and that the type and quantity of waste proposed to be sent to Town facilities will not exceed their capacity. Seconded by Mr. Ames. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Farrand made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity will not have a significant detrimental effect on adjacent land uses or other properties, which might be affected by waste, noise, glare, fumes, smoke, dust, odors or their effects. Seconded by Mr. Ames. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Farrand made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity will not cause unreasonable highway or public road congestion, or unsafe conditions with respect to the use of existing or proposed highways or roads. Seconded by Ms. Lancaster. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Farrand made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity, to the maximum extent possible, will not have an adverse effect on the scenic or natural beauty of the area, aesthetics, historic sites, significant wildlife habitat identified by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the Town of Norridgewock, or rare and irreplaceable natural areas or any public rights for physical or visual access to the shoreline. Seconded by Ms. Lancaster. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Ames made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity shall conform to all the applicable requirements of the Town's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, and all other local ordinances. Seconded by Mr. Farrand. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Curtis made a MOTION to determine that the proposed activity is not located within the watershed of a great pond and, therefore, is not relevant. Seconded by Mr. Ames. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Ames made a MOTION to determine that the Town has the capacity to provide fire and rescue services to the development, contingent upon receiving a letter from Norridgewock Fire Chief David Savage. Seconded by Ms. Lancaster. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Ames made a MOTION to approve the project contingent on the Applicant obtaining Norridgewock plumbing permits and Maine DEP Chapter 409 and Chapters 140/115. Seconded by Ms. Lancaster. MOTION PASSED.

The Board will receive a letter from Attorney Bower for the next meeting on August 17, 2023

**5. Public Comment (Limited to 2 minutes)**

None.

**6. Other Business**

None.

**7. Adjournment**

Mr. Ames ADJOURNED the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Curtis  
Secretary