

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes January 20, 2021 6:00 PM

Conference Room, Norridgewock Town Office

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ronald Frederick, Chair James Lyman, Vice Chair Matthew Everett Lindsey Lynch Sara "Sallie" Wilder

STAFF PRESENT

Richard LaBelle, Town Manager Sharon Dodge, Deputy Town Clerk Peter Lyman, Bookkeeper

Also present for all or parts of the meeting was Dylan Wentworth

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Frederick.

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Review/Approve Minutes of January 6, 2021

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to approve the Minutes of January 6, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

4. **Selectmen's Reports**

Vice Chairman Lyman asked the Town Manager to look into what the upload/download speeds would be if broadband was expanded into underserved areas.

Selectman Wilder stated that there have been snowmobiles in Sunset View Cemetery and that it is in violation of the Cemetery Ordinance. The Town Manager states that signs are posted, but that the occasional person still disregards the rule. Vice Chairman Lyman suggests contacting a Game Warden and asking them to monitor the concern.

Selectman Everett inquired about the status of repair/maintenance to the sidewalk on Mechanic Street where it has lifted up. The Town Manager will follow up with Public Works and Maine DOT and provide an update.

Selectman Lynch stated that she is working with the Historical Society to get her property at 148 River Road listed on the Historic Registry. She is looking for any photos that anyone may have and also requested that the Town consider making a copy of a photograph in the Conference Room that shows the house.

5. **Town Manager's Report**

See Attached.

6. Discussion/Action on January 20, 2021 General Warrant #2020-26

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to approve General Warrant #2020-26 in the amount of \$76,202.98. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

7. Discussion/Action on January 20, 2021 General Warrant #2021-2

Selectman Wilder made a MOTION to approve and sign General Warrant #2021-2 in the amount of \$196,060.74. Seconded by Selectman Everett. MOTION PASSED, 4-1 (Frederick, Everett, Lynch, Wilder in favor; Lyman opposed).

8. Discussion/Action on January 20, 2021 Airport Warrant #1

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to approve and sign Airport Warrant #1 in the amount of \$20,329.09. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED, 4-1 (Frederick, Lyman, Everett, Wilder in favor; Lynch opposed).

9. Discussion/Action on January 20, 2021 Sewer Commitment

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to approve and sign the January 20, 2021 Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$20,172.85. Seconded by Selectman Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

10. Public Comment (Limited to 2 minutes)

None.

11. Discussion/Action on Uncollectable Taxes

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to write off taxes as uncollectable in the amount of \$509.35 for Tax Years 2015-2020 on Real Estate Account #902 (Map 23 Lot 35-05 ON, 403 Martin Stream Rd.) assessed to Michael & Lisa Hall. Seconded by Vice Chairman Lyman. MOTION PASSED.

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to move Other Business to this point in the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Lynch made a MOTION to add Consideration of Airport Mulching to the agenda. Seconded by Vice Chairman Lyman. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to authorize mulching at the airport to be completed by NorridgeStock Farm LLC. at a cost of \$2,500.00 per acre, not to exceed \$50,000.00. Seconded by Selectman Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to add Consideration of Mutual Aid Agreement to the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Everett. MOTION PASSED.

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to authorize the Fire Chief to execute a mutual aid agreement with the Town of Oakland, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3156. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

12. Discussion/Action on Property/Building Maintenance Ordinance

Selectman Lynch made a MOTION to approve the proposed *Town of Norridgewock Building* and *Property Maintenance Ordinance*, with the changes to 5(e). Seconded by Selectman Everett. MOTION PASSED.

13. Discussion/Action on Fire Cost Recovery Ordinance

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to table consideration of a proposed Fire Cost Recovery Ordinance. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

14. Discussion/Action on 2021 Budget

a. Review of Draft Fire Protection Agreement

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to proceed with proposing a Fire Protection Agreement to the Town of Mercer, as presented with a term of three years. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

b. Review of Proposed Warrant, Recommendations

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to warrant an article, recommend adoption, and certify the text of the *Town of Norridgewock Needle Exchange Program & Needle Disposal Ordinance*. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Wilder made a MOTION to warrant an article, recommend adoption, and certify the text of the 2021 Amendments to the Town of Norridgewock Dog Nuisance Ordinance. Seconded by Vice Chairman Lyman. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Lynch made a MOTION to table consideration of a warrant article regarding carbon emissions pollution. Seconded by Vice Chairman Lyman. MOTION PASSED, 4-1 (Frederick, Lyman, Everett, Lynch in favor; Wilder opposed).

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to warrant an article for the *Town of Norridgewock Building and Property Maintenance Ordinance*, to be voted on by referendum. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to recommend adoption of the *Town of Norridgewock Building and Property Maintenance Ordinance*. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Lynch made a MOTION to warrant an article and recommend approval to appropriate \$24,000 from the Unassigned Fund Balance to the Recreation Field Repair Capital Reserve. Seconded by Selectman Everett. MOTION PASSED.

15. Other Business

Selectman Lynch made a MOTION to add Executive Session to the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Everett. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Everett made a MOTION to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F) and 1 M.R.S.A. § 402(3)(L) to discuss security plans and matters at 8:37 PM. Seconded by Vice Chairman Lyman. MOTION PASSED.

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to come out of executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F) and 1 M.R.S.A. § 402(3)(L) to discuss security plans and matters at 8:57 PM. Seconded by Selectman Everett. MOTION PASSED.

16. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to adjourn at 8:57 PM. Seconded by Selectman Wilder. MOTION PASSED.