



**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2021
6:00 PM
Conference Room, Norridgewock Town Office**

APPROVED
05/05/2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matthew Everett, Chairman
James Lyman, Vice Chairman
Charlotte Curtis
Ronald Frederick

STAFF PRESENT

Richard LaBelle, Town Manager
Sharon Dodge, Deputy Town Clerk
David Jones, Fire Chief
Peter Lyman, Bookkeeper

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lindsey Lynch

Also in attendance for all or part of the meeting were Brian Lippold (Casco Bay Advisors) and Christian Savage (Somerset Economic Development Corp.).

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Review/Approve Minutes of April 7, 2021

Selectman Curtis made a MOTION to approve the minutes of April 7, 2021. Seconded by Vice Chairman Lyman. MOTION PASSED.

4. Selectmen's Reports

None.

5. Town Manager's Report

See Attached.

6. Discussion/Action on April 21, 2021 General Warrant #8

Selectman Frederick made a MOTION to approve and sign General Warrant #8 in the amount of \$176,265.87. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. MOTION PASSED, 3-1 (Everett, Curtis, Frederick in favor, Lyman opposed).

7. Discussion/Action on April 21, 2021 Airport Warrant #4

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to approve and sign Airport Warrant #4 in the amount of \$23,657.06. Seconded by Selectman Frederick. MOTION PASSED.

8. Discussion/Action on April 21, 2021 Sewer Commitment

Selectman Frederick made a MOTION to approve and sign the April 21, 2021 Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$21,063.85. Seconded by Vice Chairman Lyman. MOTION PASSED.

9. Public Comment (Limited to 2 minutes)

None.

10. Presentation by Christian Savage (Somerset Economic Development Corp.) and Brian Lippold (Casco Bay Advisors) Regarding the Somerset County Broadband Feasibility Study

Christian Savage spoke regarding a study Somerset Economic Development Corp. (SEDC) is working on to bring broadband to rural areas. SEDC has applied and been awarded a planning grant for broadband expansion. There was a gap in funding; the County allocated \$60,000, but the project would still require a proportionate contribution from the five largest communities in Somerset County. Norridgewock's share is \$3,200.

Brian Lippold representing Casco Bay Advisors spoke regarding the work needed to identify the areas that do not have access at this time as well as a cost study to provide access to these areas.

Selectman Frederick made a MOTION to authorize the expenditure of \$3,200 from TIF funds for Norridgewock's proportionate share of the Somerset County Broadband Feasibility Study. Seconded by Vice Chairman Lyman. MOTION PASSED.

11. Discussion/Action on 2021 Proposed Roads for ATV Trails

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to approve the 2021 Proposed Roads for ATV Trails, as amended. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

12. Discussion/Action on Fire Department Facia Project

There was a discussion regarding the status of the facia used in the construction of the fire department and the response issued by the contractor. The Town Manager will reach out to Blaine Casey and ask him to meet with the Town Manager and Fire Chief to discuss options for remedying the faulty material.

13. Discussion/Action on Excess Property Disposal (Letter Board Sign)

Selectmen Frederick made a MOTION to donate the letter board sign to Somerset Grange. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. MOTION PASSED, 3-0-1 (Everett, Curtis, Frederick in favor; Lyman abstained).

14. Discussion/Action on Selectmen Goals and Vision

The Board continued its discussion regarding the role of the board, each member's goals and visions for the community. There was discussion about the role of the Town in economic development.

15. Discussion/Action on Erosion Road Projects (Sandy River and Father Rasle Roads)

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to retain Dirigo Engineering for the engineering design and permitting of the Sandy River Road erosion project and Haley Ward for an initial consult on the Father Rasle Road erosion project. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

16. Discussion/Action on Road Striping Proposals

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to award Misner Law Care the contract for downtown striping, in the amount of \$2,500.00. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION award Fine Line Pavement Striping the contract for striping Ward Hill Road, in the amount of \$6,930.00 Seconded by Selectman Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

17. Discussion/Action on June 9, 2021 School Budget Referendum Voting Place

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to move the June 9, 2021 Budget Referendum voting place to the Conference Room at the Town Office. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

18. Other Business

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to add *Signing of Quitclaim Deed* to the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Curtis made a MOTION to approve and sign a cemetery quitclaim deed in the name of Donna A. Cameron and Joshua C. Birmingham for all of lot 278 in Sunset View Cemetery. Seconded by Vice Chairman Lyman. MOTION PASSED.

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to add *Mercer Fire Protection Agreement* to the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to execute the Town of Norridgewock and Town of Mercer Fire Protection Agreement, for a term beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Frederick. MOTION PASSED.

19. Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property or Economic Development Related to Downtown Revitalization, Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C)

Vice Chairman Lyman made a MOTION to go into Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property or Economic Development Related to Downtown Revitalization, Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) at 8:32 PM. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Curtis made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Property or Economic Development Related to Downtown Revitalization, Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C) at 8:57 PM. Seconded by Vice Chairman Lyman. MOTION PASSED.

20. Adjournment

Selectman Curtis made a MOTION to adjourn at 8:57 P M. Seconded by Vice Chairman Lyman. MOTION PASSED.