



**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2021
6:00 PM
Conference Room, Norridgewock Town Office**

APPROVED
07/07/2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matthew Everett, Chairman
Charlotte Curtis
Ronald Frederick
Lindsey Lynch

STAFF PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

James Lyman, Vice Chairman

Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Taylor Abbott, Keith Curtis, and Bill Warger.

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 June 2, 2021

Selectman Curtis made a MOTION to approve the minutes of June 2, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

4. Selectmen's Reports

Selectman Frederick stated that he has several recent inquiries about being able to record and broadcast Board of Selectmen meetings online. He believes there is value in this prospect and requests that it appear on the next agenda for consideration.

Selectman Frederick noted that the new striping at the intersection of Frederick Corner and Mercer Roads is a remarkable improvement. There still is no stop bar, but that should be completed within the next day.

Selectman Lynch stated that the crosswalk signals at the intersection of Routes 2 and 201-A are not functioning. The Town Manager will report the issue to DOT.

Selectman Curtis inquired as to whether or not there was a Memorial Day Parade this year. She stated that we should be searching for someone to take the lead on that project in the future.

Chairman Everett inquired about the possibility of installing a crosswalk on Perkins Street near the bus entrance of Mill Stream Elementary School. The Town Manager has consulted

with Maine DOT in the past and the location cannot be approved due to a lack of sufficient landing space on either end of a proposed crosswalk. Curbing, sidewalks, and markings would need to be installed to accommodate an accessible sidewalk in that location.

5. Town Manager's Report

See Attached.

6. Discussion/Action on June 16, 2021 General Warrant #12

Selectman Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign General Warrant #12 in the amount of \$551,148.15. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. MOTION PASSED

7. Discussion/Action on June 16, 2021 Airport Warrant #6

Selectman Curtis made a MOTION to approve and sign Airport Warrant #6 in the amount of \$4,687.22. Seconded by Selectman Frederick. MOTION PASSED.

8. Discussion/Action on June 16, 2021 Sewer Commitment

Selectman Frederick made a MOTION to approve and sign the May 19, 2021 Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$25,290.03. Seconded by Selectman Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

9. Public Comment (Limited to 2 minutes)

None.

10. Discussion Regarding Recreational Trail Maintenance, Norridgewock Sportsmen Association

Norridgewock Sportsmen Association Representatives Bill Warger and Keith Curtis were present to discuss the association's presence in the community, as well as opportunities to work cooperatively with the Town to improve the local trail system.

Mr. Warger stated that the snowmobile and ATV clubs are ran under the association, but technically require separate membership. The association is considering changing this membership structure. The ATV club was recently told by the State that all signs need to be converted over and the costs could well exceed \$1,000. The ATV club has been told that they aren't eligible for State grant funding because the distance of in-woods trails must be a minimum of 5 miles (presently, there is less than one mile of trail).

The group discusses opportunities to work cooperatively to support the sportsmen association, understanding that the trail system has the potential to positively impact the local economy. There is discussion about developing enhanced marketing materials, maps, as well as the possibility of including information in the tax bill mailing.

There was a brief discussion regarding a trail cut out by the Fairfield club that leads to Wentworth's Diner. There is potential for the Norridgewock club to assume responsibility, depending on trail's condition.

11. Discussion/Action on Town Office Interior Painting Proposals

Selectman Frederick made a MOTION to reject the one bid received to paint the interior of the Town Office. Seconded by Selectman Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

12. Discussion/Action on Downtown Concerns, Letters Received

The Board reviewed two letters from residents related to downtown concerns. Depot Street resident Kathleen Edwards submitted a letter encouraging the continued improvement of the Main Street area, while Smithfield Road resident Rebecca Capowski's letter addressed her concerns related to animal welfare at a property located on Depot Street.

13. Other Business

Selectman Lynch made a MOTION to add *Donations* to the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Frederick. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Frederick made a MOTION to accept the donation of \$100.00 from Joseph & Leona Poirier to support community food access. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Curtis made a MOTION to add *Street Name Approval* to the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Frederick. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Lynch made a MOTION to approve York Lane as the new street name for access to property formerly identified as 311 Airport Road. Seconded by Selectman Frederick. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Lynch made a MOTION to add *Mercer Water Truck Request* to the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

Selectman Curtis made a MOTION to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Town of Mercer to provide water truck assistance at a rate of \$80 per hour for the truck and driver and liquid calcium at cost plus 10%. Seconded by Selectman Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

Chairman Everett said he believes the speed table on Depot Street has been effective and believes that the street would benefit from a second table installed. The Town Manager will get a price quote for the installation of two permanent speed tables on Depot Street.

Chairman Everett also inquired about the guardrail on Route 2 in front of Cumberland Farms. The rail is unsightly and has seen fairly significant damage. The Town Manager will contact

DOT to discuss the possibility of replacing and guardrail and ask if it could be black, given its location and visibility at the intersection.

14. Adjournment

Selectman Frederick made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:12 PM. Seconded by Selectman Lynch. MOTION PASSED.