



**Norridgewock Select Board
Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2023
6:00 PM
Conference Room, Norridgewock Town Office**

APPROVED
02/15/2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matthew Everett, Chair
James Lyman, Vice Chair
Charlotte Curtis
Lindsey Lynch
Dylan Wentworth

STAFF PRESENT

Richard LaBelle, Town Manager
Sharon Dodge, Clerk
Peter Lyman, Bookkeeper
David Savage, CEO & Fire Chief

Also present for all or part of the meeting Chuck Farrand, Becky Ketchum (via Zoom), Janice Malek, John Malek, Nadine Turcotte, and Nathan Turcotte.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Public Hearing on Proposed *Town of Norridgewock Moratorium Ordinance on Medical Marijuana Registered Caregiver Retail Stores*

Mr. Everett opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM.

Nadine Turcotte, holder of interest in Turcotte Holdings, LLC, which is the owner of property at 547 Waterville Rd. (old roller rink) spoke regarding her medical marijuana delivery business that is located at that property. She noted that their business was originally wholesale, but that with changes in the market, they have pivoted to delivery. The ability to retail product on Waterville Road will streamline their processes and prove more profitable. Ms. Turcotte expressed her initial concerns about the citizen initiative medical retail opt-in question appearing together with a moratorium regarding the same. She believes that the Town has had ample time to develop regulations and that the moratorium shouldn't be required.

Mr. Everett closed the Public Hearing at 6:08 PM

4. Public Hearing on Secret Ballot Referendum Questions

Mr. Everett opened the Public Hearing at 6:10 PM.

Ms. Turcotte asks that, if the moratorium is approved, that stakeholders be involved in the process of developing regulations. She also notes concern regarding the language within the proposed moratorium ordinance, stating that she believes that it furthers the stigmatization of marijuana.

Mr. Everett closed the Public Hearing at 6:18 PM.

5. Review/Approve Minutes of January 18, 2023

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve the January 18, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

6. Member Reports

Ms. Lynch and Mr. Everett both noted the excellent winter maintenance of sidewalks in the downtown area.

Bridge Street resident John Malek noted that the banks at New Balance have blocked the sidewalk on Bridge Street.

7. Town Manager's Report.

See attached.

8. Discussion/Action on February 1, 2023 General Warrant

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign General Warrant 2023-03 in the amount of \$59,860.91. Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

9. Public Comment

Winding Hill Road resident Chuck Farrand asked if the fee on commercial solar development applications could be changed from year to year. Mr. LaBelle stated that, if the amended Site Plan Review Ordinance is adopted in March, the fees can be set/changed by the Select Board at any time.

10. Discussion with Resident John Malek Regarding Proposed Art Initiative

Bridge Street residents John and Janice Malek spoke regarding the proposed art initiative, which seeks to commission a mural for placement in the Alice Emery Town Square. Mr. and Mrs. Malek are seeking approval from the Select Board to move forward with the grant application, which seeking funding for the proposed initiative.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to authorize the grant application on behalf of the Town, as the project sponsor, seeking funding support for the mural project. Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

11. Discussion/Action on TIF Committee Recommendation

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to accept the TIF Committee's recommendation and approve the Façade Improvement Program application by 3D Equipment, LLC in an amount of up to \$25,000. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Lyman spoke regarding the retroactivity of the project being completed and its non-alignment with the program's guidelines. He further stated that the owner of the property is different from the applicant and that the guidelines require a letter from the property owner. Mr. Lyman suggests that the TIF Advisory Committee review the program guidelines and make modifications, if appropriate.

12. Discussion/Action on 2023 Town Meeting Warrant

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign the 2023 Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

13. Discussion/Action on Public Works Truck Repair Estimate

Mr. Lyman made a MOTION to not authorize payment of \$10,959.86 for proposed repairs to Truck 12. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

The Board directs Mr. LaBelle to gather information about the future purchase of a replacement truck.

14. Discussion/Action on Town Report Cover

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to go with Option C for the Town Report cover (photo of Mill Stream, Public Works Garage, etc.). Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

15. Other Business

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to add *Discussion/Action on Signing of Quit Claim Deed* to the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to sign the quitclaim deed releasing the Town's interest in property located at 23 Willow Street and identified on Town tax maps as Map 034, Lot 014-002 to Edmund Bernard, the owner from whom the property was taken. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to add *Discussion/Action on New Street Name* to the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve the name of The Plains Road for the road providing access to the Martin Stream Solar project on the property of Elroy and Constance Chartrand, Trustees, and Eric Chartrand, Map 019, Lot 036-002. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

16. Adjournment

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:13 PM. Seconded by Mr. Lyman. MOTION PASSED.