



**Norridgewock Select Board
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2023
6:00 PM
Conference Room, Norridgewock Town Office**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matthew Everett, Chair
Lindsey Lynch, Vice Chair
Ronnie Blodgett
Dylan Wentworth (via Zoom)

STAFF PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kelsea Bickford

Also present for all or part of the meeting were Mary Ann Anderson, Becky Ketchum, MSAD 54 Superintendent of Schools Jon Moody, Mike Obert, and Skip Viles.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Budget Presentation by MSAD 54 Superintendent of Schools Jon Moody

Superintendent Moody provided an overview of this proposed 2023-2024 school budget and reviewed materials related to the same.

4. Review/Approve Minutes of May 3, 2023

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve the minutes of May 3, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED, 4-0 (Everett, Lynch, Blodgett, Wentworth in favor; none opposed).

5. Member Reports

Mr. Wentworth commented that there has been a lot of wood dumped on the edge of Wilder Hill Road that is nearly obstructing the traveled way. Mr. LaBelle stated that the Town is aware of the situation, communications have been sent to the landowner, but no response has been received.

6. Town Manager's Report

See Attached.

7. Discussion/Action on May 17, 2023 General Warrant

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign General Warrant 2023-10 in the amount of \$203,184.11. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED, 4-0 (Everett, Lynch, Blodgett, Wentworth in favor; none opposed).

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8. Discussion/Action on May 17, 2023 Airport Warrant

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign Airport Warrant 2023-05 in the amount of \$5,721.42. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED, 4-0 (Everett, Lynch, Blodgett, Wentworth in favor; none opposed).

9. Discussion/Action on May 17, 2023 Sewer Commitment

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign the May 17, 2023 Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$17,348.23. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED, 4-0 (Everett, Lynch, Blodgett, Wentworth in favor; none opposed).

10. Public Comment (Limited to 2 minutes)

Winding Hill Road resident Mike Obert asked about the possible installation of a solar facility at the airport and whether or not there would be positive financial implications for the Town. Mr. LaBelle stated that if successful, there would be a benefit, whether in the form of lease payments and/or electricity off-sets.

Frederick Corner Road resident Mary Ann Anderson inquired about the food truck that has been providing deliveries to Norridgewock recently. The last time they were in Norridgewock, parking was difficult because of sports being held at the fields. Mr. LaBelle will contact the organization to seek an alternate location.

Beech Hill Road resident Skip Viles asked if there was any update on Spectrum/Charter construction for broadband on Beech Hill. Mr. LaBelle stated that he had not received a recent update.

Mr. Obert asked if there was an update on the railroad trestle project. Mr. LaBelle stated that he would contact the State for an update. [After the meeting, communication was received from the State that the trestle work was underway, but the contractor was awaiting the delivery of steel hardware. The rail and ties must be removed progressively so that there isn't a hazard. Work is expected to resume soon.]

Mr. Everett stated that he has been in communication with representatives from Cianbro Corporation to discuss the removal of debris under the trestle.

11. Discussion/Action on Appointments

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to appoint Deanna Meservie, John Lynch, and Todd Pineo, to 3-year terms on the TIF Advisory Committee; John Malek, Joselyn Ritchey, and Ruth Keister, to 2-year terms on the TIF Advisory Committee; and, Brandi Ireland to a 1-year term on the TIF Advisory Committee. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED, 4-0 (Everett, Lynch, Blodgett, Wentworth in favor; none opposed).

Sophie May Lane resident Becky Ketchum inquired about the process for committee member selection, as she believes it was unfair. Mr. LaBelle stated that all names were removed from applications and assigned numbers. Each Board member reviewed the applications individually and ranked them accordingly. Total rankings were tallied and the top candidates were appointed.

12. Discussion/Action on Roadside Mow Proposals

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to award the bid for Roadside Mowing to Innovative Land Services, LLC (China, ME) in the amount of \$5,350.00. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED, 3-0-1 (Everett, Lynch, Blodgett in favor; none opposed; Wentworth abstained).

13. Discussion/Action on IT Services Proposals

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to award the bid for IT Services to IT4ME, LLC. (Norridgewock, ME) as presented. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED, 3-0-1 (Lynch, Blodgett, Wentworth in favor; none opposed; Everett abstained).

14. Discussion/Action on Application for Pawnbroker License

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign the Application for Pawnbroker License for Norridgewock Trading Post and Pawn Shop located at 119 Mercer Rd. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED, 4-0 (Everett, Lynch, Blodgett, Wentworth in favor; none opposed).

15. Discussion/Action on Signing of Quitclaim Deed

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to sign the Quitclaim Deed releasing the Town's tax-acquired interest in property located at 257 Oak Hill Road and identified on Town tax maps at Map 021, Lot 007 to Ricky M. Belomizi and Dyan L. Belomizi, the parties from whom the property was taken. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED, 4-0 (Everett, Lynch, Blodgett, Wentworth in favor; none opposed).

16. Discussion/Action on Counter-Signing Warrant and Notice of Election Calling MSAD 54 Budget Validation Referendum

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to sign the Warrant and Notice of Election Calling MSAD 54 Budget Validation Referendum Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED, 4-0 (Everett, Lynch, Blodgett, Wentworth in favor; none opposed).

17. Discussion/Action on Letter of Support for Maine Laboratories, LLC

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to sign the letter of support for Maine Laboratories, LLC. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED, 4-0 (Everett, Lynch, Blodgett, Wentworth in favor; none opposed).

18. Other Business

Road Advisory Committee members Skip Viles said Mike Obert spoke regarding Burrill Hill Road and the current project. They noted the good work of the Public Works crew, as well as the contractor. They expressed appreciation for a well-done project so far.

19. Adjournment

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to adjourn at 6:58 PM. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED, 4-0 (Everett, Lynch, Blodgett, Wentworth in favor; none opposed).