



**Norridgewock Select Board
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2023
6:00 PM
Conference Room, Norridgewock Town Office**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matthew Everett, Chair
Lindsey Lynch, Vice Chair
Kelsea Bickford
Ronnie Blodgett
Dylan Wentworth (Via Zoom)

STAFF PRESENT

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

Also present for all or part of the meeting were MaryAnn Anderson (via Zoom), Becky Ketchum (via Zoom), and Mike Obert

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Review/Approve Minutes of June 7, 2023

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve the minutes of June 7, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

4. Member Reports

No Reports.

5. Town Manager's Report

See Attached.

6. Discussion/Action on June 21, 2023 General Warrant

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign General Warrant 2023-12 in the amount of \$628,946.23. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

7. Discussion/Action on June 21, 2023 Airport Warrant

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign Airport Warrant 2023-06 in the amount of \$19,097.66. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

8. Discussion/Action on June 21, 2023 Sewer Commitment

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign the June 21, 2023 Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$28,438.61. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

9. Public Comment (Limited to 2 minutes)

None.

10. Discussion/Action on Donations

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to accept a donation in the amount of \$250.00 from Ronald Currier to benefit the library. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

11. Discussion/Action on Winslow Community Cupboard Contribution

There was a discussion regarding the Town contributing to the Winslow Community Cupboard, as that organization has been serving the community as a mobile food pantry. Members expressed initial support for financially supporting the organization, but question the needs of the organization. Mr. LaBelle will look into what their current needs are, as well as information on the number of people served. The Select Board will use the information to decide how to help.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to table action on this item until additional information can be gathered. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

12. Discussion/Action on July 5 Meeting

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to cancel the July 5 meeting, barring any emergency business. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

13. Other Business

The Board discussed an email received from Upper Main Street resident Bob Pomelow regarding the application of herbicidal treatments in proximity to his property. Mr. Pomelow believes that approximately four to six years ago, the herbicidal treatment was the cause of his honeybees dying.

Mr. LaBelle stated that upon receiving Mr. Pomelow's email, he contacted the Acting Director of the State Board of Pesticides Control, who then consulted with the State Apiarist. Feedback from the State agencies was that there was no statutory setback distance for spraying and that glyphosate has no significant impacts on hives. It was noted that hives are usually impacted more significantly by the application of insecticides and/or pesticides, not herbicides. The Board was also presented with a glyphosate fact sheet, as provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

After significant discussion, the Board declined to take any action on Mr. Pomelow's request.

14. Executive Session to Discuss Economic Development pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(C)

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to table this item. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

15. Executive Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D), discuss contract negotiation positions

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to go into Executive Session at 6:26 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to come out of Executive Session at 7:10 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

16. Adjournment

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:10 PM. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.