



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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matthew Everett, Chair
Lindsey Lynch, Vice Chair
Kelsea Bickford
Ronnie Blodgett
Dylan Wentworth

STAFF PRESENT

Richard LaBelle, Town Manager
Peter Lyman, Bookkeeper

Also present for all or parts of the meeting were MaryAnn Anderson, Abigail Clair, Jocelyn Doone, Sherri Lewis, Janice Malek, Mike Obert, and Valarie Trial.

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 August 16, 2023

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve the minutes of August 16, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED, 4-0-1 (Everett, Lynch, Blodgett, Wentworth in favor; none opposed; Bickford abstained).

4. Member Reports

Ms. Lynch extended thanks and congratulations to the volunteers who supported the Oosoola Days festivities.

Ms. Lynch noted that the sidewalks along Main Street appear to have quite a bit of debris and would benefit from being swept.

Mr. Blodgett stated that he heard a lot of positive feedback around the Oosoola Park Music Series.

Mr. Everett questioned whether DOT was done with their project on Route 2, as there are still coverings around catch basins.

5. Town Manager's Report

See Attached.

6. Discussion/Action on September 6, 2023 General Warrant

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign General Warrant 2023-16 in the amount of \$88,788.91. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

7. Discussion/Action on August 16, 2023 Supplemental Sewer Commitment

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign the supplemental Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$220.00. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

8. Public Comment (Limited to 2 minutes)

Winding Hill Road resident and Road Advisory Committee member Mike Obert discussed the roadside mowing work being done and that it does not comply with the initial specifications set forth by the Select Board. Mr. Obert also inquired about the Board seeking a contractor to cut behind guardrails.

9. Discussion/Action on Six Penny Jug License Renewal

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve the renewal application for an On-Premises License for Six Penny Jug, located at 66 Main Street. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

10. Discussion/Action on TIF Advisory Committee Recommendations

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to accept the TIF Advisory Committee's recommendation and approve an amount of up to \$7,500.00 for the proposed tree/nature preservation project. Seconded by Ms. Bickford. MOTION PASSED.

River Road resident Janice Malek inquired about the location of the proposed trail maintenance structure (which will be off the back right side of the parking area from the road). Ms. Lynch encouraged exterior enhancements to the building (maps, etc.)

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to accept the TIF Advisory Committee's recommendation and approve an amount of up to \$137,500.00 for the proposed trail maintenance building. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

11. Public Hearing on Proposed General Assistance Ordinance Revisions

Mr. Everett opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM.

Mr. LaBelle provided a brief overview of the State of Maine Department of Health and Human Services proposed changes.

Mr. Everett closed the Public Hearing at 6:35 PM.

12. Discussion/Action on General Assistance Ordinance & Appendices Adoption, revised 2023

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to adopt the General Assistance Ordinance Appendices as presented. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

13. Discussion Regarding Initial Parks Proposals

Mr. Everett discussed the ongoing Parks projects and the economic development-related implications of continued investment. He asks the Board, members of the Parks Committee, and members of the public to brainstorm projects that could be referred to the Parks Committee for recommendation.

Parks Committee member Sherri Lewis spoke for the committee membership regarding potential projects: movies in the park (screen, projector), parking enhancements (bridge to New Balance), skydivers or other aerial feature for Oosoola Days, light show/fireworks, fall seasonal event.

14. Other Business

Frederick Corner Road resident MaryAnn Anderson spoke regarding the proposed trail maintenance building. She lauded the inter-organizational cooperation, but she stated concerns about the transparency of the project, as well as the timing. She questioned the size of the building. She further stated that the building was \$50,000 and that \$87,500 for construction was excessive. Mr. Everett noted that the total request was a budgetary estimate but also included items such as earthwork, foundation, electrical, surveillance, etc.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to add *Discussion/Action on MMA Voting Delegate Credentials* to the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Wentworth. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to appoint Richard LaBelle as the Voting Delegate and Aimee Robinson as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the MMA Annual Business Meeting on October 4, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

15. Executive Session to Discuss Labor Negotiations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D), contract negotiations between the Town and AFSCME Council 93 for the Local 2011-13

After the issuance of the Agenda, the Union requested this session be rescheduled. Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to table this item of business indefinitely. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

16. Adjournment

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to adjourn at 6:55 PM. Seconded by Ms. Bickford. MOTION PASSED.