



**Norridgewock Select Board  
Meeting Minutes  
March 20, 2024  
6:00 PM  
Conference Room, Norridgewock Town Office**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Matthew Everett, Chair  
Lindsey Lynch, Vice Chair  
Kelsea Bickford  
Ronnie Blodgett  
Cheyenne Goodrich

**STAFF PRESENT**

Richard LaBelle, Town Manager  
Peter Lyman, Bookkeeper  
Todd Pineo, Fire Chief

Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Chuck Farrand, Derek Furbush (Operations Manager, Waste Management), Jeff McGown (Sr. District Manager, Waste Management), Sherwood McKenney, PE (District Engineer, Waste Management), and Mike Obert.

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Everett called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**2. Pledge to the Flag**

**3. Review/Approve Minutes of March 6, 2024**

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve the minutes of March 6, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

**4. Member Reports**

Ms. Lynch asked that the Town follow up with Maine DOT regarding the residual silt along River Road. There is still a substantial amount, and she believes that it may contribute to ongoing road issues if it isn't removed.

There was a brief discussion about rail trail usage, news, etc., and including it in the upcoming newsletter. The Sportsmen Association has been contacted about contributing an article.

**5. Town Manager's Report**

See Attached.

**6. Discussion/Action on March 20, 2024 General Warrant 2024-05**

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign General Warrant 2024-05 in the amount of \$233,889.34. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

**7. Discussion/Action on March 20, 2024 Airport Warrant 2024-03**

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign Airport Warrant 2024-03 in the amount of \$8,973.61. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

**8. Discussion/Action on March 20, 2024 Sewer Commitment**

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign the March 20, 2024 Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$27,491.00. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

**9. Public Comment**

Fire Chief Pineo addressed the Board briefly regarding the Department's future acquisition of a side-by-side and trailer to replace the aged ATV and trailer. A request for proposals has been issued, and consideration of proposals should come before the Board in April.

**10. Annual Update from Waste Management**

Waste Management (WM) provided an informal presentation and discussion of their operations over the last year and planned projects for 2024. In 2023, there were three odor complaints received. One was attributed to the agricultural use of liquid manure, one was due to the landfiling of two loads of sludge, and the final was due to a load of inbound sludge.

Phase 14A (7.5 acres) opened in October 2023; it is the newest phase. In February 2024, a contractor is expected to upgrade erosion control measures and, ideally, begin work on additional cell construction in May.

WM is working to cap the remainder of Phase 8, which has been open for a long time. In 2024, they are expected to be able to cap 10.1 acres. 48.9 acres remain to be capped, so it will be a 3- or 4-year process before completion.

The Airport Road Transfer Station has seen delays but is now substantially complete. Additional work is needed to prepare for its operation, including an appropriate transition between the existing facility. WM is having covers fabricated over the waste containers to prevent precipitation from getting into them; this is a stormwater management enhancement. The new facility should be active in June 2024. Access violations continue to be an issue at the facility, where out-of-town waste is being brought in, and/or commercial businesses are attempting to utilize the facility. WM continues to focus on this as it can be a costly problem.

The proposed PFAS pre-treatment system, which would use foam fractionation to separate PFAS, is in the initial review process with the State of Maine. This will require a permit from the Planning Board; the application may be filed for May's meeting. An aggressive start date for the project is June 2024.

The Biosolids Processive Facility has been granted all the necessary permits, and the estimated cost is \$35-38 million. The design is at about 70%, and if funding is secured, construction could start in late 2024 and be completed before the end of 2025. Many competitive factors must be considered before final funding is secure, but WM continues to keep this as a priority project.

WM has also acquired the "Clark property," which is off Airport Road and near Lagasse Road. They have been harvesting wood and will be stumping the property. The property has good deposits of sand, which will help with facility operations. The State has permitted the operation on these two parcels. Most of the materials being hauled from these properties will be moved from within the facility and will not involve trucking on Airport Road.

**11. Discussion/Action on Wade Street Property**

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to issue the Property Demolition and Cleanup Request for Proposals for 13 Wade Street. Seconded by Ms. Goodrich. MOTION PASSED.

**12. Discussion/Action on New Road Name**

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve Bumpa's Way as the new road name for a new entry/residential build on property identified as Map 010, Lot 006-001, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

**13. Discussion/Action on Donations**

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to accept a donation for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$500.00 from New Balance. Seconded by Ms. Goodrich. MOTION PASSED.

**14. Discussion Regarding Potential Community Resiliency Projects**

Mr. LaBelle provided an overview of the Community Resilience Partnership, for which the Town is eligible for up to \$50,000 in grant funding. A list of dozens of potential projects was presented to the Board for consideration to determine what projects may be of most value to Norridgewock.

Ms. Bickford noted that she would like to have item H4 considered as a potential project. Mr. LaBelle highlights other potential projects including E3, E7, E10, F1, F7, and F8.

No action was taken.

**15. Other Business**

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to add *Discussion/Action on Release of Tax-Acquired Property* to the Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign a quitclaim deed releasing the Town's tax-acquired interest in property located at 121 Burrill Hill Road (Map 020, Lot 003-008) to Gloria Marcia. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to add *Discussion/Action on Roadside Mowing Request for Proposals* to the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to issue the Roadside Mowing Request for Proposals as presented. Seconded by Ms. Goodrich. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Bickford inquired about the Red Cross smoke detector program and whether there were qualifications for volunteers. Mr. LaBelle stated that if individuals were willing to volunteer, they should contact the Town Office for the Fire Station for more information.

Mr. Blodgett noted that the new school resource officer has been at Mill Stream Elementary School since earlier this month. So far, there has been a lot of positive feedback. He also asks that if there is any feedback, positive or negative, to please share it with him or the Sheriff's Office, as they are always looking to improve the program and appreciate feedback.

**16. Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to discuss Town Manager Performance**

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) at 7:32 PM. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Blodgett made a MOTION to exit executive session at 8:04 PM. Seconded by Ms. Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

There was no action taken.

**17. Adjournment**

Mr. Blodgett made a MOTION to adjourn at 8:04 PM. Seconded by Ms. Goodrich. MOTION PASSED.