



**Norridgewock Select Board
Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2021
6:00 PM
Conference Room, Norridgewock Town Office**

APPROVED
11/17/2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matthew Everett, Chair
James Lyman, Vice Chair
Charlotte Curtis
Ronald Frederick
Lindsey Lynch

STAFF PRESENT

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

Also present for all or part of the meeting were Becky Ketchum, Brenda Morgan, Ken Morgan (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 October 20, 2021

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve the minutes of October 20, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Lyman. MOTION PASSED.

4. Member Reports

Ms. Curtis stated she was curious about a conversation with Mr. Everett regarding manure in the roads in town. Mr. Everett said he would discuss it further during other business.

Ms. Lynch has had several calls inquiring as to whether or not the Recreation Department will have basketball

5. Town Manager's Report

See Attached.

6. Discussion/Action on November 3, 2021 General Warrant #21

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign General Warrant #21 in the amount of \$32,713.14. Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

7. Public Comment

Winding Hill Road resident Mike Obert asked the Select Board to reconsider removing the speed table on Upper Main Street. He continues to offer to incur all costs associated with removing the speed table and fixing the road. Mr. Obert also expressed concerns about the process of locating and installing the speed table.

Mr. Obert also thanked the Select Board for dedicating the 2020 Town Report to his father, David I. Obert.

8. Discussion/Action on 2022 Budget Goals

Mr. Lyman presented suggestions for budget considerations, including:

- Vehicle for the Fire Department for miscellaneous travel
- Funding for à la carte law enforcement services
- Expanded Code Enforcement, that could include a division for permitting and another for enforcement

Ms. Lynch presented suggestions for budget considerations, including:

- Street security, surveillance
- Full funding of the Economic Development position

Mr. Lyman inquired about the status of hiring the Economic Development position that was approved earlier in the year. The Town Manager stated that no applications had been received. Ms. Lynch inquired as to whether this service could be met by an outside contractor.

Mr. Lyman asked if the sheriff's deputies at the election were paid for by the Town. The Town Manager states that the school takes care of that, but he believes it may be eligible for reimbursement under FEMA, because of the vaccination clinic.

9. Update on Airport Advisory Recommendations

After meeting with the Airport Advisory Committee, the Town Manager sought the services of AE Hodsdon to complete an assessment of the current airport terminal. This review would look at the existing condition of the building and consider the cost of rehabilitating the building, in addition to the cost of an addition. The assessment should provide the Town with a stronger idea of the costs associated with addressing the condition of the terminal at the airport.

Ms. Lynch doesn't feel the Town should be spending money to improve or expand the airport terminal, as the airport doesn't have a broad community impact and the airport is not profitable or even cost-neutral. Ms. Lynch believes that there should be a demonstrated ability to generate additional revenue as the result of any improvements to the terminal building. She also feels that if any terminal building project is put forward to the voters that the Town should vote by secret ballot on the issue.

Sophie May Lane resident Brenda Morgan and Sophie May Lane resident Becky Ketchum spoke regarding the economic impact of making improvements to the airport terminal.

Ms. Curtis, Mr. Frederick, and Mr. Lyman spoke in favor of considering improvements to the airport terminal building. Mr. Everett suggested that each board member set up a time with the Town Manager or Airport staff to tour the airport and see its current strengths and deficiencies.

Brenda Morgan also said Airport Advisory Committee member Ken Morgan would be happy to take them to other small airports in the area to see what other terminals look like.

10. Discussion/Action 2022 Animal Shelter Contract

Mr. Lyman made a MOTION to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Animal Housing Contract for January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 with Somerset Humane Society for the amount of \$5,286.19. Seconded by Ms. Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

11. Other Business

Mr. Lyman made a MOTION to add *Town Meeting Minutes* to the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve the November 2, 2021 Special Town Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Everett spoke regarding his concerns about horse manure on public roads and whether there was an option for animals and their keepers to ensure the animals were cleaned up after. The Town Manager will reach out to other area municipalities to see how this is handled.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Curtis made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Seconded by Ms. Lynch. MOTION PASSED.