



**Norridgewock Select Board
Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2021
6:00 PM
Conference Room, Norridgewock Town Office**

APPROVED
12/15/2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Richard LaBelle, Town Manager
Sharon Dodge, Deputy Town Clerk
David Jones, Fire Chief
Peter Lyman, Bookkeeper
Todd Pineo, Deputy Fire Chief

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ronald Frederick

Also present for all or part of the meeting were Becky Ketchum, Mike Obert, Skip Viles, and Gary Violette.

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 November 17, 2021

Mr. Lyman made a MOTION to approve the minutes of November 17, 2021. Seconded by Ms. Lynch. MOTION PASSED, 3-0 (Everett, Lyman, Lynch in favor; none opposes; Curtis abstained due to her November 17 absence).

4. Member Reports

Ms. Lynch said she has received an inquiry as to whether or not pickleball would be offered through the Recreation Department and held at the school this season. Mr. LaBelle stated that he believed that it could be accommodated under the same guidelines as basketball.

5. Town Manager's Report

See Attached.

6. Discussion/Action on December 1, 2021 General Warrant #23

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign General Warrant #23 in the amount of \$32,285.32. Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.

7. Public Comment

Winding Hill Road resident and Road Committee member Mike Obert spoke to provide an overview of the Road Committee's meeting on November 30. Mr. Obert also spoke briefly regarding the recommendation to remove the speed table on Upper Main Street.

Road Committee members Skip Viles of Beech Hill Road and Gary Violette of Madison Road also spoke regarding the proposals to be set forth by the Road Committee in the coming years. The Road Committee wants to see major problems addressed, while ensuring the projects are seen through to completion. The committee will meet once more prior to submitting its proposal to the Select Board, as the Road Committee is seeking preliminary cost estimates on upcoming projects, which may impact project priority and timing.

Mr. Viles inquired as to whether formal consideration of removing the Upper Main Street speed table would appear on the next regular agenda; Mr. Everett stated that it would be a business item at the next regular meeting.

8. Discussion/Action on ARPA Project Proposals

The Select Board continued its discussion regarding proposals submitted for consideration for funding under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Additional projects were submitted on behalf of the Recreation Committee.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to the conditions set forth in the Town of Norridgewock Purchasing Policy and to authorize the expenditure of up to \$69,000 from the Fire Department Equipment account for the purchase of turnout gear for the department from Bergeron Protective Clothing. The purchase is to be made in accordance with the proposal submitted to the Select Board on November 17, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Lyman. MOTION PASSED.

9. Discussion/Action on 2022 Budget

Road Committee members Mike Obert, Skip Viles, and Gary Violette provided the Board with an overview of their preliminary 2022 project proposals and fielded questions about those proposals, as well as the method of prioritizing work projects. It was also noted that the Board needs to consider the temporary closure of Father Rasle Road, due to the significant roadside erosion in the vicinity of Twin Oaks Drive.

10. Other Business

Skip Viles inquired about the status of crack sealing for this construction season, which was planned for Ward Hill, Wilder Hill, and Beech Hill Roads. Mr. LaBelle stated that timing became a concern and that the Town is working with the vendor to ensure the project is completed appropriately and in compliance with the accepted proposal. This may not be fully resolved until the 2022 construction season, due to the change in seasons.

11. Adjournment

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:03 PM. Seconded by Ms. Curtis. MOTION PASSED.