



**Norridgewock Sewer Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2022
4:30 PM
Conference Room, Norridgewock Town Office**

APPROVED
09/26/2022

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robbie Bickford
John Ames
Ruth Keister

STAFF PRESENT

Richard LaBelle, Town Manager
Tim Lyman, Facility Operator

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kristina Gossman

No other members of the public were present for the meeting.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:38 PM by Mr. Bickford.

2. Discussion/Action on April 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Keister made a MOTION to approve the minutes of April 4, 2022, as written.
Seconded by Mr. Ames. MOTION PASSED.

3. Discussion/Action on Abatement Request for 14 Park St. (UT Account 132)

Ms. Keister made a MOTION to grant an abatement in the amount of \$178.20 for Utility Account 132, James D. Jones and Rita L. Jones, 14 Park St. Seconded by Mr. Ames.
MOTION PASSED.

Note: The Commission reviewed historical usage and averaged approximate usage. The abatement is equivalent to 2,200 cubic feet.

4. Discussion/Action on Abatement Request for 40 Upper Main St. (UT Account 164)

Ms. Keister made a MOTION to grant an abatement in the amount of \$170.10 for Utility Account 164, Cherri White, 40 Upper Main St. Seconded by Mr. Bickford. MOTION PASSED.

Note: The Commission reviewed historical usage and averaged approximate usage. The abatement is equivalent to 2,100 cubic feet.

5. Review of Financials, Year to Date

Members reviewed year-to-date expenses and revenues, noting that the Department was currently operating at an approximate deficit of \$10,000. Of note was that the bond interest payment, which is made once per year, has already been paid. The Department has also seen an across-the-board increase in expenses due to inflation.

The Commissioners have requested financials be reviewed again at the next regular meeting and consider rate adjustments, if necessary.

6. Other Business

Mr. Ames discussed his lack of success in obtaining an outdoor meter to offset his sewer usage, relative to water usage. Mr. Ames stated that he has been able to get a meter, but that he is unable to acquire a MXU radio transponder. Mr. Bickford recommends that Mr. Ames install another water service that strictly provides for exterior usage. Mr. Bickford noted that the discussion regarding Mr. Ames' usage is not relevant for the Sewer Commission and, instead, should be brought before the water district.

There was additional discussion about the need for exterior meters to be standardized. Mr. Bickford notes the need for the meters to be consistent and have the ability to be calibrated. Meters should be subject to the same requirements as the water meters.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2022, at 4:30 PM.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Bickford made a MOTION to adjourn at 5:06 PM. Seconded by Ms. Keister.
MOTION PASSED.