



**Norridgewock Select Board
Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2026
6:00 PM
Conference Room, Norridgewock Town Office**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Matthew Everett, Chair
Lindsey Lynch, Vice Chair
Ronnie Blodgett
Charles Farrand
Jeffrey King

STAFF PRESENT

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

Also present for all or part of the meeting were Abby Clair, Kathy Hopkins (via Zoom), Sherri Lewis, Dan Lyman (via Zoom), Brenda Morgan, Ken Morgan, Val Trial, and Skip Viles.

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 December 17, 2025

Mr. Blodgett made a MOTION to approve the minutes of December 17, 2025. Seconded by Ms. Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

4. Member Reports

Ms. Lynch commented regarding the condition of local roads and sidewalks. She compliments the Public Works Department, and noted that Norridgewock was far better positioned than neighboring communities, in terms of winter road maintenance.

5. Town Manager's Report

See Attached.

6. Discussion/Action on January 7, 2026 General Warrant 2025-24

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign General Warrant 2025-24 in the amount of \$43,647.44. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

7. Discussion/Action on January 7, 2026 General Warrant 2026-01

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to approve and sign General Warrant 2026-01 in the amount of \$510,557.92. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

8. Public Comment

Fire Chief Todd Pineo stated that the new fire truck is expected for delivery on Tuesday, January 13.

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9. Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinances

Town of Norridgewock Ethics Ordinance

Mr. Everett opened the public hearing at 6:09 PM.

Mr. Everett closed the public hearing at 6:10 PM.

2026 Amendments to the Town of Norridgewock Sewer Use Ordinance

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2026 Amendments to the Town of Norridgewock Subdivision Ordinance

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10. Discussion/Action on Airport Fuel Sales Equipment/Processing

Mr. LaBelle provided an update on the status of fuel sales equipment and card processing at the airport. The current technology has aged out, and the vendor has stopped providing any support for the technology. As of January 1, we are no longer able to monitor sales through reporting, and we are further unable to adjust pricing. This transition necessitates a review of technology and will require an upgrade. Proposals from three competing firms have been provided, and cost considerations for 5 to 10 years were provided.

Mr. Farrand made a MOTION to authorize contracting with FuelMaster for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of new fuel pump equipment, in an up-front cost of \$18,721.57, to be paid from the Airport Reserve Account. Seconded by Ms. Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

It was noted that a public hearing will be held at the next regular meeting to consider funding a portion of this approved expense from ARPA funds.

11. Discussion/Action on Route 2 Sidewalk Project, Modification Agreement

The sidewalk project on Route 2 has been in the planning for a number of years and was delayed for a variety of reasons. The initial local share of the project was estimated at \$550,000; the new local share is estimated at \$641,200. The TIF currently has a balance of slightly over \$500,000, which was the initial source of funding for the project. Mr. LaBelle states that TIF, Road Reserve, or surplus, represent options for fully funding the local share. He reminds members that the project is a full sidewalk rehabilitation along Route 2, extends the sidewalk to Ferry Road, and installs decorative lamps from Perkins Street to Mechanic Street.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Modification Agreement between the Town and Maine DOT for the sidewalk project, and to authorize the appropriate of \$450,000 from TIF to pay for the project, with the balance being appropriated from Road Reserve. Seconded by Mr. Farrand. MOTION PASSED.

12. Discussion/Action on Town Report Cover

By consensus, Photo B is selected as the cover of the Town Report.

13. Update/Guidance on Junkyard Enforcement

Mr. Everett, in his capacity as Code Enforcement Officer, provided an update to the Board regarding junkyards and other land use violations. For the property at 52 Depot Street, that was the subject of a trial/hearing in early December; it could be two months before a decision is rendered. 313 Waterville Road and 27 Upper Main Street are currently under consent agreements, with the date for compliance having passed. As a courtesy and to encourage compliance, both properties were given a final notice, giving them until January 11 to come into compliance. After that time, the Town will take action to get the properties into compliance at the expense of the owners. No action was taken.

14. Other Business

The Board received a letter from a resident of Wilder Hill Road, expressing concerns related to the development and implementation of any noise control ordinance.

Mr. Everett inquired with the Board about their perspective on incorporating online comments into a portion of future meetings. This could include participation by residents via Zoom and/or the inclusion of comments on Facebook Live. There was no opposition to this proposal; Mr. Blodgett suggests this be done on a trial basis.

15. Discussion/Action on 2026 Budget

Mr. Blodgett made a MOTION to recommend \$136,595.00 for the Public Safety budget. Seconded by Ms. Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to recommend \$54,140.00 for the Recreation budget. Seconded by Mr. King. MOTION PASSED, 4-0-1 (Lynch, Blodgett, Farrand, King in favor; none opposed; Everett abstained).

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to recommend \$40,950.00 for the Parks budget. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to recommend \$1,195,000.00 for the Capital Reserves budget. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to recommend \$21,125.00 for the Elected Officials budget. Seconded by Mr. Blodgett. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Blodgett made a MOTION to recommend the adoption of Revenues as presented. Seconded by Ms. Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Lynch made a MOTION to warrant an article allowing for use of up to \$550,000.00 from surplus to be used to offset taxation. Seconded by Mr. Farrand. MOTION PASSED.

16. Adjournment

Mr. Blodgett made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:43 PM. Seconded by Ms. Lynch. MOTION PASSED.