



**Norridgewock Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2025
6:00 PM
Conference Room, Norridgewock Town Office**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Danielle Libby, Chair
John Lynch, Vice Chair
Amy Everett
Derek Furbush
Ryan Jones
Amy Downing (Smithfield)

STAFF PRESENT

Richard LaBelle, Town Manager
Bobbie Jo Welch, Programs Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cassity Neal (Mercer)

Also present for all or parts of the meeting were Kerri Everett and Matt Everett.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Election of Chair, Vice Chair

John NOMINATED Danielle Libby as Chair; the nomination was seconded by Amy. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. By unanimous vote, Danielle Libby is ELECTED CHAIR.

Danielle NOMINATED John Lynch as Vice Chair; the nomination was seconded by Derek. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. By unanimous vote, John Lynch is ELECTED VICE CHAIR.

3. Review/Approve Minutes of November 25, 2024

John made a MOTION to approve the November 25, 2024 meeting minutes. Seconded by Amy. MOTION PASSED.

4. New Business

Scoreboard Update. Richard stated that the scoreboard delivery was delayed, but that it was also held at Public Works without delivery notification. The scoreboard has been assembled and will be delivered to the ballfield storage in the coming days.

There was discussion about the current scoreboard for the majors field; it may require replacement bulbs. The group also discussed ordering a replacement controller.

Summer Tournament Schedule Update. As of now, there are only two tournaments scheduled for the summer. There was the U9 Districts that were held this last weekend and the U11 States that will be hosted next weekend, through July 3.

Roofs over Batting Cages, Dugouts. There was discussion about the cost of these projects. Matt estimated that materials to cover the batting cage would be less than \$5,000 and labor could possibly be volunteer. He is going to get a materials estimate.

There was discussion about expanding the dugouts to create more space, especially on the majors field. The minors field also needs to be covered. The consensus is that dugouts should be three solid walls with chain-link in the front.

Field Lighting. There is no need to light the entire complex at this time, but pricing should be sought for the entire project, then by each field. The consensus is to light the soccer field first, then the majors field.

50/70 Pinning. Athens, Madison, and Skowhegan support the 50/70 pinning. Pion is presently pinned at 60/90 and our majors field is 45/60. This would require cutting back turf. John will contact Sportsfields to get a price for re-pinning. New bases may be needed, so the price will include these, if available. This is seen as the top priority project to maintain an attractive field for events.

The softball field needs a better crown.

Job Proposal Results, Future. The committee discussed position and different proposals for restructuring. There were discussions about reducing the hours required, modifying the job description, flexing health benefits, etc. Should any proposal be sent to voters in November to help modify the 2026 planning?

The committee elects to put forward a proposal to offer two stipend positions (which may be filled by the same person). The Recreation component would get a stipend of \$18,000 per year, and the Parks position would get \$7,000 per year.

5. **Other Business**

Tri Town Agreement. The current agreement was reviewed for proposed revisions and the group discussed how this season went. The consensus was that whatever had to be done to maintain a situation where Skowhegan Rec does not take over the program is what should be done. It was noted that some reservations were had by others about each of the three Tri towns having a seat on the board. There was also discussion about the signup and billing process, and the need to streamline it.

Slight modifications were proposed to the agreement, which will be sent to the Select Board for consideration before being sent to the other two towns, then Cal Ripken.

6. **Schedule next meeting, if necessary**

No meeting date is set.

7. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned 7:44 PM.