



**Norridgewock Budget Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 2, 2024  
6:00 PM  
Conference Room, Norridgewock Town Office**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tara Desroches  
Ruth Keister  
Becky Ketchum  
Jim Lyman  
John Lynch  
Sallie Wilder

STAFF PRESENT

Richard LaBelle, Town Manager  
Todd Pineo, Fire Chief

MEMBERS ABSENT

Skip Viles

Also present for all or parts of the meeting was Kelsea Bickford.

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. LaBelle called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. **Election of Officers**

Ms. Wilder made a MOTION to nominate Tara Desroches as Chair. Seconded by Mr. Lyman. There being no further nominations, NOMINATIONS CEASED. Tara Desroches is ELECTED CHAIR, 5-0-1 (Keister, Ketchum, Lyman, Lynch, Wilder in favor; none opposed; Desroches abstained).

Ms. Wilder made a MOTION to nominate Jim Lyman as Vice Chair. Seconded by Ms. Keister. Mr. Lyman declined the nomination.

Ms. Wilder made a MOTION to nominate Becky Ketchum as Vice Chair. Seconded by Ms. Keister. There being no further nominations, NOMINATIONS CEASED. Becky Ketchum is ELECTED VICE CHAIR, 5-0-1 (Desroches, Keister, Lyman, Lynch, Wilder in favor; none opposed; Ketchum abstained).

The committee declined to elect as Secretary at this time; Mr. LaBelle will keep notes.

3. **Discussion/Action on January 5, 2023 Minutes**

There were no minutes submitted by the committee for the January 5, 2023 meeting; no action was taken.

4. **Review of Proposed 2024 Budget**

Mr. Lyman made a MOTION to recommend a Fire Department Budget in the amount of \$318,426.00. Seconded by Mr. Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Ketchum made a MOTION to recommend an Election Officials Budget in the amount of \$18,100.00. Seconded by Ms. Keister. MOTION PASSED.

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*Tara Desroches, Chair • Becky Ketchum, Vice Chair • Ruth Keister  
Jim Lyman • John Lynch • Skip Viles • Sallie Wilder*

Mr. Lyman made a MOTION to recommend a Tax Assessing Budget in the amount of \$26,600.00.  
Seconded by Mr. Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

Ms. Ketchum made a MOTION to recommend a Public Safety Budget in the amount of \$131,010.00.  
Seconded by Mr. Lyman. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Lynch made a MOTION to recommend a General Assistance Budget in the amount of \$5,600.00.  
Seconded by Ms. Keister. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Lyman made a MOTION to recommend a Planning Board Budget in the amount of \$2,200.00.  
Seconded by Mr. Lynch. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Lyman made a MOTION to recommend a Local Philanthropy Budget in the amount of \$6,000.00.  
Seconded by Ms. Keister. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Lyman made a MOTION to recommend a Summer Grounds Budget in the amount of \$45,000.00.  
Seconded by Mr. Lynch. MOTION PASSED, 5-1 (Desroches, Ketchum, Keister, Lyman, Lynch in favor; Wilder opposed).

5. **Other Business**

None.

6. **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2024, at 6:00 PM. If needed, a meeting will also be held on January 9, 2024, at 5:00 PM.

7. **Adjournment**

Ms. Desroches declared the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:40 PM.