

**NORRIDGEWOCK TOWN WARRANT**  
**MARCH 2, 2020**

To: Peter Lyman, a citizen of the Town of Norridgewock, in the County of Somerset, and State of Maine

**GREETINGS:**

*In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Norridgewock in Somerset County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Mill Stream School Gymnasium located at 26 Mercer Road in said Town on Monday the 2nd day of March 2020, at 8:00 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, then and there to act upon Articles 1 through 4, as set out below. Polls shall remain open until 7:00 p.m.*

*The Inhabitants of the Town of Norridgewock, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, are hereby also warned to assemble at the Mill Stream School Gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020, to act on Articles 5 through 50, as set out below, to wit:*

**Article 1.** To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Article 2.** To elect all necessary Town Officers as required, to be elected by secret ballot.

**Article 3.** To vote by secret ballot on the following referendum question:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the hiring of two full-time Norridgewock Fire Department firefighters, to be installed no earlier than July 1, 2020, and to raise and appropriate \$50,000.00 to cover the cost of these new positions.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval (3-2)

Budget Committee recommends approval (4-2)

**Article 4.** To vote by secret ballot on the following referendum question:

To see if the Town will vote to require the removal of the speed table on Upper Main Street and to prohibit the installation of future speed tables unless otherwise approved by the Legislative Body.

Board of Selectmen recommends non-approval (4-1)

Budget Committee recommends non-approval (5-1)

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to allow non-residents who have information pertaining to Article 5 through Article 50 to speak.

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$354,725.00 for the Administration Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$346,725.00

Budget Committee recommends \$354,725.00

*(Note: The absence of a vote in parentheses after either the Board of Selectmen or the Budget Committee recommendation on an article means that the vote was unanimous.)*

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,825.00 for the Elected Officials Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$13,825.00

Budget Committee recommends \$13,825.00

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$42,025.00 for the Tax Assessing Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$42,025.00

Budget Committee recommends \$42,025.00

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$604,650.00 for the Public Works Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$604,650.00

Budget Committee recommends \$604,650.00

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$112,782.00 and to appropriate \$4,000.00 from Animal Welfare Account for the Public Safety Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$116,782.00, as written

Budget Committee recommends \$116,782.00, as written

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$115,937.60 for the Fire Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$115,937.60

Budget Committee recommends \$115,937.60

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,250.00 for the Cemetery Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$2,250.00

Budget Committee recommends \$2,250.00

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,600.00 for the General Assistance Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$5,600.00

Budget Committee recommends \$5,600.00

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,760.00 for the Recreation Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$19,760.00

Budget Committee recommends \$19,760.00

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,700.00 for the Parks Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$3,700.00

Budget Committee recommends \$3,700.00

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,555.00 for the Library Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$35,555.00

Budget Committee recommends \$35,555.00

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,425.00 for the Code Enforcement Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$10,425.00

Budget Committee recommends \$10,425.00

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$800.00 for the Planning Board.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$800.00

Budget Committee recommends \$800.00

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,950.00 for the Social Services Department and in each specific category as identified below.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Memorial Day	\$600.00
Grave Flags	\$450.00
Mason's—Bikes for Books	\$100.00
Flag Committee	\$1,200.00
Norridgewock Historical Society	\$3,000.00
KVCAP Transportation	\$500.00
Somerset Economic Development Corp	\$100.00
Norridgewock Warming/Cooling Center	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,950.00</b>

Board of Selectmen recommends \$5,450.00 as shown on the next page.

Budget Committee recommends \$5,950.00 as shown above.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Board of Selectmen Recommendation, allocated as follows:</b>
Memorial Day	\$600.00
Grave Flags	\$450.00
Mason's—Bikes for Books	\$100.00
Flag Committee	\$1,200.00
Norridgewock Historical Society	\$2,000.00
KVCAP Transportation	\$500.00
Somerset Economic Development Corp	\$100.00
Norridgewock Warming/Cooling Center	\$500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,450.00</b>

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$46,000.00 for the Summer Grounds Maintenance Department.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$46,000.00

Budget Committee recommends \$46,000.00

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$82,848.00 for the Debt Service on the Sewer Bond.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$82,848.00

Budget Committee recommends \$82,848.00

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,319.00 for Unclassified Accounts.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$30,319.00

Budget Committee recommends \$30,319.00

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$138,700.00 for Capital Reserve Accounts.

	<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>Budget Committee</b>	<b>Balance as of 12/31/2019</b>
Central Maine Reg. Airport	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$92,900.97
Fire- Equipment	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$85,059.48
Fire- Building	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$47,524.57
Highway- Equipment	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$181,789.17
Highway- Building	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$26,028.54
Rec Field Repair	\$13,200.00	\$13,200.00	\$24,684.83
Libraries	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$57,782.47
Tax Revaluation	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$59,692.32
Town Office	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$29,364.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$138,700.00</b>	<b>\$138,700.00</b>	<b>\$604,827.11</b>

Board of Selectmen recommends \$138,700.00

Budget Committee recommends \$138,700.00 (5-1)

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Contingency Account, to be used with Board of Selectmen approval for unexpected and unforeseen expenditures.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$10,000.00

Budget Committee recommends \$10,000.00

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to establish the Road Improvement Reserve Account for future road improvements; to transfer the current balance of the Road Reconstruction Capital Account and the Overlay Capital Account to the reserve account; and to raise and appropriate \$560,000.00 for the reserve account.

*Road Reconstruction Capital Account Balance, as of 12/31/2019: \$71,202.92*

*Overlay Capital Account Balance, as of 12/31/2019: \$0.00*

Board of Selectmen recommends \$560,000.00

Budget Committee recommends \$560,000.00 (5-1)

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$24,000.00 for construction related to the athletic field drainage improvements at Barr Hatfield Athletic Park, to be appropriated from Unassigned Fund balance (surplus).

Board of Selectmen recommends \$24,000.00

Budget Committee recommends \$24,000.00

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$150,000.00 for the purchase of a new backhoe loader or comparable piece of equipment (to replace 2001 Caterpillar 416D backhoe loader) to be appropriated from Unassigned Fund balance (surplus).

Board of Selectmen recommends \$150,000.00 (4-1)

Budget Committee recommends \$150,000.00

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize (and suspend, if necessary) a salt and sand for household use program on such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate during the winter months.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval

Budget Committee recommends approval

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$1,651,784.00 in anticipated revenues to reduce the tax commitment.

Board of Selectmen recommends \$1,651,784.00

Budget Committee recommends \$1,651,784.00

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept or reject any conditional grants/gifts of money, personal property, to the Town and to appropriate and expend funds for the purpose for which the gift/grant was made, in accordance with any conditions imposed by the donor.

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following categories of local, State, and Federal funds: Public Library Aid, Emergency Management Funds, Veterans' Exemption Reimbursements, Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP), Property Tax Relief Fund, or any other non-estimated revenues, local, State, or Federal funds not previously listed.

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all monies received in 2020 from the Treasurer, State of Maine snowmobile registration refund program to the Norridgewock Sportsmen's Association for the maintenance of their system or network of snowmobile trails, with the condition that those trails are open in the snow season to the public for outdoor recreational purposes at no charge, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Association under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem advisable for that purpose.

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit established for the Town by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under these warrant articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the property tax levy limit. *Note: This vote must be taken by written ballot.*

**Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend any amount not to exceed three-twelfths (3/12) of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2020 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2021, until the date of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting; provided, however, that if Article 3 passes, the two full-time firefighter positions shall be fully-funded through the 2021 Annual Town Meeting.

**Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 from Unassigned Fund balance (surplus) to reduce the amount required to be raised from property taxes.

**Article 36.** To see what method the Town will vote adopt for the collection of taxes for the Fiscal Year 2020:

- A. All taxes are due by September 15, 2020, or 40 days after commitment, whichever is later.
- B. Advance payment or partial payment may be made.
- C. Interest will be charged at 9%, the maximum rate as set forth by the State of Maine, beginning September 16, 2020, or 41 days after commitment, whichever is later.
- D. All taxes outstanding as of January 1, 2021, will be listed in the Town's Annual Report.

**Article 37.** To see if the Town vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 5% for the period of assessment and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from the Property Tax Overlay Account or, if necessary, from Unassigned Fund balance (surplus).

**Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes and/or sewer fees thereon and to execute quitclaim deeds for said property (except that the Board of Selectmen shall use the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. § 943-C for qualifying homestead property if the Board chooses to sell it to anyone other than the former owner(s)), said real estate to be sold as follows:

1. Prior to posting an intent to sell such real estate, the Board of Selectmen may authorize the release of the real estate back to the party from whom a property was taken should the party submit all unpaid taxes and/or sewer fees, plus interest, lien costs, the cost of executing the quitclaim deed, and any other directly related costs.
2. A notice of intent to sell such property shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least three weeks prior to such sale, inviting interested parties to submit sealed bids thereon.
3. Minimum bid price must include, but is not limited to, all unpaid taxes and/or sewer fees on said property, plus interest, lien costs, the cost of the publication of the notice, plus the cost of executing the quitclaim deed.
4. The Board of Selectmen shall have the right to accept or reject any and all bids.
5. In the event that the successful bidder defaults on payment under the terms of the land sale, the Board of Selectmen may award the bid to the next responsible bidder(s).
6. If bids are not received, the Board may dispose of real estate as it deems advisable.

**Article 39.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Treasurer, after Board of Selectmen approval, to file a waiver of automatic foreclosure at the Registry of Deeds, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944, on real estate that may be burdensome for the Town.

**Article 40.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of Town-owned personal property with a value of more than \$500.00, by a process of sealed bids. If bids are not received, the Board may dispose of property as it deems advisable.

**Article 41.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of Town-owned personal property, with a real value of \$500.00 or less, under such terms and conditions as it may deem advisable.

**Article 42.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and administer lease agreements with individuals for use of Town-owned land for mowing/haying, cultivating, and crop growth, subject to all legally required insurance and environmental provisions.

**Article 43.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept State and Federal grants and grants from non-profit organizations, donations or other revenues, on behalf of the Town for municipal purposes, including when necessary, the authority to sign grant contracts, documents and or other paperwork and accept the conditions that accompany grant funds, and to appropriate and expend grant funds and or other funds for authorized purposes, as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interests of the Town during the upcoming fiscal year.

**Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute an agreement with Central Maine Power Company for the conversion of existing street lights to light emitting diode (LED) lights for a term not to exceed 15 years on such further terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determines to be in the Town's best interests.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval

**Article 45.** To see if the Town will vote to ratify the host community agreement between the Town and Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine dated October 16, 2019.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval

[The agreement is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

**Article 46.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate funds from the Omnibus Development Program Transit Oriented Development and Natural Gas Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District for the purpose of funding projects permitted under the TIF Development Program for the Fiscal Year 2020, with consideration given to the expenditure recommendations of the TIF Advisory Committee.

Board of Selectmen recommends approval

Budget Committee recommends approval

**Article 47.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any interest accrued on a reserve account for the same purpose for which the reserve account was established.

**Article 48.** Shall the ordinance entitled “*Town of Norridgewock Automobile Graveyards and Junkyards*” be repealed?

Board of Selectmen recommends approval

[The ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

**Article 49.** Shall the ordinance entitled “*Town of Norridgewock Local Food & Community Self-Governance Ordinance*” be repealed?

Board of Selectmen recommends approval

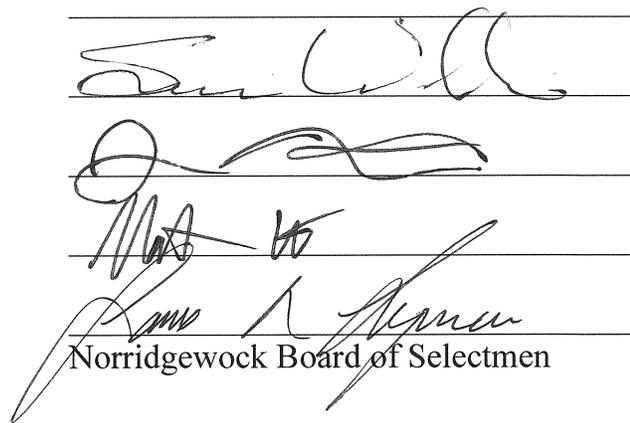
[The ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

**Article 50.** Shall an ordinance entitled “*Town of Norridgewock Food Sovereignty Ordinance*” be enacted?

Board of Selectmen recommends approval

[The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, and will be available at the Town Meeting.]

*Signed by the Board of Selectmen, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020*



Norridgewock Board of Selectmen



Richard A. LaBelle, Town Clerk  
Town Clerk

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