

NOTICE

Town of Lowell

SELECT BOARD MEETING

THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON

Tuesday June 26, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M.

AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

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AGENDA:

- Sign Orders
- Jason Powers
- Approve minutes from June 12, 2018
- Other business

SELECTBOARD:

Richard Pion- Chm.

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson

MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEETING

TOWN OF LOWELL

Meeting held on June 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Board members present:

Richard Pion/Chair, Alden Warner, Dwight Richardson

Christy Pion/Select Board Clerk

Calvin Allen/Road Commissioner

Sandy LaDeau/Town Clerk & Treasurer

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Guest:

- Jason Powers
- Darren Pion
- Sam Thurston
- Priscilla Matten-Town Auditor

Sign Orders:

- Orders were signed by the Board unanimously for the Treasurer.

Approve minutes for June 12, 2018:

- Minutes for June 12, 2018 meeting were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

Jason Powers:

- Jason Powers joined the meeting to follow up with the Selectboard on a previous discussion on William Sherman and the abundance of unregistered vehicles in the town right of way and making it difficult for Jason to get out of his own driveway. Sandy presented the letter, signed by the Board, that is to be sent to Mr. Sherman, that was also discussed at prior meeting. A certified copy will be sent to the landowner and a copy will be sent to Jason as well for his reference.

Other Business:

- Darren Pion had spoken to Calvin Allen, Road Commissioner, previously about his concerns on the tree cutting to be done on Hazen Notch Road and came to the meeting to let everyone know that he and

Calvin had resolved the issues he had. Sandy had presented a letter of concern on this matter from the Fish and Wildlife Department. (see attachment A for details) Darren also expressed his concerns about putting guardrails on the dirt roads that are in need of them. The Selectboard and Calvin said it would be something worth looking into to see if we could come up with a plan to review possibilities every other year.

- Richard, Board Chair, asked Calvin if he had spoken to the skidoo club about the use of the Blodgett Bridge. Calvin stated that he had spoken with AJ Sicotte, for he is the trail master for the club, AJ thought they might be able to either tar it or cover it with gravel for snowmobile use. Darren, being the club president said he would also go take a look at it to see what the club could come up with.
- Sam Thurston came to the meeting to see if there was an update on what Arlon Warner and Scott Tallman had decided with their lawyer from the Hearing on June 23, 2018. Alden Warner had stated that he had spoken to Arlon, he was told that Arlon's lawyer had not had a chance to speak to the Town's lawyer on the matter, so there was no answer at this time.
- Alden updated the other Board members on his call to Mark Cote, he stated that Mark will be coming out to give an estimate on the Kempton Hill Bridge.
- Richard asked Sandy LaDeau, Town Clerk/ Treasurer if she could call Shane Morin from VTRANS and ask him to come to a meeting to explain the State side of things on bridge replacements. She responded that she would.
- The Board discussed looking into the timber pricing to raise money for future projects and ongoing projects.
- Priscilla Matten, Town Auditor, made note to the Board of the GASB rules that apply to capital assets and depreciation for municipalities. She noted the incredible updates made by the Town to comply with GASB rules and said the one last thing is to incorporate listing bridges, roads, culverts, etc. to calculate annual depreciation on. She also noted that it has been so hectic moving forward on everything else that we have not yet addressed this one factor, which will be very time consuming in itself. She wanted to make the Board aware and to be thinking about it for future planning. This activity would allow funds in the town coffers to pay for capital asset replacements in the future. There was discussion on how this would affect tax rates and it was decided to look at next year's budget before implementation. Alden questioned if this should be an article to present to the town if it increases the town tax rate, Richard established it would have to be an article.

Board Warrants:

General Order #22-	\$ 2,497.11
General Order #23-	\$ 1,800.92
General Order #24-	\$ 16,870.18
Payroll #13-	\$ 6,175.24
Payroll General #15-	\$ 172.00
Payroll General #16-	\$ 2,214.00
Fire Department #14-	\$ 1,012.00
Fire Department #15-	\$ 206.79

Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - \$ 30,948.24

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Next meeting date: July 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Office Building

Richard Pion- Chm.

Christy Pion – Selectboard Clerk

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson