

NOTICE

Town of Lowell

SELECT BOARD MEETING

THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON

Tuesday January 7, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.

AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

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AGENDA:

- Sign Orders
- Approve minutes from December 10, 2019
- Tree Bid Discussion
- Other business

NOTE: Bids will be opened at 5:00 p.m. before the meeting.

SELECTBOARD:

Richard Pion- Chm.

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson

MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEETING

TOWN OF LOWELL

Meeting held on December 10, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Board members present:

Richard Pion-Chair, Alden Warner, Dwight Richardson

Christy Pion-Town Clerk/Ass't Treasurer

Priscilla Matten-Treasurer/Ass't. Clerk

Calvin Allen-Road Commissioner

PRE-MEETING OPENING OF THE BIDS:

START TIME: 5:00 P.M.

Attendance for bid opening:

Richard Pion Bruce Stone Sr.

Alden Warner Craig Matten

Dwight Richardson Francis Pion

Christy Pion Tyler Scelza

Calvin Allen Albert Pion

Bidders names and estimates:

- Devin Colburn- no estimate only percentage
- Garrett McHarg- no estimate only percentage
- Jeff Norris- estimate \$63,500.00
- Andy Naylor- \$5,000.00- no percentage
- Roy Stone- no estimate only percentage
- Alex Labounty- estimate \$63,778.00
- Tyler Scelza- estimate \$40,200.00
- Craig Matten- estimate \$57,065.40

Discussion:

- After the Board members opened the bids, they were read aloud for everyone to hear. The Board decided to discuss the choices in executive session.
- After the Board re-entered from executive session, they revealed their choice. The bid contract was awarded to **Craig Matten**, based on the percentages of stumpage.

END TIME: 5:40 P.M.

Regular scheduled meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m.

Guest:

- Evan Brasseur

Sign Orders:

- ❖ Orders were approved and signed by the Board unanimously for the Treasurer for the following warrant dates: 12/24/2019 & 1/07/2020

Approve minutes for December 10, 2019:

- ❖ Minutes from December 10, 2019 meeting were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

Tree Bid Discussion:

- ❖ The Board instructed the Clerk to keep the bids in a file to enable the public to view them, as desired..

Other Business:

- ❖ Evan Brasseur, a town resident, joined the meeting to review an idea he had regarding the Town Forest. He would like to gain access to the town forest to do projects, in conjunction with the Lowell Graded School, with the students. He wants to start a summer program that would involve exploring and mapping of the town forest. He has established his own mapping company, and in order to maintain his license he has to perform some type of community service. He noted he had a successful experience doing this with another school in Vermont and would love to bring the program to the Lowell graded school. He has already spoken to Anita Gagner, Lowell Graded School Principle, and she has given Evan Permission to start the Program in the summer. Evan then asked the Board if he could have permission to access the Town forest to pursue the mapping program for the kids at Lowell Graded School. He would also like to pursue looking into doing the mapping for The Bailey Hazen Military Road and teach the students some history on this road, as well. The Board felt it was a fine idea and gave Evan permission to do so. Evan also asked permission to explore the Town Forest on his own before starting his proposed project with the students in the summer. The Board gave him permission to do this as well.
- ❖ The Certificate for Highway Mileage was marked as no change and signed by the Board members and the Town Clerk to be mailed back to VTRANS.
- ❖ Truck weight permits were approved and signed by the Board Chair for the following: Francis Pion, Db a Francis Pion Trucking.
- ❖ Calvin asked the Board if they had put any more thought into paving some of the roads. The Board wants to bring the question to the Town meeting to be voted on and go from there.

Board Warrants: For both 12/24/2019 & 01/07/2020

12/24/2019

➤ General Order #97	\$	341,245.32
➤ General Order # 98	\$	14,339.97
➤ Payroll Order # 53	\$	7,630.91
➤ Fire Dept. Order # 54	\$	<u>3,798.59</u>
	\$	367,014.79

01/07/2020

➤ General Order #1	\$	23,399.21
➤ General Order #2	\$	26,712.62
➤ Payroll Order # 1	\$	7,650.13
➤ Fire Dept. Order # 1	\$	<u>618.56</u>
	\$	58,380.52

Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - \$ 425,395.31

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next meeting date: January 21, 2020 at the Lowell Town Office Building

Richard Pion- Chm.

Christy M. Pion – Selectboard Clerk

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson