

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday December 27TH, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

- Approve minutes of December 13th, 2016 Meeting
- Review of Road Department Budget for 2017
- Other business
- Sign orders

SELECTBOARD:
Richard Pion- Chm.
Alden Warner
Dwight Richardson

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL

Meeting held on Tuesday December 27th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Board members present:

Richard Pion/Chairman; Alden Warner; Dwight Richardson

Town Officials present:

Sandy LaDeau/Town Clerk & Treasurer; Amanda Carlson/Select Board Clerk
Calvin Allen/Road Commissioner

Discussion:

- Minutes of the December 13th, 2016 meeting signed and approved by the Board.
- The Board was presented with the warning for the Orleans County Meeting on Tuesday, January 24th, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the County Courthouse in Newport, VT. The meeting is to discuss amended budget items for the ensuing year. No action taken by the Board.
- The Board reviewed the 2016 Equalization Study Results from the State of Vermont Department of Taxes as follows:

<i>Education Grand List (from 411):</i>	<i>\$80,938,400</i>
<i>Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL):</i>	<i>\$ 83,841,552</i>
<i>Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):</i>	<i>96.54% or 0.9654</i>
<i>Coefficient of Dispersion (COD):</i>	<i>14.14 %</i>

- The Board reviewed the Kidder Hill Community Wind Project 45-Day Pre-Filing Notice. The project proposes two wind turbines to be constructed on the mountain ridge between the Town of Lowell and the Town of Irasburg.
Maps indicating the three possible proposed placements was included with the information.
The input from the pre-filing notice will be used in the application for a Section 248 certificate of public good that the Kidder Hill Community Wind expects to file in February 2017.
No action taken by the Board.

- The Board reviewed and discussed the 2016 trial balance for the Road Department and discussed the 2017 annual budget. The final budget and balances will be reviewed at the next Select Board meeting on Tuesday January 10th, 2017.
- The Board discussed annual raises for Town Employees. The Board agreed unanimously on increases and each employee was considered and discussed individually. Raises were granted as given and not on a general percentage for all. All changes in pay will be effective January 1, 2017

Board Warrants for December 13th, 2016

General Order #	47	\$ 4,039.36
Payroll #	26	\$ 6,757.15
Payroll General #	27	\$ 10,772.18
Fire Department #	25	\$ 931.28
Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling		\$ 22,499.97

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next meeting date: Tuesday, January 10th, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Richard Pion- Chm.

Amanda Carlson – Select Board Clerk

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson