

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday October 16, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA:

- **Sign Orders**
- **Approve minutes from October 2, 2018**
- **Animal Control Ordinance**
- **Other business**

SELECTBOARD:

Richard Pion- Chm.
Alden Warner
Dwight Richardson

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL
Meeting held on October 16, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Board members present:

Richard Pion/Chair, Alden Warner, Dwight Richardson

Christy Pion/Select Board Clerk

Priscilla Matten/Town Clerk & Treasurer

Calvin Allen/Road Commissioner

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

Guest:

- Darren Pion-1st Constable/Animal Control Officer
- Lechek Koulnis- Town Resident
- Richard Dingee- Town Resident
- Gordon Spencer- Zoning Administrator

Sign Orders:

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

Approve minutes for October 2, 2018:

- Minutes from October 2, 2018 meeting were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

Animal Control Ordinance:

- Lechek Koulnis came to the meeting with concerns that the Animal Control Officer doesn't have enough authority to do the things that need to be done to stop domestic animals belonging to other people from destroying property. He has this concern because he has on numerous occasions contacted the Animal Control Officer to come take care of this situation. The Animal Control Officer has gone to Mr. Koulnis

place of residence and spoke with him about the running at large of his neighbors' pigs that are destroying his property. The Animal Control Officer also spoke to the neighbor about this situation and was told by the neighbor that they would catch the pigs and get them fenced in to stop the destroying of Mr. Koulnis property. The Animal Control Officer also told the neighbor if the pigs were not contained they would be confiscated. Mr. Koulnis provided pictures that clearly demonstrated the level of damage. He also had the damage to his property assessed to be in the amount of \$2000.00. As of now Mr. Koulnis is still having issues with the pigs and asked to have Darren Pion, Animal Control Officer, c speak with the neighbor again. Darren asked for permission from the Board to be able to confiscate the animals if he were to have to visit them a third time. They unanimously gave the okay for this. Mr. Koulnis also stated that he had called the State Police on this matter and they told him it was out of their jurisdiction, and to contact the Animal control officer. One officer did speak to the neighbor, but nothing happened. During the meeting the State Statute was reviewed regarding this (V. S. A 20 § 3345 Land or Premises of Another), and suggested he give a copy to the State Police when he contacts them again.

Other Business:

- Priscilla presented to the Board a Warrant from the Treasurer to the Delinquent Tax Collector. Total amount of delinquent taxes, plus penalty and interest, is \$105,226.57. Warrant will be recorded in the Town Proceedings book.
- There was discussion regarding the town grader and garage space. Calvin explained that he utilized the garage based on equipment needs.
- Calvin and Priscilla notified the Board that there was a new Hazen Notch grant applied for, and one just finalized. Calvin also met with Jason from VTrans to go over the maps and pictures for the upcoming grant. Jason assured him everything looked good.
- Calvin notified the Board that they needed to replace the gate at the pit due to a tree falling on it and destroying it. The Board gave the go ahead.

- **Alden called for the meeting to go into executive session. The session ended at 7:15 p.m.**

Board Warrants:

General Order #34-	\$	45,080.12
General Order #35-	\$	1,058,998.20
Payroll #21-	\$	5,200.37
Payroll General #24-	\$	3,564.00
Fire Dept. #22-	\$	1,562.23

Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - \$ 1,114,404.92

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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

Richard Pion- Chm.

Christy Pion – Selectboard Clerk

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson