

NOTICE  
Town of Lowell  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON  
Wednesday, August 31, 2021, AT 5:30 P.M.  
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

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**AGENDA:**

- *Sign Orders*
- *Approve minutes from August 3, 2021*
- *Town Lawyer Discussion*
- *George Tarby*
- *Internet access for Town's people*
- *Other Business*

**SELECTBOARD:**  
Alden Warner-Chm.  
Darren Pion  
Wayne Richardson

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**MINUTES**  
SELECT BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF LOWELL  
**Meeting held on August 31, 2021.**

**Board members present:**

Alden Warner-Chm, Darren Pion, Wayne Richardson

Christy Pion-Town Clerk/Selectboard Clerk

Rebecca DiZazzo- Treasurer

Calvin Allen-Road Commissioner

Meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

**GUEST:**

- ❖ Lindsey Wight-MRB
- ❖ Marjorie Kramer
- ❖ Fay Starr
- ❖ Jennifer Blay

**Sign Orders:**

- ❖ Orders were approved and signed by the Board unanimously for the Treasurer.

**Minutes from August 3, 2021:**

- ❖ Minutes from August 3, 2021 we approved and signed by the Board Unanimously.

**Town Lawyer Discussion:**

- ❖ Christy explained to the Board the situation of Angela Ross resigning as our Town Lawyer and has recommended Davies Law Sara Davies Coe to take over if the Board agrees to it. The Board discussed it and has decided to go with Davies Law as our new Town Lawyer. Christy will call Sara Davies Coe on Thursday to make sure she is available to take us on. A follow up will be discussed at the next meeting.

### George Tarby:

- ❖ George was asked to come to our Board meeting to discuss some issues he was having with land markers and issues with the building he is living in. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend.
- ❖ Previously George Tarby had requested a health officer visit, but our health officer at the time was away on personal business, as was the deputy health officer. He had been awaiting their return, but unfortunately when the officers did return, they had to resign for personal health reasons. Until a new officer is appointed the Selectboard Chair has taken on the responsibility of the health officer. Alden, Selectboard chair, and Darren another Board member went to Mr. Tarby's to perform a health inspection. The Board discussed what their next steps would be on this inspection and will discuss it further at the next board meeting in 2 weeks.

### Internet access for town's people:

- ❖ Becky explained to the Board about having to disconnect the Lowell free internet and the Lowell hotspot due to the fact it was not secure. She asked the Board if they would agree to setting up a free secure internet that was not connected to the town office internet and would be available only with a password. The password would make the free internet more secure for its users as well and will be posted on the door for when we are not in the office. She also suggested using some of the ARPA grant money to do this, since it falls under one of the categories for the grant. The Board agreed unanimously to allow us to set this up and to use the ARPA grant money for the next 3 years to cover the expense. Christy will call FairPoint to set up the new internet access.

### Other Business:

- ❖ Lindsey Wight joined our meeting to ask the board once again to allow the Missisquoi river Basin society with the Wild and Scenic Design to take on all projects for 3.4 miles of the Missisquoi river that runs through our Town. The Board had explained why they said no the first time they had been asked but would like Lindsey to send us some more info on how this works, also the board would like to discuss this further with our town representative who is a part of this group. Lindsey agreed to send the information to the Town Clerk email.
- ❖ Jen Blay joined the meeting to discuss some ideas the kids had for the town trail they have been working on in Gelo Park. Some of the ideas were wood chipping, Bike paths, and would like the Boards permission to work in the park forest. The Board suggested stay matt for the trails to help keep them maintained, this will stop the trails from getting trees and shrubbery growing in the paths. Jen is going to have the children measure the path to find out how much material it is going to take to do this. Jen will come to another meeting with the measurement update.
- ❖ Calvin updated the Board that the third truck was arriving on Wednesday September 1, 2021.
- ❖ Calvin updated the Board that the Cheney Road grant had been approved.
- ❖ Calvin updated the Board on his meeting with the Fish and Wildlife department to discuss culvert replacements. Fish and Wildlife will get back to Calvin with their assessments of the culverts.
- ❖ Becky reviewed the profit and loss statement to date with the Board.
- ❖ The Board Chair signed the FEMA grant for the 2019 Halloween storm.
- ❖ The Board once again gave the VNA permission to be on an article for Town meeting without needing a petition.

### Board Warrants: From 8/17/2021 & 8/31/2021:

➤ General Order # 31	\$	103.59
➤ General Order # 32	\$	19,374.96
➤ Payroll Order # 17	\$	6,705.91

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\$ 26,184.46

➤ General Order # 33	\$	8,715.33
➤ Payroll Order # 18	\$	6,691.48

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Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - \$ 15,406.81

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: September 14, 2021 at the Town Office Building

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*Alden Warner- Chairman*

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*Christy M. Pion – Selectboard Clerk*

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*Darren Pion*

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*Wayne Richardson*