

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday May 9, 2023 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA:

- **ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**
- **CREDIT CARDS ZOOM MEETING**
- **SIGN ORDERS**
- **REVIEW MINUTES FROM April 25, 2023.**
- **OTHER BUSINESS**

SELECTBOARD:
Darren Pion-Chm.
Wayne Richardson
Jennifer Blay

MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL
Meeting held on May 9, 2023.

Board members present:

Darren Pion-Chm., Wayne Richardson, Jennifer Blay
Christy Pion- Clerk/Asst. Treasurer/Selectboard Clerk
Rebecca DiZazzo-Treasurer/Delinquent. Tax Col.
Calvin Allen-Road Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Guest:

- Sam Thurston-Zoning Board

Additions and Deletions:

- Grand list extension request from the Listers.
- Zoning Secretary to talk about Town plans and next steps for the Selectboard.

Town Plan Next Steps:

- Sam Thurston, Zoning Board Member, joined the meeting to discuss the next step for the Town Plan. Sam explained that the Zoning Board already posted a public meeting for them that was held on April 25, 2023, and now it is the Selectboard's turn to do the same. The Board agreed to hold the meeting on July 11, 2023 at 5:30 for the normal meeting day was scheduled for July 4, 2023 which is a holiday. The Board will now have Christy post the notice for this meeting in the paper and 3 public places in the town.

Zoom meeting with Satellite Biz:

- The company Satellite Biz joined the meeting via zoom to discuss the possibility of the Town of Lowell being able to accept credit and debit cards in the office. Currently the office is only able to accept credit cards online for tax payments. After the presentation of the zoom meeting the Board asked a few questions to understand the systems' uses and security measures. After closing the zoom meeting, the Board discussed the pros and cons of having this system. The Board decided since this system is free to municipalities that they would leave the decision up to the Clerk and Treasurer on whether to use this company.

Other Business:

- Darren asked the other board members what they thought of the work that had been done so far on the community trails. Jenn suggested putting pollinator flowers to keep the growth at bay along with mulch to spruce it up. Becky asked about grass and places for people to grill for family gatherings. Jenn explained that this was a nature trail for walking and biking. She also explained that there were places throughout the trail to sit and picnic tables for picnic lunches. There was a little discussion about putting metal grills that are cemented near the edge of the park towards the end of the field near the far opening. More about this will be discussed at a later date. Darren asked if they were planning to do more to the trails. Jenn and Wayne would like to hold off on doing any more than what has already been done except for the mulch and pollinator flowers for now. Calvin suggested winter rye to help keep the berry bushes at bay.
- The Board asked Darren what he had paid for the rental of the skid steer mulcher. Darren answered that it came to a total of \$1102.70. The Board decided that they were going to reimburse Darren for the cost of the machine.
- Darren Signed the Grand list extension form for the Listers Office.
- Calvin brought in 2 quotes for paving for the Board to review. One from Gray’s paving estimated at \$184,986.00, and one from J. Hutchins, Inc estimated at 202,854.35. After a small discussion, the Board decided to go with Gray’s Paving which followed with the Board Chair signing the Agreement estimate page to be sent back to Gray’s.
- Calvin updated the Board on the tire change for the grader and that the rest of the grader would be fixed on Wednesday.
- Darren asked Calvin what his plans were for the pit on Lower Village road. Calvin said he would be starting with the removal of the old mulch in the back portion of the pit.
- Calvin updated the Board on a grant for signage that he will be applying for that came from VTrans.

Minutes from April 25, 2023:

- Minutes from April 25, 2023 were approved by the Board unanimously.

Sign Orders:

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

Board Warrants:

➤ General Order # 16	\$	37,084.51
➤ Payroll Order # 10	\$	6,481.09
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	\$	43,565.60

**Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling -
Meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: May 23, 2023 at the Town Office Building.

Darren Pion-Chair

Christy M. Pion-Selectboard Clerk

Wayne Richardson-Select Person

Jennifer Blay-Select Person