

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON

Tuesday October 18th, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M.

AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

- Approve minutes of October 4th, 2016 Meeting.
- Review mail and correspondence from the Office as presented.
- Other business
- Sign orders

SELECTBOARD:
Richard Pion- Chm.
Alden Warner
Dwight Richardson

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL

Meeting held on October 18th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Board members present:

Richard Pion/Chairman; Dwight Richardson; Alden Warner

Town Officials present:

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

Discussion:

- Minutes of the October 4th, 2016 meeting signed. Approved unanimously.
- Richard Pion requested the Board to sign an easement from the Vermont Electric Cooperative allowing power lines to be run over top of the road near Richard Pion's House at 2133 Irish Hill Road. The Board agreed unanimously and the easement was signed and returned to Richard.
- Richard Pion informed the Board he had been contacted by Attorney Brian Monahan regarding the claim from Cooperative Insurance for the Mines Road collapse. Brian Monahan was hired by the VLCT -PACIF Insurance to represent the Town of Lowell in the complaint. Brian notified Richard that there will be a mediation meeting on November 30th, 2016 in Montpelier. Dwight Richardson made the motion to have Richard Pion attend the meeting as the representative to the Board. Alden Warner seconded. Richard will attend the meeting on behalf of the Board on November 30th, 2016.
- Calvin Allen provided the Board with an overview of the transition from the summer to winter road season and the preparations he has made. He also reviewed the information discussed at a VTrans District 9 Road Commissioners Forum this month.
- Calvin explained to the Board that he is looking to purchase a larger truck which will hold more salt and gravel for road maintenance. The increased capacity will save time during plowing season as he doesn't have to return to the garage to reload with salt as often. After explaining the vehicle he is considering and the benefits to having the larger capacity, Calvin asked the Board to confirm the hourly truck rate he would be paid for the equipment before he made the financial commitment. The Board agreed unanimously that they would agree to a rate of \$40 per hour for a 14 yard tandem truck as described.

- Calvin Allen and the Board discussed the grader and repairs and maintenance that are needed. As the seasons change it is the ideal time to have repairs done. Calvin will contact John Deere to have them assess the repairs and determine if it can be done at the Town Garage or if it is better to transport to their location to complete.
- The Board expressed concern for some river bed erosion areas along the Hazen Notch Road. It is coming closer to the road bed and they are concerned that storms could cause severe damage. The Town had applied for a Better Roads Grant this past spring for assistance in paying for the work but was denied. The Road Commissioner and the Board both feel that they cannot wait for another round of grants and need to assess the situation and cost of repairing. Calvin Allen will contact Jason Sevigny at VTrans District 9 and ask him to perform a site visit and offer his opinion moving forward. When Jason's recommendations are received the Board will discuss the options and costs associated.
- Sandy LaDeau reported that Jeffrey Austin from FairPoint Communications confirmed that the Town of Lowell was approved for grant assistance through the Public Service Board to improve internet services in Town. There are no details yet as to the scope of work to be completed or timeline involved. Sandy will update the Board when she receives more information from FairPoint.

Board Warrants for October 18th, 2016

General Order #	32	\$ 409.96
General Order #	33	\$ 100.00
General Order #	34	\$1,000.00
General Order #	35	\$383,471.94
Payroll #	20	\$ 6,190.26
Payroll General #	22	\$ 2,981.00
Fire Department #	20	\$447.61
Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling		\$ 394,600.77

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Next meeting date: November 1st, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Richard Pion- Chm.

Amanda Carlson - Asst. Clerk

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson