

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

AGENDA:

- Sign Orders
- Approve minutes from December 22, 2020.
- Discussion of Town Meeting
- Other business

SELECTBOARD:
Richard Pion- Chm.
Alden Warner
Darren Pion

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL
Meeting held on January 5, 2021.

Board members present:

Richard Pion-Chm, Alden Warner, Darren Pion

Christy Pion-Town Clerk/Selectboard Clerk

Priscilla Matten-Treasurer/Delinq. Tax Coll.

Calvin Allen-Road Commissioner

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Guest Via Phone:

- ❖ Debra Lamphere- road and driveway discussion

Sign Orders:

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

Minutes for December 22, 2020:

- ❖ Minutes for December 22, 2020 were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

Phone meeting with Debra Lamphere:

- ❖ Debra Called to speak with the Board and Calvin about some confusion she had with her road. She had expressed concern about why her road wasn't being plowed all the way to her driveway, and why the road crew was not using her driveway as a turnaround point. She also was confused about why her portion of the road is still a class 4 not a class 3 road and was told by the previous Road commissioner that he had reclassified her road to a class 3. The Board had explained to her that the Road commissioner, no matter who he is, does not have the authority to reclassify a town road. She had stated that she had spoken with VTrans (Jason Sevigny), who had told her that the paperwork end of transitioning from a class 4 to a class 3 road was simple, but the Board had explained to her that the process was much longer than just filing paperwork to get it changed over. As for the plowing of her road, the road commissioner explained to her that he needed to wait until the ground froze before turning around in her driveway, to not ruin her driveway. The Board had suggested that if she wants to start the process of changing her road classification, then she should approach the Board at a scheduled Board meeting, in the spring, and put in her request. Debra agreed to do so.

Other Business:

- ❖ Priscilla updated the Board on the paving Grant. She explained that the Selectboard had allocated paving funds, in prior years, amounting to approx.. \$75,000. She wanted the Board’s approval of her disposition of the funds.. She submitted a payment to the bank, with instructions to apply it to the payment due in July 2021 She will submit another payment with 2021 allocations of \$25,000, also to be applied toward the upcoming payment. By doing this, there will only be approx. a \$5,000 payment instead of one over \$100,000, which will help the taxpayers for 2021. The payments were credited with interest to date and the balance to the principal of the loan. The Board approved the plan.
- ❖ Priscilla presented a letter of interest and resume form Melanie Richardson regarding the Job of Treasurer/Delinquent Tax Collector. Four others were presented previously for the Board to review. The Board asked Priscilla to put together a detailed description of the job so the applicants will have a clearer picture of what the job entails. They also expressed a desire that the correspondence to the applicants will include salary and benefits so only the serious applicants will need to be interviewed.
- ❖ Priscilla also spoke to the Board about the employee group insurance and asked them to review the present policy based on present and future plans. They will be discussing this at the next meeting.
- ❖ The Board agreed to relieve the property tax penalty to Robianne Self due to the confusion of taxes due at the closing of the property sale, in July 2020. The Seller and Buyer were confused on the amounts due from each, and it took some time, and contacts with the attorneys involved, to get the appropriate amounts perfected. Priscilla will ask for the needed BCA approval.

Discussion of Town Meeting:

- ❖ The Board had a continued discussion regarding the upcoming Town Meeting plans. They have been leaning toward postponing the meeting until warmer weather in the spring to allow an outdoor meeting. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the town has no indoor facility adequate to house this activity. After a long discussion, the decision was made to postpone the meeting to a later date.

Board Warrants:

➤ General Order # 61	\$	77,586.21
➤ General Order # 1	\$	13,242.97
➤ Payroll Order # 1	\$	9,478.27

Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - **\$ 100,307.45.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: January19, 2021 at the Town Office Building

Richard Pion- Chairman

Christy M. Pion – Selectboard Clerk

Alden Warner

Darren Pion