

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday September 29, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA:

- Sign Orders
- Approve minutes from September 15, 2020
- Update on Rte. 58 Bridge Replacement
- Other business

SELECTBOARD:

Richard Pion- Chm.
Alden Warner
Darren Pion

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL
Meeting held on September 29, 2020

Board members present:

Richard Pion-Chm, Alden Warner, Darren Pion

Christy Pion-Town Clerk

Priscilla Matten-Treasurer

Calvin Allen-Road Commissioner

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

Guest:

- ❖ Sam Thurston-Zoning Board
- ❖ Charles Boulmetis-Zoning Board
- ❖ Jeff Parsons-Zoning Board

Sign Orders:

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

Minutes for September 15, 2020:

- ❖ Minutes for September 15, 2020 were approved and signed by the Board unanimously

Update on Rte. 58 Bridge Replacement:

- ❖ The Board asked Priscilla to Contact Chris Hunt, from VTrans, to find out the status of the rte. 58 bridge replacement. Update of this conversation will be discussed at a later date.

Other Business:

- ❖ Town officials verified that the pine from Gelo Park will be disbursed at 40% for the Town and 60% for the Logger to help defray cost of the clean-up of the diseased wood.

- ❖ The Board Chair approved and signed Truck Weight Permits for the following: **Field and Sons Transportation, Inc.**
- ❖ Update on the Town Sander for Sale: Alden has agreed to buy the Town Sander for \$2000.00 to be paid in 4 installments of \$500.00.
- ❖ Christy, Town Clerk/Board Clerk suggested that the Board put the Church and Town Clerk's Office plowing out for bid, based on the law which mandates putting it out to bid every 1 to 3 years. She noted it has not been done for more than 3 years. The Board agreed and will be putting together a bid form and ad for this contract. This bid process will be discussed and finalized at the next meeting.
- ❖ The Zoning Board joined the meeting to discuss Act 171, Vermont's Forest Fragmentation Law. (see attachment A for details) Jeff Parsons, Zoning Member, read aloud the rough draft for this law to be implemented by the Town of Lowell for the Town Plan. Jeff also shared a map showing the area forest connectors. (see attachment B)
- ❖ Calvin had some concerns about the VASA trails and the ATV use of our Town roads. He made a suggestion to change the open Town road policy and to require a fee of \$10.00 for each ATV permit to help maintain the roads traveled by ATVs. He would also like to have a meeting with Scott Jenness, president of VASA, to rediscuss the terms of Town permission for ATV's use of Town Roads. Calvin asked if one of the Board members would call Scott to set this up, and Darren agreed to contact him.
- ❖ Priscilla had brought to the Boards attention that the Purchasing policy needed to be updated. They discussed it and decided to only change one thing. Priscilla will update the change and the Board will sign it at the next meeting.
- ❖ Calvin noted that he had contacted VLCT to inquire regarding insurance coverage of his tools. They responded with an email to the Town Clerk stating that if the Town owns the tools then, yes automatically covered, but if the tools belong to him personally, then no, unless it is a town requirement. In this case the Town doesn't own any tools, so it is a town requirement that he use his own, so therefore the tools must be covered by the Town insurance.

Board Warrants:

➤ General Order # 45	\$	2,107.77
➤ General Order # 46	\$	7,143.81
➤ General Order # 47	\$	1,606.64
➤ Payroll Order # 39	\$	5,635.87

Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - **\$ 16,494.09**

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: October 13, 2020 at the Town Office Building

Richard Pion- Chairman

Christy M. Pion – Selectboard Clerk

Alden Warner

Darren Pion