

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday May 25, 2021, AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA:

- Sign Orders
- Approve minutes from May 11, 2021
- F.O.L.K.
- Other Business

SELECTBOARD:

Richard Pion
Alden Warner-Chm.
Darren Pion

MINUTES

**SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL
Meeting held on May 25, 2021.**

Board members present:

Alden Warner-Chm, Darren Pion

Christy Pion-Town Clerk/Selectboard Clerk

Rebecca DiZazzo- Treasurer

Calvin Allen-Road Commissioner

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

GUEST:

- ❖ Jennifer Blay- F.O.L.K
- ❖ McKenna Blay- F.O.L.K
- ❖ Ashley Randall- F.O.L.K.
- ❖ Sonja Blodgett- F.O.L.K.
- ❖ Gordon Spencer- Town Auditor

Sign Orders:

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

Minutes from May 11, 2021:

- ❖ Minutes from May 11, 2021 have been approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

F.O.L.K.:

- ❖ Members of F.O.L.K. joined our meeting with concerns and confusion of what was written in the town report by the Town Auditors. Keri Willey, F.O.L.K. member, started the conversation by explaining why the members were concerned and confused. Keri explained that the way the town report was written, they weren't doing their books right. Their Treasurer had had many previous conversations with Gordon Spencer, Town Auditor, on how to improve their books to make them more auditable, and this is where the confusion of the written report baffled the F.O.L.K. committee. Gordon explained that it wasn't supposed to be taken in the way it was written and that was not what he meant. He did agree that they were doing a good job with the books, but still had a little more work to do to make it acceptable for auditing. He was asked by the F.O.L.K. committee if he would stand up at Town meeting and repeat what he just said to the Towns people, and he agreed to do so. Gordon apologized for the miss communication, and the F.O.L.K committee accepted the apology.

Other Business:

- ❖ Becky spoke to the Board about some work that was being done by Albert Pion. She explained what she had learned from VLCT on this kind of work with rental of a tractor for short term. She was told that all that was needed was a contract between the Town and the Owner of the tractor. She had drawn a contract up, the Board reviewed it, signed it, and Calvin Allen signed it as a witness to the Board. Albert will be coming into the office the next day to sign the contract as well and the Town Clerk will witness his signature.
- ❖ Calvin updated the Board on the arrival of the first leased truck for the town, which arrived on May 21, 2021, and the second one will arrive in a few more days.
- ❖ Calvin updated the Board on the cost of fuel for the trucks and stated that the Town will be saving 5 cents per gallon by using just highway fuel rather than the red fuel.
- ❖ Christy mentioned to the board that the office girls would like to change the hours of the Clerk's office. She and Becky have put a lot of thought and discussion on this matter, and they both feel it would be more efficient to be open longer hours and less days. They had asked to have the hours changed to 8-hour days 3 days a week. The Board agreed to allow this change. The Office will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm starting June 14, 2021.
- ❖ Truck weight permits were signed and approved by the Selectboard for Blow & Cote.

Board Warrants:

➤ General Order # 19	\$	196.71
➤ General Order # 20	\$	16,650.36
➤ Payroll Order # 11	\$	5,930.92

Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - \$ 22,777.99

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: June 9, 2021, at the Town Office Building

Alden Warner- Chairman

Christy M. Pion - Selectboard Clerk

Richard Pion

Darren Pion