

**WARNING**  
**LOWELL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

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The legal voters of the Town of Lowell, Vermont are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Lowell Graded School on  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** to act on the following articles of business:

**SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING:**

All Australian ballot articles warned by North Country Union High School (NCUHS) will be voted by the  
Australian ballot system at the Lowell Graded School.

***Polls open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.***

- ARTICLE 1:** To ELECT SCHOOL MODERATOR for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 2:** To ELECT an ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR for a two year term.
- ARTICLE 3:** To ELECT an ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTOR for a three year term.
- ARTICLE 4:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** approve the School Board to expend \$1,735,799.00, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year 2019. It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,329.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 6.74% higher than spending for the current year. The overall budget has decreased 5.52% from the current year.
- ARTICLE 5:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to use \$75,000.00 of the unallocated, unaudited general fund balance from the 2016-2017 school year, to reduce taxes in the 2018-2019 school budget?
- ARTICLE 6:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer to the Building Maintenance Fund \$5,920.00 of unallocated, unaudited general fund balance from the 2016-2017 school year?
- ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters of the **LOWELL TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT** authorize the Board of School Directors to transfer to the Tax Stabilization Fund \$23,452.00 of unallocated, unaudited General Fund balance from the 2016-2017 school year to be used in future budgets when the tax rate is to increase more than 3 cents?
- ARTICLE 8:** To transact any other non-binding business which may legally come before this meeting.
- ARTICLE 9:** To adjourn.

**TOWN MEETING:**

- ARTICLE 10:** To ELECT TOWN MODERATOR for the ensuing year.
- ARTICLE 11:** To HEAR and ACT upon reports of TOWN OFFICERS.
- ARTICLE 12:** To ELECT the following OFFICERS required by law:
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| a. SELECT PERSON             | 3 year term |
| b. LISTER                    | 3 year term |
| c. AUDITOR                   | 3 year term |
| d. 1 <sup>st</sup> CONSTABLE | 1 year term |
| e. 2 <sup>nd</sup> CONSTABLE | 1 year term |
| f. TOWN AGENT                | 1 year term |
| g. GRAND JUROR               | 1 year term |
| h. LIBRARY TRUSTEE           | 5 year term |
- ARTICLE 13:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$280,000.00 for TOWN EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES (Select Board's Account)?
- ARTICLE 14:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 135,000.00 plus Vermont State Aid funding for WINTER ROADS?
- ARTICLE 15:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 135,000.00 plus Vermont State Aid funding for SUMMER ROADS?
- ARTICLE 16:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ 25,000.00 for the FIRE DEPARTMENT?

**ARTICLE 17:** Shall the legal voters allow the Select Board to **transfer** the **Kingdom Community Wind CD** and the **People's United Bank CD** to a savings account to borrow from until property taxes are received, to save the town interest cost?

**ARTICLE 18:** Shall the legal voters authorize the Select Board to **APPOINT** a **TOWN CLERK** pursuant to 17 V.S.A. & 2651e?

**ARTICLE 19:** Shall the legal voters authorize the Select Board to **APPOINT** a **TOWN TREASURER** pursuant to 17 V.S.A. & 2651f?

**ARTICLE 20:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ **6,000.00** for the **COMMUNITY LIBRARY**?

**ARTICLE 21:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ **3,000.00** for the **LITTLE LEAGUE & T-BALL** teams?

**ARTICLE 22:** Shall the legal voters appropriate \$ **1,000.00** for the **JR. HOOP BASKETBALL** teams?

**ARTICLE 23:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the sum of \$ **3,500.00** to the **ORLEANS ESSEX VNA & HOSPICE, INC.** for the services of Skilled Nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Medical Social Work, Licensed Nurse's Aide, Homemaker, Personal Care Attendant, Hospice, and Maternal Child Health Programs, and other community health programs provided by the Agency?

**ARTICLE 24:** Shall the legal voters appropriate the following sums:

- a) \$ 500 to AMERICAN RED CROSS
- b) \$ 250 to GREEN MOUNTAIN FARM-to-SCHOOL, INC
- c) \$ 50 to GREEN UP VERMONT
- d) \$ 450 to HAZEN'S NOTCH ASSOC. CAMPERSHIP FUND
- e) \$ 250 to JAY AREA LOCAL FOOD SHELF
- f) \$ 200 to JAY PEAK POST NO. 28, INC. - AMERICAN LEGION
- g) \$ 300 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. - ORLEANS COUNTY COURT DIVERSION
- h) \$ 300 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM COUNCIL ON AGING
- i) \$ 923 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM HUMAN SERVICE, INC.
- j) \$ 200 to NORTHEAST KINGDOM LEARNING SERVICES INC
- k) \$ 659 to NORTHEASTERN VT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
- l) \$ 500 to ORLEANS COUNTY CITIZEN ADVOCACY
- m) \$ 450 to ORLEANS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
- n) \$ 500 to POPE MEMORIAL FRONTIER ANIMAL SHELTER
- o) \$ 200 to PREVENT CHILD ABUSE VERMONT
- p) \$ 700 to RURAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION
- q) \$ 825 to UMBRELLA
- r) \$ 100 to VACD - VERMONT RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
- s) \$ 200 to VT ASSOC for the BLIND and VISUALLY IMPAIRED
- t) \$ 90 to VT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
- u) \$ 85 to VT TRAILS & GREENWAYS

**Total for above appropriations = \$7,697.00**

*PLEASE NOTE: Individual service reports printed in back of town report.*

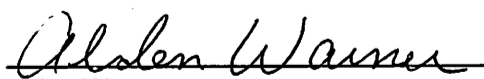
**ARTICLE 25:** To transact any other non-binding business that may legally come before the Town.

**ARTICLE 26:** TO ADJOURN.

**SELECTBOARD:**


  
Richard Pion, Chairman


  
Dwight Richardson

  
Alden Warner

**ATTEST:**  
  
Sandy LaDeau - Town Clerk / Treasurer

**SCHOOL DIRECTORS:**

  
Steve Mason, Chair,

  
Jason Blay

  
David Legacy

**Received for posting:**