

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

Tuesday September 6th, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M.

AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

- Approve minutes of August 23rd, 2016 Meeting.
- Review mail and correspondence from the Office as presented.
- Sign orders.
- Other business.

SELECTBOARD:
Richard Pion- Chm.
Alden Warner
Dwight Richardson

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL

Meeting held on September 6th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Board members present:

Richard Pion/Chairman; Dwight Richardson; Alden Warner

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

Guests:

Jennifer Blay

Discussion:

- Minutes of August 23rd meeting signed. Approved unanimously.
- Jennifer Blay asked the Board permission to pursue a grant to fund a walking trail on the Town Land behind the Town Clerk's Office. The proposed trail would be 4 feet wide and would run along the edge of the tree line, behind the baseball diamonds and soccer field. Part of the trail would be on School property next door but permission from the school Principal, Anita Gagner, has already been granted. The trail would be open to the public for walking, running and biking. Jennifer is having quotes done by a local contractor on the work and will investigate various grant opportunities. At this time, Jennifer is not looking for funding and does not think it will cost the Town anything. The Board agreed unanimously and granted permission for her to pursue the project using Town land. Jennifer Blay will update when she has more information and no work will be completed until the Board approves the placement of the trail.
- F.O.L.K asked if they could place a sandwich board at the four corners to announce the annual F.O.L.K festival on September 17th, 2016. The Board agreed unanimously that this festival was a Town fundraising event and granted the group permission to place the sign on Town property.

- The Board was notified that Katherine Sims has arranged a meeting at the Lowell Graded School on September 15th at 6 p.m. with the Vermont Public Service Department. The Public Service Department will be discussing internet options for the area and answering questions regarding grant opportunities and options for service. The Board agreed to post the notice in the local newspaper.
- The Board reviewed a draft of the Complaint to be filed against the VLCT-PACIF to pursue denial of insurance coverage. Ron Shems from Diamond & Robinson will file the claim with the court once approved. For convenience of the law office the board agreed to have it filed in Montpelier instead of Newport. The Board agreed unanimously to approve the final document as written with no recommended changes.
- The Board reviewed the discovery responses provided by Bill Pettersen of Monaghan Safar Ducham PLLC. Monaghan Safar Ducham PLLC are representing the Town against Cooperative Insurance who is pursuing reimbursement for damages paid to the Richardson family in the 2012 Mines Road collapse. The Board reviewed the detailed responses and approved the document as written. Richard Pion, Select Board Chairman, signed and approved the final draft which will be sent to Bill Pettersen for filing.
- Vermont Land Trust sent notification that Jason and Ashley Randall have reached an agreement to perpetually conserve 212 acres of their land with the association. Documents for filing will be coming to the Town Clerk's Office shortly.
- The tree year term for the Town Health Officer is almost expired. The Department of Health recommendation form was signed by Richard Pion to reinstate Carol Wood-Koob to the position for an additional term. Carol will be asked to sign the oath of office before the State receives the verification.
- The ACT 250 Board sent a notification that starting October 3, 2016 the office will no longer be receiving paper copies of ACT 250 notices, applications or submittals. Richard Pion signed the Delegation or Authority to Accept Service approving the ACT 250 office to electronically send all notices to the Town Clerk, Sandy LaDeau. Sandy signed the statement in confirmation.
- Potter Road residents beyond the Class 4 portion have all signed an agreement to have a locked gate installed. The residents sent the Town a signed copy of the agreement and keys will be given to the Fire Department, Town Office and Town Garage once installed.
- Amanda Carlson submitted her resignation from the Lowell Zoning Board effective immediately. The position currently interferes with an alternate evening commitment however she will continue to support the Zoning Board when she can through the office. The vacancy will be posted in the newspaper and the Select Board will appoint a replacement.
- Calvin Allen provided the Board with an update on the roads and the completion of projects after the June flood. There is an ongoing concern with overweight trucks on the Kempton Hill Bridge and although weight restrictions are posted, two additional "No Trucks" signs will be ordered for the road.

Board Warrants for July 12th, 2016

General Order #	25	\$ 9,451.35
General Order #	26	\$ 1,523.52
Payroll #	17	\$ 4,421.84
Payroll General #	19	\$ 2,908.00
Fire Department #	16	\$ 491.23
Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling		\$ 18,795.94

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting date: September 20th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Richard Pion- Chm.

Amanda Carlson - Asst. Clerk

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson