

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday April 5th, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA

- Sign town orders
- Other business

SELECTBOARD:
Richard Pion- Chm.
Alden Warner
Dwight Richardson

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL

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

Board members present:

Richard Pion/Chairman; Alden Warner; Dwight Richardson
Amanda Carlson/Select Board Clerk
Calvin Allen/Road Commissioner
Sandy LaDeau/Town Clerk & Treasurer

Guests:

Robbin Clark; Nancy Warner; Gordon Spencer

Discussion:

- Robbin Clark and Nancy Warner wanted their concerns about the Kidder Hill Wind Project being moved into Lowell on record. The Board assured them that there were no plans in effect, and that the previous meeting with the representatives of the project was purely informational. Nancy and Robbin requested assurance from the Board that, should the project be proposed for Lowell, then the Town would be allowed to vote on the issue. The Board assured them both that no decisions would be made by the Board alone, that all discussions would be made public and a vote would take place should permits be applied for to move the project to Lowell.
- Gordon Spencer, Town Auditor, and Sandy LaDeau, Treasurer, updated the Board on the external financial audit by Ron Beaulieu & Co. The audit is taking much longer than expected. The Board will draft a letter to the company stating that we expect results in a timely manner and ensuring that they are only conducting the audit of 2014 financials as stated in the contract.
- The Board was reminded of the Annual Road Meeting with Vermont Department of Transportation the following morning; Wednesday April 6th @ 7:30 a.m.
- Calvin Allen gave the Board an update on the Road Department and the general maintenance being done. The Board discussed plans for cutting the gravel pit and best access points.
- Calvin and Amanda to follow up on Insurance Inspection and recommended items to be fixed at both the Garage and Town Office. List will be completed and sent back to PACIF-VLCT by next meeting.
- Sandy to verify the new rules and regulations about contracted services requiring to have workman's compensation insurance in addition to the liability. The concern is that this will eliminate a lot of self-employed local contractors. Update with clarification to follow.
- Amanda Carlson to apply for the VLCT-PACIF 2016 Equipment Grant. Various safety equipment for the Town Garage and Road Department will be included.

- Minutes of March 22nd, 2016 meeting signed and approved unanimously.
- Annual Truck Weight Permits signed by Richard Pion for the following: *J.P Sicard Inc, Amerigas, G.W. Tatro Construction Inc, Harrison Redi-Mix, Calkins, Gould Well Drilling,*
- Amanda Carlson to apply for the Better Roads Grant for stream bank stabilization along the Hazen Notch Road.
- The Board discussed various hazard mitigation projects that will be detailed to the Hazard Mitigation Plan writer, Jamie Caplan, to be included in the final plan.

Board Warrants

General Order # 10 -	\$ 20,473.41
Payroll # - 7	\$ 4,750.04
Payroll General # 7 -	\$ 2,836.00
Payroll General # 8 -	\$ 174.33
Fire Department # 6 -	\$ 300.00

Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - **\$ 28,533.78**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Next meeting date: April 19th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Richard Pion- Chm.

Amanda Carlson - Asst. Clerk

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson