

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday February 13, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA:

- **ADDITIONS & DELETIONS**
- **UPDATE ON RTE 58 BRIDGE PROJECT-PATRICK TRAVERS**
- **SIGN ORDERS**
- **REVIEW MINUTES FROM JANUARY 30, 2024**
- **ROAD COMMISSIONER UPDATES**
- **OTHER BUSINESS**

SELECTBOARD:
Darren Pion-Chm.
Wayne Richardson
Jennifer Blay

MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL
Meeting held on February 13, 2024.

Board members present:

Darren Pion, Chm., Wayne Richardson, Jennifer Blay
Christy Pion- Clerk/Asst. Treasurer/Selectboard Clerk
Calvin Allen-Road Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Guests:

- BillyJoe Allen - Resident
- Kelly Smith – Visitor
- Gordon Spencer – Zoning Admin
- Patrick Travers – GPI Consultant
- Megan Ooms via Zoom – Dubois & King

Patrick Travers-GPI, Megan Ooms-Dubois & King, via Zoom:

- Patrick came to apologize for everything taking longer than expected. The ROW process took longer than he thought because the Town Lawyer did not like the ROW template. The Board asked if the bridge was going to be done this Spring. Patrick said definitely.
- Wayne expressed that he did not understand why the bridge plans took so long when there should have been an update to the plans in August. Megan answered that they were hit by hurdles, including short staffing and delayed approvals and processes.
- The bridge will essentially take 8 weeks to be completed. Jenn asked when bidding could start. Patrick said Mid-April – with 3 weeks to get bids in.
- Pat went over the new Estimation of Costs which is lower than what Megan had originally estimated.
- It was determined that we need to form a committee to choose a Construction Consultant for the inspection. Vtrans has a list of consultants we can review and select from or invite any other consultants to apply,
- Jenn asked what happened with the overpayment above the Contract. Dubois & King’s billing department made an error, and the Town will be reimbursed.
- Pat asked if there were any other questions. Jenn asked what the time limit is for choosing a consultant – Pat said two weeks.

Additions and Deletions:

- BillyJoe Allen came to talk to the Board about his driveway. He wanted them to know that where the water is going will cause his driveway to wash out. He wants the Road Commissioner to give him a cover to fix the road issue. He also wants to know why the sander shuts off before the driveway and doesn't get turned back on until after it goes by his driveway. Calvin explained to him that the landowner is responsible for any culverts. The Board Chair and Calvin will go investigate to see how to fix the issue.
- Gordon Spencer came to inform the Board about some complaints he got from a gentleman from the State named Vince Chignon about existing junkyards in town. He needs to know who is licensed and who is not. Jenn would like to investigate the State Statutes of limitations of non-running vehicles in yards.
- Gordon mentioned that the Green Hill guardrails are loose again and need to be replaced.

Sign Orders:

- The Board reviewed the financials for the Treasurer. They were approved and signed.

Minutes from January 30, 2024:

- Minutes from January 30, 2024 were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

Road Commissioner Updates:

- No updates from the Road Commissioner.

Other Business:

- The Board discussed the Recycle Attendant issue and whether we are going to advertise the job. They will talk to Andre LeBlanc one more time before deciding.
- Rasputitsa Bike Race Discussion update: A Contract to represent the Joint Committee and Selectboards from each town was received from Clarke Atwell, Attorney-at-Law. Jenn read the minutes from the last joint meeting to update the rest of the Board. She also read the Event Agreement in detail. If the Board decides to participate, they must sign the Agreement for the lawyer. The Board does not really want the bike race in Lowell but does feel that it would benefit others in town. The Board decided not to participate and therefore will not be signing the Event Agreement. The Board emailed the Joint Committee to inform them of their decision and to have them reroute the race since Lowell will not be participating.
- Municipal Weight Permits were approved and signed by Darren for Jack F. Corse, Inc and Weston Pulpwood Sales, inc.
- Tax Map Maintenance Contract was signed by the Board for the Listers.
- Town of Lowell Grand List approval was signed by the Listers, Selectboard and Town Clerk.
- Jenn, Darren and Wayne asked Christy to find the discussion of Stewart Road where it is stated what the plans are.

Board Warrants:

➤	General Order # 5	\$	11,725.22
➤	Payroll Order # 4	\$	6,555.04

\$ 18,280.26

**Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling -
Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted by Marie Busch and Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: February 27, 2024 at the Town Office Building.

Darren Pion-Chair

Christy M. Pion-Selectboard Clerk

Wayne Richardson-Select Person

Jennifer Blay-Select Person