

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday November 1st, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

- Approve minutes of October 18th, 2016 Meeting.
- Review mail and correspondence from the Office as presented.
- Other business
- Sign orders

SELECTBOARD:
Richard Pion- Chm.
Alden Warner
Dwight Richardson

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL

Meeting held on Tuesday November 1st, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Board members present:

Richard Pion/Chairman; Dwight Richardson; Alden Warner

Town Officials present:

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

Discussion:

- Minutes of October 18th, 2016 meeting signed. Approved unanimously.
- The Board agreed unanimously for Amanda Carlson to post the yearly snow plow right-of-way ad in the newspaper as a courtesy to residents.
- Richard Pion provided a letter from the Town Health Officer, Carol Koob. Carol inspected the mobile home located on Richard's land but not owned by him. The home has been abandoned and left in a state that she considers a health hazard. Copy of letter from Town Health Officer attached.
- Richard would like to remove the mobile home from the property, however, he would like to ensure he is acting within his legal rights as a property owner, as well as on behalf of the town.
- Amanda to contact the VLCT to confirm what steps the Town may take in regards to the health hazard and report back to the Board.
- Sandy LaDeau attended a meeting with Blue Cross Blue Shield to discuss the current medical insurance policies the Town has. She reported that open enrollment ended December 31, 2016 and any current employees to be added to the plan would need to be done so before this date.
- Sandy LaDeau and Amanda Carlson both requested to be added to the medical plan with the Town. They felt that being full time employees, they were entitled to the same benefits that the full-time Garage employees received.
- The Board agreed unanimously that in lieu of a raise, the Town would provide medical health benefits equal to those provided to the Road Department employees, to the Town Clerk/Treasurer and the Town Administrator, starting January 1, 2016.

- Calvin Allen reported that he has had Nortrax into the Town Garage for an estimate on fixing the grader. The approximate cost of all repairs is \$12,000.00 not including the trucking to transport the grader to the shop.
- The Board agreed unanimously that the maintenance and repair was required to prevent further damage and that the work should be completed now when the grader is not needed. Calvin Allen to arrange transportation to the shop for repairs as soon as possible.
- Calvin Allen and Alden Warner met with a VTrans representative at the Hazen Notch Road for assessment of the river bank erosion concerns. VTrans has issued the Town a stream alteration permit to complete the work.
- The Town has applied for the Better Roads grant the last two years to have this work completed and was declined. The Board discussed the options of waiting until next year and applying for the grant assistance again, or completing the work within the road budget. Calvin estimated the cost of stones and trucking to prevent erosion would be about \$7,000.
- The Board agreed unanimously that the work should be completed now as to prevent any future damage.

Board Warrants for November 1st, 2016

General Order #	36	\$ 678.99
General Order #	37	\$ 18,542.00
General Order #	38	\$ 662,562.99
General Order #	39	\$ 176,655.36
Payroll #	21	\$ 4,634.22
Payroll General #	23	\$ 2,623.00
Fire Department #	21	\$ 2,693.00
Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling		\$ 868,389.56

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting date: Tuesday November 15, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Richard Pion- Chm.

Amanda Carlson – Select Board Clerk

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson