NOTICE

Town of Lowell

SELECT BOARD MEETING

THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON

Tuesday December 5, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA:

- ADDITIONS & DELETIONS
- > LISTERS DISCUSSION
- > UPDATE FOR REPRO
- > SECOND PRINTER DECISION
- > SIGN ORDERS
- > REVIEW MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 21, 2023
- > ROAD COMMISSIONER UPDATES
- > OTHER BUSINESS

SELECTBOARD:

Darren Pion-Chm. Wayne Richardson Jennifer Blav

MINUTES SELECTBOARD MEETING TOWN OF LOWELL Meeting held on December 5, 2023.

Board members present:

Wayne Richardson, Jennifer Blay

Christy Pion- Clerk/Asst. Treasurer/Selectboard Clerk

Calvin Allen-Road Commissioner

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m.

Guests:

- Mark Higley-Lister Chair
- Chris Hager-Lister

Additions and Deletions:

• Wayne and Jenn signed the Rental Contract to D Pion Transport for Lower Village Road Town Pit. Darren will sign when he can come into the office at his earliest convenience.

Listers Discussion:

- The Listers joined the meeting to discuss the estimated 18.5% rise in school taxes and what this means for rising taxes overall. They feel that it will be hardest on the small town.
- The Listers are also asking for a new computer so that Chris can do her job. The Reappraisers are in control of the only computer making it impossible to keep up with her work. Price is \$599.00. The Board agreed to allow the purchase of the new computer.

Update for Repro:

• Christy submitted both quotes from Repro and Memphremagog Press for town report printing. The Board voted to go local with Memphremagog Press.

Second Printer Discussion:

• The Board discussed a second printer to help the Clerk maintain being caught up on recording town records. They decided to increase the cost of copies by \$.10 per regular page and \$1.00 per Land Record. They gave approval to lease the second printer.

Sign Orders:

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

Minutes from November 21, 2023:

• Minutes from November 21, 2023 were approved and signed by the Board.

Road Commissioner Updates:

• Nothing to add.

Other Business:

- The Board discussed an email Christy got from VEM. They asked Christy to get more information and check with her correspondent Bruce Melendy.
- The Board asked for an update on Marie's work ethics. Christy reported that she is working very well. She is a very fast learner and very efficient in the work she has been doing for the Treasurer.
- Christy notified the Board that the Treasurer will be joining the December 19th meeting for Budget discussion.
- Darren called during the meeting. He received a call from Rachel Wright requesting permission to put Christmas decorations at the Town Gazebo. The Board agreed that would be wonderful.

Board Warrants:

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| | General Orde | er # 36 \$ | 18,277.63 |
| | General Orde | er # 37 \$ | 2,722.84 |
| | > Payroll Order | r # 25 \$ | 8,144.68 |
| | | | 29,145.15 |
| Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw Meeting adjourned at 6:57 P.M. | checks totaling - | | ŕ |
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| Respectfully submitted by Marie A. Busch and | Christy M. Pion | | |
| Next meeting date: December 19, 2023 at the T | own Office Building | | |
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| Darren Pion-Chair | Christy M. Pion-Selectboard Clerk | | |
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| Wayne Richardson-Select Person | Jennifer Blay-Select Person | | |