

**NOTICE**  
*Town of Lowell*  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON**  
**Tuesday August 4, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.**  
**AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.**

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**AGENDA:**

- Sign Orders
- Approve minutes from July 21, 2020
- Municipal tax rate to be discussed
- Other business

**NOTICE:**

- Municipal Tax rate discussion continued August 5, 2020

**SELECTBOARD:**

Richard Pion- Chm.  
Alden Warner  
Darren Pion

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**MINUTES**  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**TOWN OF LOWELL**  
**Meeting held on August 4, 2020 & August 5, 2020**

**Board members present:**

Richard Pion-Chair, Alden Warner, Darren Pion

Christy Pion-Town Clerk

Priscilla Matten-Treasurer

Calvin Allen-Road Commissioner

**Meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.**

**Sign Orders:**

- ❖ Orders were approved and signed by the Board unanimously for the Treasurer

**Minutes for July 7, 2020:**

- ❖ Minutes for July 21, 2020 were approved and signed by the Board unanimously prior to the meeting. This was mandated due to the requirements from the bank regarding the loan for paving.

**Municipal Tax rate to be discussed:**

- ❖ Priscilla updated the Board on the Town cashflow. The Cash Flow did not include the possible expenses from the Paving due to State restrictions caused by the Covid 19. The State had agreed to pay \$175,000 toward paving, but, at present, that is no longer a certainty. The funding from the logging project was projected, in the Cash Flow, to be utilized against the Kempton Bridge Loan, but the Board was hesitant to do that due to all the financial uncertainties caused by Covid 19. Following discussion, the Board requested Priscilla to talk with the Listers to determine what the tax would be on a \$100,000 property to raise \$52,000. The Board decided to pursue this discussion the next day, August 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m..

**Other Business:**

- ❖ The Board Chair approved and signed truck weight permits for the following: 3 Phase Line Construction, Ernest Krusch, and Kings Hill Trucking and Excavating.
- ❖ Priscilla updated the Board on the remaining tax reimbursement from the school. Priscilla also noted that the loan for the paving had been approved by Community National Bank.

- ❖ Priscilla notified the Board that she discussed, with Attorney Angela Ross, the agenda for a delinquent property tax sale. Angela informed her there can be nothing in the plans until the state laws are changed, due to the Covid 19 impact. She will keep us informed of state requirement changes regarding this issue.
- ❖ Darren noted he had a conversation with an Albany Board member, Brian Goodridge, regarding the correct procedure for the Town of Albany to bill the Town of Lowell for maintenance provided to the Eden road. Priscilla stated that they have always sent us a bill, and that she had just received one. The Board reviewed the bill and agreed the present process is fine.
- ❖ Alden had stated that he was very concerned about the Gelo Park Forest. His concern is about the amount of fallen trees and dead trees that may fall at any time in and around the trail. The Board members discussed this as a whole, and were in complete agreement to get together at a later date and walk the forest to really assess the damage and the how much of a liability this could be to the Town if it is not maintained. Calvin suggested that the Board talk to the school and advise them to keep the kids out of the forest, because if a child or anyone else gets hurt, the Town will be liable. Alden suggested writing a notarized letter to the school enforcing this rule.

**Municipal Tax rate discussion continued August 5, 2020:**

- ❖ Meeting reconvened at 5:30 p.m. on August 5, 2020
- ❖ Discussion consisted of the calculations of the taxes that the Lister, Chris Hager, and the Treasurer/delinquent tax collector, Priscilla Matten, came up with for a \$52,000 total 2020 municipal tax. Following discussion, the Board agreed upon the tax rate of .033659, to raise \$52,000.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**Board Warrants:**

<b>➤ General Order # 38</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>516,461.26</b>
<b>➤ Payroll Order # 35</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,892.49</b>
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Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling -	\$	523,353.75
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Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: August 18, 2020 at the Town Office Building

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Richard Pion- Chairman

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Christy M. Pion – Selectboard Clerk

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Alden Warner

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Darren Pion