

**NOTICE**  
**Town of Lowell**  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON**  
**Tuesday December 31, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M.**  
**AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.**

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**AGENDA:**

- Additions & Deletions
- Sign Orders
- Review minutes from December 17, 2024
- Road Commissioner updates
- Other Business

**Selectboard:**  
**Wayne Richardson-Chm**  
**Darren Pion**  
**Jennifer Blay**

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***MINUTES***  
**SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**TOWN OF LOWELL**  
**Meeting held on December 31, 2024.**

**Board members present:**

Wayne Richardson- Chm, Darren Pion, Jennifer Blay

Christy M. Pion -Town Clerk/Selectboard Clerk/Ass't Treasurer

**\*Note: All meetings are recorded on a handheld recording device.\***

Meeting called to order at 5:30p.m.

**GUEST:**

- Brenda Wesolow

**Meeting Attendance and Agenda:** The meeting was called to order with several members present. The agenda was minimal, primarily focusing on signing minutes from the previous meeting and discussing invoices.

**Additions and Deletions:** See additions and deletions below.

- Ambulance Service Agreement: An ambulance service agreement was signed, maintaining the same costs as before. There may be changes to the dispatch contract. Wayne gave a copy of the service agreement to the Clerk to file in the Ambulance service folder.

**Sign Orders:**

- Financials for the Treasurer were approved and signed by the Board.

**Minutes from December 17, 2024:**

- Minutes from December 17, 2024, were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

**Road Commissioner Updates:**

- Garage Access and Equipment Use: There was a discussion about a request from Albert Pion for access to the garage code to retrieve his belongings. The consensus was against giving him the code, emphasizing that only

hired employees should have access to the garage code. Albert also wanted to be able to run the equipment if needed if the town employees were in a pinch, but the town insurance states that only town employees are insured to run town equipment.

- Sanding Non-Profit Properties: Concerns were raised about sanding non-profit properties (churches and fire stations) and the potential liability issues involved. It was suggested that agreements be drafted to limit liability for the town while providing these services.
- Hiring Rumors: There were rumors about hiring decisions regarding town positions, which were clarified as unfounded. The board emphasized that no decisions had been made and that any hiring would be discussed at the upcoming town meeting.

**Other Business:**

- ARPA Funds: The board confirmed that ARPA funds were successfully allocated for building and ground maintenance, avoiding the loss of funds that other towns experienced.
- Tax Rate Adjustments: The board discussed the implications of state adjustments on local tax rates, noting a significant increase in the tax burden due to state-level changes.
- Future Discussions: The board agreed to consult with legal counsel regarding agreements for sanding non-profits and to prepare for budget discussions in future meetings.

**Board Warrants:**

➤ General Order # 28	\$	9,376.62
➤ Payroll Order # 27	\$	<u>8,756.22</u>
	\$	18,132.84

Signed for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling -

\* Note: Full discussion details of the minutes are available in the Clerks office.\*

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: January 14, 2025, at the Town Office Building.

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Wayne Richardson – Chair

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Christy M. Pion–Selectboard Clerk

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Darren Pion-Select Person

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Jennifer Blay-Select Person