

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday May 31st, 2016 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

- Review and Sign Orders
- Other Business

SELECTBOARD:
Richard Pion- Chm.
Alden Warner
Dwight Richardson

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL

Meeting held on May 31st, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Board members present:

Richard Pion/Chairman; Dwight Richardson
Amanda Carlson/Select Board Clerk; Calvin Allen/Road Commissioner
Sandy LaDeau/Town Clerk & Treasurer

Discussion:

- Minutes of May 17th, 2016 meeting signed. Approved unanimously.
- Truck weight permit signed and approved for *Stick n' Stuff*.
- The Board reviewed the new town web site (townoflowell.org) and approved for public posting. Site will be edited as needed by the office staff.
- The Board reviewed and signed a letter to the VLCT – PACIF insurance appealing the decision to deny the Town of Lowell coverage and representation with regards to the fine issued by the ANR and the Mines Road Stream Alteration Permit. The Board feels the VLCT should have represented the Town proving that there was no wrongdoing on the part of the Board and should therefore reimburse the Town all legal expenses incurred. Ron Shems of Diamond and Robinson will assist the Town in pursuing the claim with the VLCT and PACIF insurance.
- There are concerns about the quantity of recycling brought to the bins at the garage now that the seasonal restaurant Cajun's Snack Bar is open. With large quantities being brought by them, the bins are filling up fast and the Board is concerned that the Town will incur greater fees that should be a responsibly for the business. Amanda Carlson will look into the increase and compare costs, contact the ANR for guidance on business vs. residential recycling and report back to the Board next meeting.
- Carter Road is in need of tree trimming within the Town right-of-way this year for safety reasons. Many trees are not stable, causing sight problems, threatening to fall in the road and threatening to damage power lines. Calvin Allen has found a local logger who is willing to do the tree cutting at no cost to the Town if he is allowed to keep all of the wood he cuts. A letter would be sent to all landowners affected which would notify them of the cutting and give them a minimum of one months' notice to remove the wood themselves, or to contact the Road Commissioner if they have any concerns. The VLCT legal department was contacted and ultimately the consensus was that even with sufficient notice allowing residents to remove the wood, they have every legal right to claim the wood after it is cut. Calvin is still interested in pursuing as this agreement would save the Town significant money from its summer budget. A draft letter to residents will be reviewed at the next Board meeting and will be discussed further.

- An ad will be placed in the newspaper notifying residents of the problems in Town with theft of street signs. This is not only a criminal offense, and costing the town a lot of money to continually replace but it can be life threatening if emergency services cannot locate a road. The hope is that the ad will remind people of this fact and highlight the problem for anyone witnessing the crimes.

Board Warrants for May 31st, 2016

General Order #	14	\$ 4,731.92
Payroll #	11	\$ 5,063.89
Payroll General #	13	\$ 4,589.27
Fire Department #	10	\$ 42.43
Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling		\$ 14,427.51

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM

Next meeting date: June 14th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Richard Pion- Chm.

Amanda Carlson - Asst. Clerk

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson