

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday October 1, 2019 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA:

- **Sign Orders**
- **Approve minutes from September 17, 2019**
- **Calvin Allen & Raymond Geoffroy- land dispute**
- **Kempton Update**
- **Other business**

SELECTBOARD:

Richard Pion- Chm.
Alden Warner
Dwight Richardson

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL
Meeting held on October 1, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Board members present:

Richard Pion/Chair, Alden Warner, Dwight Richardson

Christy Pion/Town Clerk/Ass't Treasurer

Priscilla Matten/Treasurer/Ass't. Clerk

Calvin Allen/Road Commissioner

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Guest:

- ❖ Tyler Billingsley-East Engineering
- ❖ Raymond Geoffroy-Town Resident
- ❖ Arlon Warner-Town Resident
- ❖ Scott Tallman- Town Resident
- ❖ Jesse Waldenville-Town Resident

Sign Orders:

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

Approve minutes for September 17, 2019:

- ❖ Minutes from September 17, 2019 meeting were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

Kempton Update:

- ❖ Tyler Billingsley, East Engineering, came to update the Board on the status of the Kempton Bridge project. He reported that St. Onge's bid was the lowest at \$366,635.00, and it recommended that it be accepted. He reviewed the updated budget of \$593,135 and explained the original budget of \$546,000 had to be increased for the following reasons:

- 1. The cost of the Acrow Bridge increased for 2 reasons. The price, at the time of purchase, had increased from the date of the original quote. Plus, after a discussion with the Town Road Commissioner, it was decided that if the town is going to bear the cost of a bridge, it should be the size that could accommodate the Town vehicles for maintenance. The final cost of the Acrow bridge now is \$169,000.
 - 2. He also went on to explain that a large cause of budget increase was because bedrock went deeper than expected causing a greater abutment cost.
- ❖ The Board discussed the additional cost factor and decided, based on what has already been spent on the project, that the only choice is to proceed. Richard made a motion to accept the bid from St. Onge, and Dwight seconded it. Alden recused himself from any decision making on the Kempton Bridge project.

Calvin Allen & Raymond Geoffroy-land dispute:

- ❖ Both Calvin and Raymond came in to see the Board because of a boundary dispute regarding ownership of land bordering route 100 by Calvin Allen's and Marcia Warner's property. The Town deeded property to Gloria Geoffroy, dated approximately 1988, that was previously given to the Town from the State of Vermont, after the Vermont Highway 100 was altered. The Question is whether or not the Town should have deeded all of that land to Gloria Geoffroy. There needs to be more research done on prior ownership to find the original pins. The Selectboard asked Priscilla to call VLCT to find out if legal assistance would be offered by VLCT rather than to higher the Town attorney.

Other Business:

- ❖ Calvin brought to the Board's attention that he would be checking on the Robtoy road due to a complaint of the road being tore up by four-wheelers making the road barely drivable. This complaint came from a resident who lives on this road year-round.
- ❖ Jesse Waldenville came to listen in on the meeting based on interest in the Town.

Board Warrants:

➤ General Order # 80	\$ 39,528.25
➤ General Order # 81	\$ 702.50
➤ Payroll Order # 47	\$ 9,938.65
➤ Fire Dept. Order # 48	\$ 866.51

Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - \$ 51,035.91

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next meeting date: October 15, 2019 at the Lowell Town Office Building

Richard Pion- Chm.

Christy M. Pion – Selectboard Clerk

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson