

NOTICE

Town of Lowell

SELECT BOARD MEETING

THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON

Tuesday October 31, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.

AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA:

- Approve minutes of October 17TH, 2017 meeting
- Sign Orders
- Arlon Warner and Scott Tallman-Kempton Hill Bridge
- Amanda Carlson's name removal from town accounts
- John Schmeltzer-VDEC
- Other Business

SELECTBOARD:

Richard Pion- Chm.

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson

MINUTES

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TOWN OF LOWELL

Meeting held on October 31, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Board members present:

Richard Pion/Chair, Alden Warner, Dwight Richardson

Christy Pion/Select Board Clerk

Calvin Allen/Road Commissioner

Sandy LaDeau/Town Clerk & Treasurer

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

Guest:

Arlon Warner

Scott Tallman

Priscilla Matten-Auditor

John Schmeltzer-VDEC

Linda Elliot-VDEC

Discussion:

- Board reviewed minutes of October 17th, 2017 meeting, approved unanimously.

Sign Orders:

- All Financial Orders were signed by the Select Board, approved unanimously

John Schmeltzer-VDEC:

- John Schmeltzer and Linda Elliot came to the meeting to give an update on the settlement money for environmental project purposes.
- John Stated that he had come to Lowell and looked at a few possible projects that may fit the criteria for the money that is to be split between 2 towns, Lowell and Eden. John looked at these projects with the Road Commissioner, and will now be bringing the projects to the trustees to look at for final determination of what will be done.
- The projects that do meet the criteria will possibly start in late July of 2018 or as late as fiscal year 2019.

Arlon Warner and Scott Tallman:

- Arlon and Scott came to the meeting to see if there was any update for the Kempton Hill Bridge situation.
- Alden presented estimates he had gotten from Brian Richardson (CCS) of 2 different structures that does not include decking. These estimates would allow for all types of vehicles to travel upon.
- Calvin stated no matter what type of bridge we decide to go with the town would still need to get a stamp of approval from the State.
- Alden suggested that we send the estimates to Shane Morin at VTRANS to see what his thoughts are.
- Richard suggested that we send the estimates to an engineer for appraisals of the estimates, with all work included, to get an accurate price.
- Richard stated that after we get some prices, we could then bring it to a special town meeting for residents to review. He does not feel that we (the Selectman) should be responsible for spending any amount of money without a town vote.
- Arlon referred to an article read by Richard from the Vermont Statutes at the prior meeting. Richard confirmed that he concluded from the article, that an expense of this magnitude should not be just a Selectman's decision, but should be brought to a town decision instead.
- Richard also stated that if we can't come to some kind of agreement one option, as the Selectboard may have to start the process of declassifying the road to a Class 4.
- Arlon responded that declassifying a road, in his opinion, would be a lengthy process.
- Richard reiterated he thought it should be a town decision and would be uncomfortable proceeding without a town vote on the issue.
- Calvin assured Arlon that he would do his best to keep Kempton Hill rd. well sanded, so he will be able to get out when needed, knowing Arlon's situation in the winter time. He would take care of it and keep it sanded to the best of his ability, like he does with all his roads.
- Alden stated that there may be town properties that could generate income and noted that Priscilla Matten, one of the Town Auditors, would be reviewing.
- Priscilla presented to the Board the Listers cards on the amount of properties that the town owns, to be incorporated into the accounting system.
- Priscilla mentioned some of the land was deemed not accessible and some might be able to be logged the land or sold.
- Priscilla suggested having a logger view some of the properties to determine if there could be income generated from harvesting logs. She also asked about contacting the Maple Farm to see if there would be an interest in purchasing an additional 100+ acres for access to additional maple trees.

Amanda Carlson's name removal from town accounts:

- The Board Clerk mention to the Board that Amanda Carlson's name needs to be removed from all town and school accounts per request of Amanda Carlson.

Other Business:

- Calvin brought to the Board’s attention that he was resigning from the Missiquoi Valley Ambulance Executive Board due to scheduling issues. He gave the Board some suggestions on who he thought might be a good fit for this position. The Board will make the contacts.

Board Warrants:

General Order #35-	\$	7,199.16
General Order #36-	\$	2,652.45
General Order #37-	\$	7,242.03
Payroll #22-	\$	5,000.88
Payroll General #23-	\$	2,962.00
Fire department # 22-	\$	1,572.25

Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - \$ **26,628.77**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting date: November 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Richard Pion- Chm.

Christy Pion – Selectboard Clerk

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson