

NOTICE

Town of Lowell

SELECT BOARD MEETING

THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday January 21, 2020 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA:

- Sign Orders
- Approve minutes from January 7, 2020
- Zoning Board
- Other business

SELECTBOARD:

Richard Pion- Chm.

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson

MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEETING

TOWN OF LOWELL

Meeting held on January 21, 2020 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 5:33 p.m.

Guest:

- Sam Thurston-Zoning Member
- Charles Boulmetis-Zoning Member

Sign Orders:

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

Approve minutes for January 7, 2020:

- ❖ Minutes from January 7, 2020 meeting were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

Zoning Board:

- ❖ Sam Thurston and Charles Boulmetis, Zoning Board members, were present to discuss, with the Board, options for updating the bylaws that were last updated on June 1, 2018. Sam suggested that the update should include that the Town may put a lien on buildings, or other new additions, that were built without a building permit. He noted that buildings have been erected in Lowell, without a zoning permit, which have caused deficient amounts of property taxes to be paid by the owners involved. He also noted that the proposed lien option would create a greater possibility that the zoning permit law would be more readily adhered to in order to avoid future problems regarding mortgage, property sales issues, etc. The Select-Board was at first hesitant to agree to this, but after further discussion with the Zoning Board members, they did approve adding the lien proposal to the previously updated by-law.

- ❖ Charles Boulmetis also came to update the Board on the questions he presented to Alison Low on the requirements for the Town plan. He read a series of emails of her responses to his questions. (A copy of these emails is available in the Town Clerks Office).

Other Business:

- ❖ Priscilla presented a logging project tally to the Board, that she will present updates for, at future board meetings, to keep them apprised of income and costs while the Logging Project is active.
- ❖ Priscilla discussed the grants the Town received in 2019 and she asked if the Board should entertain the possibility of making a separate Dept. for grants and asking the Town to appropriate a sum each year for the match that is required by the Grants. As Grants increase, there is a need for more and more funds to be taken from Appropriations for the Board and/or the Road Commissioner to meet the match requirements. This does not make it conducive for Board Members and/or the Road Commissioner to submit grant applications, even though the grants make it possible for the town to provide upgrades to town roads, culverts and bridges that would otherwise be unaffordable. The Board agreed that the town report should give a separate accounting for Grants but there was no decision made regarding a request for town appropriations for Grants that require a match. Priscilla also noted that FEMA has not committed yet to the cost of damage caused by the high wind and rain during the Oct 31-Nov 1, 2019 storm. For this reason, she will post it as an expense under grants, as part of the town, and not present it as an expense to any Town Dept.
- ❖ Priscilla presented the Road financials and the profit and loss statement for 2019 for the Board to review.
- ❖ Christy, the Town Clerk, presented the School and Town Warning for the Board to review. The Board looked over the Town portion of the Warning and asked the Clerk to make a few adjustments, and they would come in and sign it when it was adjusted.
- ❖ Truck Weight Permits were approved and signed by the Board Chair for the following: Newport Sand & Gravel Co. Inc./Carroll Concrete Co. Inc.
- ❖ The Board and Treasurer have set up a special meeting for January 30, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss & approve the 2020 Budget for the 2019 Town Report..

Board Warrants:

➤ General Order #3	\$	958.98
➤ General Order # 4	\$	6,962.08
➤ General Order # 5	\$	12,145.14
➤ Payroll Order # 2	\$	7,581.50
➤ Fire Dept. Order # 2	\$	<u>1,639.38</u>

Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - \$ 29,287.08

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Next meeting date: February 4, 2020 at the Lowell Town Office Building

Richard Pion- Chm.

Christy M. Pion – Selectboard Clerk

Alden Warner

Dwight Richardson