

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday March 16, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA:

- Sign Orders
- Approve minutes from February 16, 2021
- Representative from Clark's Truck Center
- Other Business

SELECTBOARD:

Richard Pion- Chm.
Alden Warner
Darren Pion

MINUTES

SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL
Meeting held on March 16, 2021.

Board members present:

Richard Pion-Chm, Alden Warner, Darren Pion

Christy Pion-Town Clerk/Selectboard Clerk

Rebecca DiZazzo- Treasurer

Calvin Allen-Road Commissioner

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

GUEST:

- ❖ Dan St.Cyr- Clarks Truck Center
- ❖ Priscilla Matten-Via Skype and speaker phone

Sign Orders:

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

Minutes from February 16, 2021:

- ❖ Minutes from February 16, 2021 were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

Dan St.Cyr-Clark's Truck Center:

- ❖ Dan St. Cyr was invited to the Board meeting to talk about the possibility of leasing 3 new trucks for the Town. Each truck was reviewed and discussed.. After a long discussion with the Board members and the Road Commissioner, Dan left the meeting to allow the Board and Road Commissioner to discuss their thoughts on this matter.
- ❖ The Board and the Road Commissioner continued to review the financial impact of leasing versus hourly rental and realized there would be significant savings by accepting the lease offer made by Dan. They decided to lease two trucks now and have further discussion regarding the lease date of the 3rd truck. The Board contacted the salesman, Dan, shortly after he left and told him of their decision. Alden and Darren agreed to follow up with Dan to review the contracts again before ultimately signing them. More details of this transaction will be updated at the next meeting.

Other Business:

- ❖ Priscilla joined the meeting via skype, and then later by speaker phone, due to connection complications with skype, to discuss the Town Budget. Presently the road budget is showing more than a \$26,000 loss and there is concern regarding asking the town for an increase in funding, especially now with the Covid 19 situation causing monetary concerns for so many. Leasing the trucks will bring some financial relief, but presently there is uncertainty of the actual date the trucks will be available. It was decided to offer insurance benefits to employees only, effective April 1st, to help relieve the road budget loss by about \$6,000. It was determined this could be an option because policy states insurance benefit changes can be mandated by the Board at any given time.

- ❖ Richard the Board Chair had to leave the meeting early for personal reasons not to do with the meeting.

Board Warrants: From 3/2/2021 and 3/16/2021

➤ 3/2/2021		
➤ General Order # 8	\$	775.20
➤ General Order # 9	\$	28,506.15
➤ Payroll Order # 5	\$	9,162.53
➤ 3/16/2021		
➤ General Order # 10	\$	15,311.90
➤ Payroll Order # 6	\$	8,001.53

Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - \$ 61,757.31

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: March 30, 2021 at the Town Office Building

Richard Pion- Chairman

Christy M. Pion – Selectboard Clerk

Alden Warner

Darren Pion