NOTICE Town of Lowell SELECT BOARD MEETING THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON Tuesday March 26, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

AGENDA:

- > Additions & Deletions
- > Cheryl Clark- Pope Memorial Animal Shelter
- Erin Josey
- > BLRR
- > Sign Orders
- > Review minutes from February 27, 2024
- > Road Commissioner Updates
- > Other Business

<u>SELECTBOARD:</u> Wayne Richardson-Chm. Darren Pion Jennifer Blay

MINUTES SELECTBOARD MEETING TOWN OF LOWELL Meeting held on March 26, 2024.

Board members present:

Wayne Richardson- Chm., Darren Pion, Jennifer Blay Christy Pion- Clerk/Asst. Treasurer/Selectboard Clerk Rebecca DiZazzo-Treasurer/Del. Tax Col. Calvin Allen-Road Commissioner **Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.**

Guests:

- Lee Curtis-BLRR
- Curtis Girard-BLRR
- Ethan Hill-BLRR
- Scott Jenness-BLRR
- Erin Josey-Resident
- Cheryl Clarke-Pope Memorial Animal Shelter

Additions and Deletions:

- NEKCUD Town Representatives appointments.
- Christy received via email a request to reappoint Town Reps for NEKCUD. She shared this with the Board. The Board decided to reappoint Marjorie Kramer & Faye Starr as our representatives again this year. Wayne, Board Chair, and Christy, Town Clerk, both signed the reappointment paper for this job.
- 16 Municipal Truck weight permits arrived between the last meeting that was canceled and this meeting. Christy split the permits and all board members approved and signed them for the following: AmeriGas, Beacon Sales, Blanchard Oil, Blow &Cote, Calkins, Camp Precast, City Feed & Lumber, Consolidated Communications, Countryside Septic, Desrochers, S.D. Ireland, Oil Supply, Dan Pepin, Structural Wood, Suburban Propane, Wind River Environmental.

Cheryl Clarke-Pope Memorial Animal Society:

• Cheryl joined the meeting to get conformation and deliver an authentic letter of request for the animal society in the amount of \$500.00. The Board Granted the request which will be paid with ARPA money.

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• BLRR members joined the meeting to ask as they do annually for the towns permission to continue to use town roads for ATV trails. They also updated us on their plans of newly implemented policies for the trail use. They also have signed a contract with the Sheriffs department to help monitor the trails on a weekly basis to help keep the trails safe for everyone. The Board expressed some concerns they had about the trail use and complaints they have had in the past of reckless driving on village roads. The BLRR Club members explained that this is why they had to implement new policies and decided to have the law enforcement, as it is happening in other town's as well. After this discussion, the Board was satisfied with the clubs answers and agreed to sign the permission form.

Erin Josey:

• Erin Josey joined the meeting to discuss grants that she felt could really help the town and the school. She is currently in collage do a course on grants and policies. She discussed programs that she thought would best fit for our rural area. The Board is not ready to discuss any yes's or no's quite yet as they would like more information on what Erin presented. Erin has agreed to come back to our next meeting with more info for the Board to review.

Sign Orders:

• The Board reviewed the financials for the Treasurer. They were approved and signed.

Minutes from February 27, 2024:

• Minutes from February 27, 2024 were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

Road Commissioner Updates:

- Calvin stated that he had spoken to Becky about the current FEMA grant , and that we are in the last stages of the reimbursement process.
- Calvin spoke to the Board inquiring whether or not they wanted him to start crushing to get materials ready to fix the roads after the winter weather finally subsides. They were in agreement to have him start the process.

Other Business:

- Christy received in an email a list of mandatory policies that the town has to have after reaching out to VLCT. The Board will have Christy get model policies on all that were listed so that they may make changes and to the model to fit the town's needs.
- In recent events, Becky received a phone call asking for information about Lowell's Tree Warden. Being that the Board is still very new to their duties, they and office staff were unaware that Lowell ever had one. Becky had spoken with a retired board member to see who the tree warden may have been. He stated that we did have one, but the person had passed away, and no one else was appointed to the position. The Board decided that evening after some thought that they were to appoint Michael Tetreault. Michael Tetreault was appointed unanimously by all Board members.
- The Board discussed the fact that Andre Leblanc is still not able to come back to work the recycling. They have made a decision to hire someone else moving forward as it has been way over the 3 month hold of the job. The Board asked Christy to touch base with Marie and Ron Busch to see if they were still interested in doing the job until we find a fulltime replacement. The Board stated that if Andre ever gets well enough to be able to come back then they will consider giving him the job back.
- Becky spoke to the Board about paying a reimbursement for GPI. They gave her the go ahead.
- Becky spoke to the Board about Tax sale and a certain tax bill that is still delinquent and has been for 3 years. The owner of this certain tax bill will never pay it as it was an unlanded trailer that is completely destroyed and not worth anything. She inquired what the Board would like to do in this

situation. The Board were in agreement to have the listers take this trailer completely out of the system and label it as non-taxable value to the destroyed trailer.

Board Warrants: For March 12,, 2024 & March 26, 2024

\triangleright	General Order # 7	\$ 106,674.42
\triangleright	Payroll Order # 6	\$ 7,228.93
\triangleright	General Order #8	\$ 50,422.48
\triangleright	Payroll Order # 7	\$ 10,258.31

\$ 174,584.14

Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - Meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: April 9, 2024 at the Town Office Building.

Darren Pion-Chair

Christy M. Pion–Selectboard Clerk

Wayne Richardson-Select Person

Jennifer Blay-Select Person