

NOTICE
Town of Lowell
SELECT BOARD MEETING
THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON
Tuesday May 6, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.

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AGENDA:

- Addition & Deletions
- Diette Road Concerns
- Ostiguy Drive ROW Concerns
- Personnel Policy updated for signing
- Sign Orders
- Review Minute from April 22, 2025
- Road Commissioner Updates
- Public Comment on any agenda line if hand is raised
- Other Business

Selectboard:
Jennifer Blay-Chm
Darren Pion
Wayne Richardson

MINUTES
SELECTBOARD MEETING
TOWN OF LOWELL
Meeting held on May 6, 2025.

Board members present:

Jennifer Blay- Chm, Darren Pion, Wayne Richardson
Christy M. Pion -Town Clerk/Selectboard Clerk/Ass't Treasurer
Marie A. Busch-Town Treasurer/Ass't Clerk

Note: All meetings are recorded on a handheld recording device.

Meeting called to order at 5:28 p.m.

GUEST:

- Lee Curtis-BLRR Rep.
- Curt Girard-BLRR Rep.
- JoAnn Reinauer-Resident
- Patrick Leavey-Resident
- Dotty Spoerl- Auditor
- Brenda Wesolow-Zoning Board Member
- Gordon Spencer-Zoning Admin./Auditor/JP
- William Herrera- JP
- Alex Sicotte-Resident
- Magen Ostiguy-Resident

Additions and Deletions: See additions and deletions below.

ATV Landowner Permission:

- The ATV club is seeking permission to use specific roads (Carter Road, Rob Toy Road, Irish Hill Road, Notch Road, Buck Hill, Bailey Hazen) for ATV use.
- They are no longer using Valley Road due to potential problems.

- The town requires a copy of the landowner permission slip and proof of insurance listing the town as an additional insured.
- The ATV club is responsible for enforcement and should contact fishing and game wardens if issues arise.

Diette Road Concerns:

- Residents of Diette Road are experiencing increased traffic, speeding, littering, and property damage (wires being ripped down by trucks).
- They are concerned about the road's poor condition, including a damaged culvert.
- They are seeking options to limit traffic, possibly restricting it to residents only.
- The road is currently a Class 4 road and not maintained.
- The town will investigate the legalities of downgrading the road or other possible solutions.
- A site visit to assess the road's condition and the culvert issue will be scheduled.

Ostiguy Drive ROW Concerns:

- Magen Ostiguy came to speak to the Board about her options of getting a neighbors access changed as there is no written ROW to 247 Ostiguy Dr. to her knowledge
- The original property owner (Lori Pearson) at 247 Ostiguy Drive may not have had a legal right-of-way to access their property via Ostiguy Road, therefore causing an issue for the current owner (Erin & Adam Josey)
- The access has been used for a long time, potentially establishing a prescriptive easement, but this is complicated by factors like whether permission was given or if a gate was in place.
- The issue is considered a landowner-to-landowner dispute requiring legal counsel.

Personnel Policy updated for signing:

- The personnel policy has been updated, and the changes were reviewed.
- The board members signed the updated policy.

Sign Orders:

- Financials for the Treasurer were approved and signed by the Board.

Minutes from April 22, 2025:

- Minutes from April 22, 2025, were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

Road Commissioner Updates:

- The town's CV truck is still at the dealership for repairs, causing delays. The board is considering picking it up due to the length of time.
- A board member, Darren Pion, is lending their personal truck for town use in the interim.
- The board is considering purchasing plow blades and sander chain in advance of winter.
- The board is seeking applicants for the Road Commissioner position.
- Two applications have been received, but one applicant lacks experience.
- The board discussed the possibility of a part-time Road Commissioner position, especially during the summer months.
- The board emphasized the need for a Road Commissioner who can work independently, communicate effectively, and collaborate with the existing road crew.
- The pay range for the position is approximately \$23.50 to \$25.85 per hour.
- The board discussed offering comp time in lieu of overtime.

Other Business:

- Municipal weight permits were approved and signed for the following: **R.L. Morin & Sons Construction, and Freds Plumbing & Heating, Inc.**

Delinquent Taxes:

- The board discussed the possibility of pursuing tax sales for delinquent properties.
- They need to determine which attorney to use and the associated costs.
- The board considered listing delinquent taxpayers' names publicly as a motivator for payment.

- The board will investigate the process and costs associated with tax sales.

Road Sweeping:

- The board discussed the need to sweep the roads, particularly in the village.
- The sweeper broom is being repaired, and the board will discuss the possibility of sweeping the village once it is fixed.

****Conclusions:****

- The town is actively addressing road maintenance issues, personnel needs, and financial concerns.
- Several issues require further investigation and action, including the Diette Road concerns and the delinquent tax situation.
- The board is seeking to fill the Road Commissioner position with a qualified individual who can work independently and collaboratively.
- The board is committed to maintaining the town's roads and infrastructure.

Board Warrants:

➤ General Order # 10	\$	14,939.95
➤ Payroll Order # 10	\$	<u>6,707.26</u>

Signed for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - \$ 21,647.21

* Note: Full discussion details of the minutes are available in the Clerks office.*
Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion
Next meeting date: April 8, 2025, at the Town Office Building.

Jennifer Blay – Chair

Christy M. Pion–Selectboard Clerk

Darren Pion-Select Person

Wayne Richardson-Select Person