

**NOTICE**  
**Town of Lowell**  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON**  
**Tuesday March 25, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.**  
**AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.**

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**AGENDA:**

- Addition & Deletions
- State compromised funds Discussion
- Sign Orders
- Review Minute from March 11, 2025
- Road Commissioner Updates
- Approval of Municipal Weight Permits
- Beloin Computing Contract
- Other Business

**Selectboard:**  
**Jennifer Blay-Chm**  
**Darren Pion**  
**Wayne Richardson**

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**MINUTES**  
**SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**TOWN OF LOWELL**  
**Meeting held on March 25, 2025.**

**Board members present:**

Jennifer Blay- Chm, Darren Pion

Christy M. Pion -Town Clerk/Selectboard Clerk/Ass't Treasurer

Marie A. Busch-Town Treasurer/Ass't Clerk

**Board Members Absent:**

Wayne Richardson

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

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

**GUEST:**

- Dotty Spoerl- Auditor
- Chad Falconer-Road Crew
- Brenda Wesolow-Zoning Board Member
- Robin LaBelle-Resident
- Seth Pierce-Resident
- Joanne Warner-Resident
- Douglas Warner Sr.-Resident
- Rebecca DiZazzo-Assistant Clerk/Assistant Treasurer

**Additions and Deletions: See additions and deletions below.**

- **Community Member Concerns:**
  - A resident, Robin, raised concerns about a neighbor (Kyle Mercier) building on his property without permission, including a chicken coop and shipping container. The board discussed potential actions, including contacting the Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) for legal advice.
  - The board acknowledged the complexities of property disputes and the limitations of their authority in such matters.
- **Recycling Discussion:**
  - The board discussed the need for more volunteers to manage the recycling program, emphasizing the importance of monitoring to prevent contamination of recycling loads. 2 residents of the town,

Seth Pierce, and Douglas Warner, Sr., came forward at the meeting to share their interest in the job. The Board decided that both would be hired and that the 2 could work out how they wanted to set the schedule.

**State compromised funds Discussion :**

- State Funding and Legal Matters:
  - The board discussed the status of state funding related to a recent fraud incident, with hopes of recovering lost funds. They also talked about the need for legal counsel and the potential costs associated with it.

**Sign Orders:**

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

**Minutes from March 11, 2025:**

- Minutes from March 11, 2025, were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

**Road Commissioner Updates:**

- The Road Crew employee, Chad Falconer, reported on ongoing issues with road conditions and the need for more stone to repair damage caused by winter weather. Discussions included the management of equipment, and the challenges faced due to the cold weather.

**Approval of Municipal Weight Permits:**

- Municipal weight permits were approved and signed for the following: **Barrett Trucking Co., Inc., Harrison REDI-MIX Corp., Precast Concrete Products, Inc., Structural Wood Corp., Dan Pepin Excavating & Trucking, Structures R.B.R. Inc., Calkins Sand & Gravel Inc., Blow & Cote, Inc., Blanchard Oil Co., Inc., City Feed & Lumber Co., Inc., dba Sticks & Stuff, Suburban Propane, Oil Supply Corp., AmeriGas Propane, LP, Andrew Plante- dba Black Ox Trucking, Desrochers, Inc., and Dale E. Percy, Inc.**

**Beloin Computing Contract:**

- The Board review the Beloin Computing Contract for the ensuing year. All were in agreement of the contract. Jennifer Blay, Board Chair, signed the contract to be later signed by Dennis Beloin.

**Other Business:**

- Open Meeting Law and Minutes Recording:
  - The board discussed the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, emphasizing the need for proper recording of minutes by various town committees, including the listers and library trustees.
- E-Newsletter Proposal:
  - A proposal for an e-newsletter was discussed to improve communication with residents. The board considered using a subscription service to facilitate this.
- Broadband Initiative:
  - A request for a letter of support for a broadband expansion initiative was presented. The board agreed to consider it for future discussion.

**Board Warrants:**

➤ General Order # 7	\$	27,486.53
➤ Payroll Order # 7	\$	<u>7,139.35</u>

Signed for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - \$ 34,625.88

\* 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.**

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**Jennifer Blay – Chair**

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**Christy M. Pion–Selectboard Clerk**

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**Darren Pion-Select Person**

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**Wayne Richardson-Select Person**