

**NOTICE**  
**Town of Lowell**  
**SELECT BOARD MEETING**  
**THE LOWELL SELECTBOARD WILL MEET ON**  
**Tuesday August 26, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M.**  
**AT THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING.**

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**AGENDA:**

- Addition & Deletion
- Sign Orders
- Review Minutes of August 12, 2025
- Road Commissioner Updates
- Internet Discussion
- Other Business
- Public Comment on any agenda line if hand is raised

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

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***MINUTES***  
**SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**TOWN OF LOWELL**  
**Meeting held on August 26, 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  
Levi Booska-Road Foreman/ Commissioner

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

**Meeting called to order at 5:39 p.m.**

**GUEST:**

- BRENDA WESOLOW- RESIDENT/ZONING BOARD MEMBER
- MATTHEW WILSON- CHRONICLE
- WILLIAM HERERARA-RESIDENT/JP
- GORDON SPENCER-RESIDENT/AUDITOR/JP/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

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

**Recap of Act 181:**

- **\*\*Zoning and State Map: \*\*** Brenda discussed the map that the State presented to the zoning board that would expand the village limits, potentially allowing for more housing units and reducing local control through Act 250. There's concern about the impact of this expansion, especially regarding water and sewer infrastructure. The Zoning Board is still in discussion about this and has not yet decided what they are planning to do. Brenda is still researching this to get a better understanding to be able to explain more of what this will mean for our town. More discussion of this will be at our next meeting on September 9, 2025.
- Some members are in favor of having fewer zoning rules depending on the outcome of what this means for our town and what the town residents think of it also.

**Internet Discussion:**

- The Clerk brought information about changing the internet provider for the Town of Lowell to Starlink. Since the town is still up in the air on details for the NEKCV internet (which Marie is checking into) the Board decided to put the internet discussion on hold until next the meeting in September.

**Sign Orders:**

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

**Minutes from August 12, 2025:**

- Minutes from August 12, 2025, were approved and signed by the Board unanimously.

**Road Commissioner Updates:**

- Valley Road Grant: Road work is underway on Valley Road, funded by a grant. This includes tree removal, ditching, and culvert replacements. There was a brief scare when the grant paperwork wasn't immediately available which put the project on hold for a day until the grant approval came through.
- Carter Road: Work on Carter Road is planned in a couple of weeks, including culvert replacements.
- Paving in the Village: Quotes were obtained for paving a section of road in the village. There's a discussion about whether to proceed with paving now or wait for a paving grant in two years, considering the impact on matching funds. Alternative options like patching and renting equipment are discussed.
- Truck Repair: The town CV truck has been at J&B International for three weeks for repairs, with ongoing communication and concerns about billing practices and how much longer the truck may be down. Darren stated as he has been in contact with the Garage about this that the truck should be completed and ready to go back to work by next week.
- Brush Cutting: The landowner wanted the town to trim the right side of the corner of Rte. 58 across from Green's on Miner's property. This will improve driver visibility for Rte. 58 bridge.
- Mining Certificate Number and Training Update: Marie updated the Board that we now have our mining certificate number and what needs to happen next. The town needs to adopt an MSHA (Mine Safety and Health Administration) training plan to be able to use the mine properly and to be in compliance.
- Grant Writing Assistance: The road commissioner from Brownington offered to help with grant writing.
- Fuel Tank: Discussion about the fuel tank and the need for a clipboard for people to write down the amount of fuel they used. The Clerk gave a clipboard to the Road Commissioner for this purpose during the meeting.

**Other Business:**

- School Safety: Discussion about emergency plans for the school, including rally points and the possibility of using the town office as a shelter.
- Municipal truck weight permits were approved and signed for the following: **Peckham Materials Corporation.**

**\*\*Conclusions: \*\***

- **\*\*Zoning:** The board is hesitant to sign off on the state map.
- **\*\*Valley Road:** Work is progressing on Valley Road.
- **\*\*Paving:** No decision was made on paving in the village; further assessment and consideration of funding are needed.
- **\*\*MSHA Training:** The board verbally approved adopting the MSHA Part 46 training plan.
- **\*\*School Safety:** The board approved giving the school a key to the town office back door for emergency purposes.
- **\*\*Grant Writing:** The board is interested in the offer of grant writing assistance from other town Road Commissioners as it is still very new to them and the New Road Commissioner.

**Board Warrants:**

➤ General Order #18	\$	13,024.63
➤ Payroll Order # 18	\$	<u>8,144.81</u>

Signed for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling - \$ 21,169.44

\* Note: Full discussion details of the minutes are available in the Clerk’s office. \*

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christy M. Pion

Next meeting date: September 9, 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